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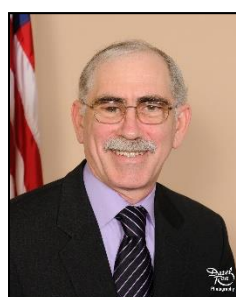
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The following appendices are filed with the City's Record Department and may be viewed by request:

- Transportation Improvement Plan
- Fife School District Capital Facilities Plan
- Puyallup School District Capital Facilities Plan
- Amendments to the Transportation Plan
- Facilities Study and Needs Assessment

Preface

The nature of urban planning in the state of Washington has changed significantly in recent years. State mandated requirements and policy directives have set the direction for local planning policy and regulations. The most important of these changes was the passage of the Growth Management Act in 1990. For jurisdictions in the Puget Sound region, *Vision 2040* is the foundation for regional planning and drives many planning decisions. In Pierce County, jurisdictions have agreed to plan cooperatively under the countywide planning policies for Pierce County. While citizen vision remains the primary driver for individual community's future planning, the attempts to forge state, regional, and countywide cooperative and consistent plans have influenced the form and content of this comprehensive plan for Fife.

The Growth Management Act

Recognizing that uncoordinated and unplanned growth, together with a lack of common goals can and has impacted the environment, economic development, and the high quality of life traditionally enjoyed by Washington citizens, the legislature passed the Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1990. The GMA responds to mounting citizen pressure to address the problems of uncontrolled growth. The legislation helps communities find solutions to increased traffic congestion, rampant urban sprawl, loss of forest and farm land, destruction of crucial areas such as wetlands and habitats, threats to life, limb, and economic health caused by landslides, flooding, and earthquakes, and provision of adequate supplies of safe drinking water. To this end, the act established thirteen non-prioritized goals covering the following topics:

The major goals stated in the Growth Management Act are as follows:

1. Urban growth
2. Reduce sprawl
3. Transportation
4. Housing
5. Economic development
6. Property rights

7. Permits
8. Natural resource industries
9. Open space and recreation
10. Environment
11. Citizen participation and coordination
12. Public facilities and services
13. Historic preservation
14. Goals and policies of the Shoreline Management Act

The overriding goal of the Growth Management Act is to give each community the tools to access its goals for the future, to evaluate community assets, and to write and implement goals through innovative techniques and regulations by creating a comprehensive plan that allows the community to reach its unique vision for the future.

Vision 2040

Vision 2040, adopted in 2008 by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) General Assembly, is the regional growth, environmental, economic and transportation plan for the central Puget Sound area. Puget Sound Regional Council is an organization made up of representatives of local jurisdictions from King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties.

The goal of *Vision 2040* is to continue to create compact, people-oriented urban areas that can accommodate 5 million people and 3 million jobs within our region while also enhancing the environment and quality of life. The *Vision 2040* plan calls for designation of various levels of growth centers linked by a more efficient, transit-based, multi-modal transportation system. *Vision 2040* calls for cities and counties to commit to both the land use patterns and transportation investment priorities that support the compact centers concept.

Countywide Planning Policies

The Growth Management Act calls for counties and the communities within those counties to coordinate to create and adopt a set of mutually agreed upon planning policies to guide the development of local comprehensive plans. The requirement is not for counties to dictate planning policy to local communities, but rather for neighbors to negotiate a framework for planning that is mutually beneficial. This requirement is a reflection of the growing awareness of the regional implications of many local planning decisions.

The common framework provides for consistency among the comprehensive plans. The countywide planning process addresses issues that uniformly affect the county as a whole, including affordable housing, agricultural lands, economic development, fiscal impact, natural resources, open space, the protection of the environmentally sensitive lands, siting of public facilities of a regional significance, and transportation. Also included in the countywide planning policies is a process for determining urban growth areas.

Plan Summary

This comprehensive plan was developed in accordance with Section 36.70A.070 of the Growth Management Act to address growth issues in the city of Fife and the adjacent

Urban Growth Area. It represents the community's policy plan for growth over the next 20 years. The city of Fife is interdependent with many other communities and the long term planning for the city needs to be adaptable to unexpected or rapid changes. Therefore, rather than simply prioritizing actions, this plan assists in the management of the city by providing policies to guide decision making. This plan includes the following elements:

- Introduction and Summary
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Utilities
- Parks and Recreation
- Capital Facilities
- Economic Development