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Snohomish County Council

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Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)

Growth Management Act (GMA)

- Requires local planning guided by state law
- SCT's primary function is to oversee the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) which are written policies used solely for the purpose of establishing a countywide framework from which the county and cities' comprehensive plans are developed.
- SCT is an inter-jurisdictional platform with representation from the county, nineteen cities and Tulalip Tribes.
- Prevents uncoordinated development



Snohomish County Tomorrow Structure

Executive
Committee

Steering
Committee

Planning
Advisory
Committee

Community
Advisory
Board

Infrastructure
Coordinating
Committee

Managers and
Administrators
Group

Human Services
Provider Call

Exploratory
Committee



Snohomish County Tomorrow reimaged

- SCT has existed since 1989 as the county's venue for developing local and regional growth-related policy.
- While SCT's original purpose was to address Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), there are many opportunities and challenges growth brings. This includes topics such as affordable housing, traffic congestion, the opioid/fentanyl epidemic.
- In 2018, conversations began about how SCT could evolve to become a countywide platform to discuss our most complex regional challenges.



Current Status of SCT reimaged

General Assembly Key Discussion: Reimagining SCT's Purpose

The focus of the General Assembly was to discuss the future of SCT. Delegates debated whether the group should expand its focus to include additional policy areas or revert to its original purpose.

After an extensive discussion, the group ultimately decided to take a balanced approach by forming an **SCT Exploratory Committee**. The new committee convened in early 2025 to review:

- Insights and recommendations gathered from the General Assembly
- Feedback collected from the pre-event survey
- Other relevant input and considerations

The committee will then make its recommendations to the SCT Steering Committee regarding the next steps forward.

Next Steps: SCT Exploratory Committee

Several jurisdictions and entities volunteered to participate in the newly formed SCT Exploratory Committee, which will play a crucial role in shaping the future direction of SCT. The committee will take a deeper look at the feedback provided and help guide the discussion as SCT determines how best to proceed.



SCT Exploratory Committee

- The committee has had four meetings so far this year.
- In the last meeting the committee voted that the four topics they wished to continue with were in order of priority:
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Transportation
 - Health and Human Services
- At the next meeting in June, they will debate committee charters for each respective topic.



Questions?

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