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MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
Whatcom County Planning Commission

THROUGH: Hal H. Hart, AICP, Director
Planning & Development Services

FROM: Linda J. Peterson, AICP, Planning Division Manager
Cathy Craver, Planner

DATE: March 26, 2007

RE: Correction to Whatcom County Planning Commission's recommended draft of
the Bellingham Subarea Plan Land Use Policies

The following recommendation from the November 9, 2006 Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting was inadvertently omitted from the Bellingham Subarea Plan's Land Use Policies forwarded to the County Council.

On Page 8, **Policy AN-6:** . Establish a timetable for the annexation of all existing service extension zones within the UGA. The annexations shall occur prior to expansion of any UGA.

The attached Page 8 of the Land Use Policies reflects the above changes.

Encl.

Cc: Tim Stewart, City of Bellingham Planning Director
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Policy AN-1: Before approving an annexation, the City of Bellingham shall provide the area with a master plan to address:

- Regional environmental impacts and mitigation.
- Regional transportation network impacts and mitigation.
- Capital facilities levels of service.
- Future mix and location of land uses.
- Timing and financing of infrastructure provision, including but not limited to, public sewer and water, stormwater, transportation, and parks.
- Timing and financing of public services, including but not limited to police, fire protection, emergency services, parks, recreation, open space, and schools.
- Residential, commercial, and industrial design guidelines and standards.

Policy AN-2: Annexation shall occur at the same time as, or before, the City of Bellingham extends any utility service zones.

Policy AN-3: Allow exceptions to annexation policies only to protect public health, safety, and welfare, to reduce density within the Lake Whatcom watershed, or as agreed to by the County Council.

Policy AN-4: Plan annexation and utility extensions to allow for a predictable progression of development, and prevent leapfrog development.

Policy AN-5: The City of Bellingham, Whatcom County and special purpose districts will develop interlocal agreements prior to and upon annexation.

Policy AN-6: Establish a timetable for the annexation of all existing service extension zones within the UGA. The annexations shall occur prior to expansion of any UGA.

F. Urban Services and Facilities (SF)

Planning urban services and facilities in the UGA is key to managing growth, preventing sprawl, and providing cost-effective service. Effective provision of services and facilities is essential to quality of life, for residents in both the County and the City.

Goal SF-1: To provide the UGA with a full range of urban services upon annexation.

Goal SF-2: To provide the necessary capital facilities and services for Bellingham's existing and future population without decreasing levels of service (LOS) below adopted standards.

Goal SF-3: To resolve service planning and revenue sharing issues between jurisdictions and special purpose districts.