

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-134

REFERRING CONSIDERATION OF EXPANSION OF THE
SOUTHWEST COUNTY UGA, INCLUDING FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING
MAP CHANGES, TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR
CONSIDERATION DURING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the County Council wishes to obtain a recommendation from the Snohomish County Planning Commission regarding a proposed expansion of the Southwest County Urban Growth Area, including changes to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and official zoning map; and

WHEREAS, FLUM and zoning map changes during comprehensive plan updates are Type 3 legislative actions pursuant to Chapter 30.73 SCC; and

WHEREAS, SCC 30.73.040 provides that the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on a Type 3 proposal referred to it by the county council within 90 days or within a time specified by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires that the next periodic review of the GMACP be complete by June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Planning and Development Services (PDS) is the lead department for the 2024 Update project and PDS may need to seek and receive input on the proposed policy amendments from other county departments; and

WHEREAS, the County Council is open to input from PDS and other departments on any issue or idea related to the proposal;


NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby refers the proposal as detailed and attached in "Exhibit A", to the Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) for input as follows:

1. Pursuant to Chapters 2.08 and 30.73 SCC, the County Council refers the potential code revisions to the Director of PDS as both the head of the lead department and as acting in the capacity of Secretary to the Snohomish County Planning Commission for its review, consideration, and a recommendation to the Council.

2. The County Council understands that the proposed amendments may require refinements for consistency with other policies or statutes. PDS or other departments may suggest such refinements or other types of improvements. The intent of this motion is to consider expansion of the Southwest County UGA in Alternative 3 for the 2024 Update. Exhibit A to this motion includes details.
3. The County Council does not specify a date for a response and instead requests that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing and make its recommendation on the proposed changes back to the County Council as part of the commission's overall consideration of the 2024 Update.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council

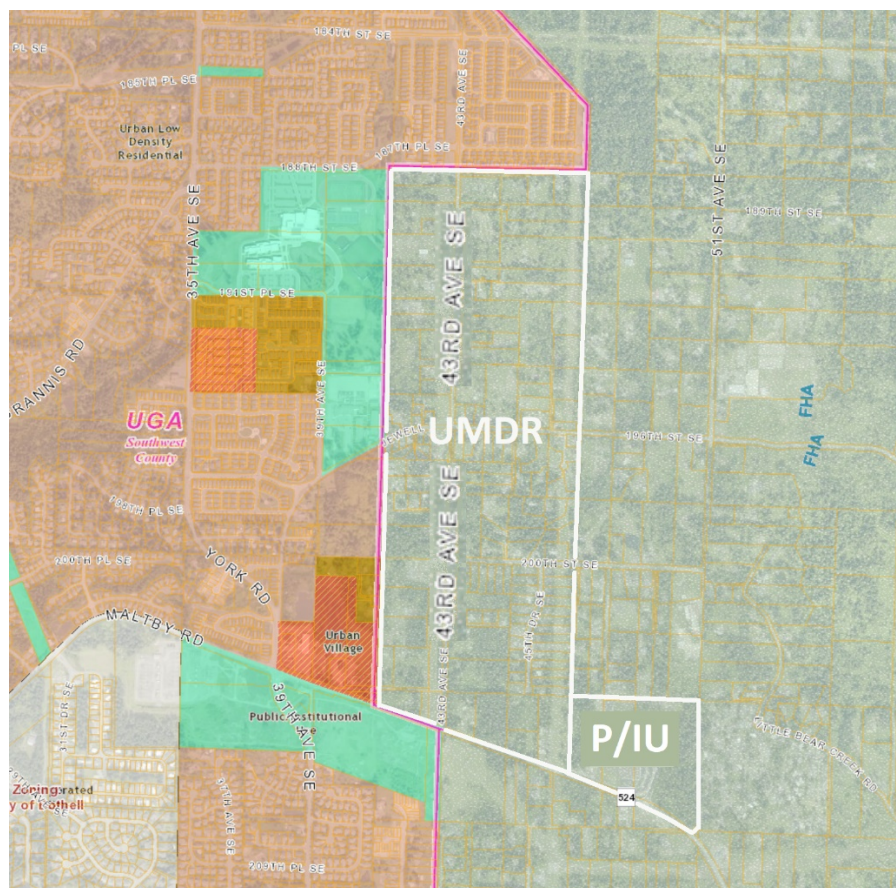
What is the proposed action?

Place an expansion of the Southwest County Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) by approximately 301 acres near 43rd Avenue SE and north of Maltby Road in Alternative 3 for study purposes. The expansion would include the properties involved in three former docket proposals (SW8, SW9, and SW16) from Docket XXI in Alternative 3 for study of an expansion of the Southwest County UGA. This motion also proposes study of an additional expansion beyond the docket proposals to include a site where the Northshore School District has one school and plans to add a second school.

For the residential areas, the future land use designations should be Urban Medium Density Residential (UMDR). Public/Institutional Use (P/IU) is the appropriate designation for the school site and any other sites that PDS might determine as appropriate for this designation while finalizing the alternative.

- Proposed Future Land Use Map designations/Zoning (approximate acreage)
 - Urban Medium Density Residential/Low Density Multiple Residential (271 acres)
 - Public/Institutional Use/R-9,600 (30 acres)

Figure 1 – Future Land Designations for UGA Expansion in the 43rd Avenue Area



Policy Direction:

This motion proposes to study expansion of the SWUGA by approximately 301 acres. It requests that PDS refine the boundaries proposed here in consideration of factors such as how much right-of-way to include for future annexations.

Policy authorization an expansion of the UGA for the residential uses could potentially be under CPP DP-2.e.2, which allows UGA expansions during comprehensive plan updates that increase population capacity within the UGA.

Policy authorization for an expansion of the UGA for the school site could potentially come from Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) DP-2.e.6, which allows UGA expansion for schools and other community facilities.