Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

Presentation at County Council Planning & Development Committee

February 10, 2015
1. Interlocal Agreements (2012)
2. Preliminary Growth Projections (2013-14)
3. Draft EIS (Feb. 2015)
5. UGA proposals (Mid 2015)
6. Final EIS (Summer 2015)
7. County Council (2015-2016)
1. Interlocal Agreements (2012)

A. *Inter-jurisdictional Coordination*
   - Schedule for review
   - City/County Planners
   - City/County Elected Officials

B. *UGA review*
   - Population and Employment
   - Land Capacity Analysis
   - Capital Facility Planning
2. Preliminary Growth Projections (2013-14)

- Initial City & County recommendations (2013)
- Planning Commission (2013-2014)
- Multi-jurisdictional Resolution (Resolution 2014-013)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>UGA or Area</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>Share of Growth</th>
<th>Technical Report</th>
<th>Difference from Medium</th>
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<td>Bellingham</td>
<td>35,918</td>
<td>48.03%</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>7,520</td>
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<td>Birch Bay</td>
<td>5,500</td>
<td>7.35%</td>
<td>Between Low &amp; Med</td>
<td>-914</td>
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<td>Blaine</td>
<td>4,414</td>
<td>5.90%</td>
<td>Above High</td>
<td>1,716</td>
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<td>Cherry Point</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>Columbia Valley</td>
<td>1,345</td>
<td>1.80%</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Everson</td>
<td>1,242</td>
<td>1.66%</td>
<td>Above High</td>
<td>344</td>
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<td>Ferndale</td>
<td>6,833</td>
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<td>1,431</td>
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<td>Nooksack</td>
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<td>Between Med &amp; High</td>
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<td>Sumas</td>
<td>874</td>
<td>1.17%</td>
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<td>230</td>
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<td>All UGAs</td>
<td>63,564</td>
<td>85.00%</td>
<td>Between Med &amp; High</td>
<td>11,772</td>
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<td>Non-UGA Area</td>
<td>11,217</td>
<td>15.00%</td>
<td>Below Low</td>
<td>-5,102</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>74,781</td>
<td>100.00%</td>
<td>Between Med &amp; High</td>
<td>6,670</td>
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Urban / Non-Urban Growth

- **1990-2000**
  - UGA: 71%
  - Non-UGA: 29%
- **2000-2010**
  - UGA: 76%
  - Non-UGA: 24%
- **2008-2014**
  - UGA: 79%
  - Non-UGA: 21%

- Scoping (Spring 2014)
- Issue Draft Environmental Impact Statement (February 2015)
- Public Comment Period (45 days)
- Public Hearing
Draft EIS
Population Growth Alternatives

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<th>Historic Shares</th>
<th>Multi-jurisdictional Resolution</th>
<th>Targeted Land Use Change</th>
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<td>48,630</td>
<td>68,111</td>
<td>74,781</td>
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Historical Growth

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Growth</th>
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<td>1980-2003</td>
<td>69,283</td>
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<td>1990-2013</td>
<td>78,020</td>
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Whatcom County Agricultural Lands

Legend
- Green: Agriculture Comp. Plan Designation
- Yellow: City Limits
- Red: Rural Study Areas

GIS Services
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
Whatcom County
2019

* Comp Plan Text, Goals and Policies (spring 2015)
* UGA proposals (summer 2015)
* Final Recommendations (fall 2015)
Preliminary Draft
Comp Plan Amendments

- Update Comp Plan text
- Modify goals and policies to reflect new information or strategies
- Address Growth Management Act changes
- Consolidate water resources information and policies
Advisory Input

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
- Forestry Advisory Committee
- Housing Advisory Committee
- Marine Resources Committee
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Surface Mining Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Group
- Watershed Staff Team (WRIA 1)
- Salmon Recovery Staff Team (WRIA 1)
5. UGA Proposals (Mid 2015)

- Population & employment growth allocations
- Land capacity analysis
- UGA boundaries
- Status of capital facility planning
6. Final EIS (late Summer 2015)

- Address public comments
- Address agency comments
- Identify a preferred alternative
7. County Council (2015 - 2016)

- Review by Council Committees
- Public hearing(s)
- Final adoption by June 30, 2016