Clark County
20-Year Comprehensive Plan Management Plan Update
Countywide Planning Policies

RURAL LANDS

POPULATION

URBAN LANDS

TRANSPORTATION

EMPLOYMENT

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Board Work Session, July 15, 2015
Agenda

1. Purpose of the meeting
   - Progress to date
   - Issue Paper 6 on Countywide Planning Policies

2. Next steps
Comprehensive plan progress to date

**July-Dec. 2013**
- **PRE-PLANNING**
  - GMA Overview
  - VBLM Review
  - Preliminary Scoping Timeline
  - Public Participation Plan

**January 2014—December 2015**
- **DATA ANALYSIS**
  - Public Review & Comment
  - Dept. of Commerce Checklist
  - 20-year Population Range
  - Countywide Planning Policies
  - Regional Growth Trends & Allocation
  - Planning Assumptions
  - Buildable Lands Review
  - Land Use Technical Report
  - Housing Technical Report
  - Capital Facilities Technical Report
  - Transportation Technical Report
  - Environmental Technical Report

- **PLAN DEVELOPMENT**
  - IN PROCESS
  - Public Review & Comment
  - SEPA Analysis & Public Review
  - Urban Growth Area Review
  - Capital Facility Plan (CFP)
  - County Capital Facility & Financial Plan (CFFP)
  - VBLM Analysis
  - Land Use Transportation Analysis Zone
  - Regional Travel Demand Analysis
  - Draft Comprehensive Plan Text

**Jan-May 2016**
- **ADOPTION**
  - Public Review & Comment
  - Department of Commerce Review
  - Planning Commission Hearings
  - County Commissioner Hearings
  - Issue Notice of Adoption
Comprehensive plan overview

Mandatory Elements

- Review Commerce checklist to capture recent amendments to the GMA
- Provide for a 20-year urban growth area land supply based on the OFM population projection and a jobs target (RCW 36.70A.110(2))
- Review mandatory elements: land use, housing, capital facilities plans, utilities, rural, transportation, economic development, parks and recreation (RCW 36.70A.070)
- Public participation required (RCW 36.70A.035)
- Natural resource lands and critical areas designated (RCW 36.70A.170)
- Critical area regulations based on Best Available Science (RCW 36.70A.172)
- Shoreline Master Program (Goal 14, RCW 36.70A.020)
- Update development regulations (Title 40) for consistency
- Ensure that county’s and cities’ comprehensive plans are consistent with each other (RCW 36.70A.040(4); 36.70A.100)
Countywide Planning Policies

- What is a Countywide Planning Policy?

RCW 36.70A.210(1) describes a “countywide planning policy” as a written policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted pursuant to this chapter. This framework shall ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as required in RCW 36.70A.100. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the land use powers of the cities.”
Countywide Planning Policies

- What is a Countywide Planning Policy?

WAC 365-196-305 states that “the primary purpose of Countywide Planning Policies is to ensure consistency between comprehensive plans of counties and cities sharing a common border or related regional issues. Another purpose of county-wide planning policies is to facilitate the transformation of local governance in the urban growth area, typically through annexation to or incorporation of a city, so that urban governmental services are primarily provided by cities and rural and regional services are provided by counties”.

WAC 365-196-510 says that “interjurisdictional consistency should be met by the adoption of comprehensive plans, and subsequent amendments, which are consistent with and carry out the relevant county-wide planning policies and, where required, the relevant multi-county planning policies. Adopted county-wide planning policies are designed to ensure that county and city comprehensive plans are consistent”.
Countywide Planning Policies

- Framework to amend Countywide Planning Policies is proposed:

1.1.XX An amendment to any Countywide Planning Policy or Community Framework Plan policies may be initiated by any local jurisdiction

1. The proposed amendment shall include the following:

(a) the exact language of the proposed amendment (shown in "strike out" for deletions and "underline" for additions); and

(b) a brief explanation of the need for the proposed amendment, including the factors, data, or analyses that have changed since the adoption of the Countywide Planning Policies and/or the experiences with the existing Countywide Planning Policies that have prompted the proposed amendment.
2. A proposed amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies or Community Framework Plan policies shall be initially referred to the City-County Joint Staff Coordination Team for analysis and recommendation to the County Board of Councilors. The Board will make a recommendation that will be forwarded to all jurisdictions for legislative action within 120 days.

3. The amended CPP or CFP will become effective when ratified by Clark County and a majority of the other jurisdictions casting a vote. Each jurisdiction has a single vote. Such vote shall occur within 120 days from the date of the recommendation of the Board of Clark County Councilors.

4. Amendments to Countywide Planning Policies may be included in the county’s annual comprehensive plan update process or during the periodic comprehensive plan update.
Next Steps

Countywide Planning Policies PC Hearing July 30, 2015

Draft SEIS issued August 5, 2015

Countywide Planning Policy BOCC Hearing August 18, 2015

Joint Council/PC Hearing on Draft SEIS September 1, 2015
September 3, 2015

45-day Comment Period ends September 17, 2015

Series of WS on Comp Plan and Title 40 September-December 2015

Final SEIS completion December 2015

60-day Commerce notification

Final adoption December 2015 – May 2016 (NLT June 30, 2016)
Questions?

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