PSRC PLAN REVIEW REPORT & CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

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CITY OF DUVALL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

December 19, 2017

BACKGROUND

PSRC conditionally certified the City of Duvall's 2015 periodic update of the city's comprehensive plan on January 26, 2016. In December 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the conditions and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Based on the review of the 2017 City of Duvall comprehensive plan amendments, the following action is recommended to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Executive Board:

The Puget Sound Regional Council certifies that the transportation-related provisions in the City of Duvall 2017 comprehensive plan amendments conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The December 2016 certification report for the City of Duvall comprehensive plan update identified as a condition for full certification the need to update transportation plan data, assumptions, and strategies to be consistent with the new 20-year planning period addressed elsewhere in the comprehensive plan. The 2016 plan update had relied on a 2010 transportation functional plan for the city. In December 2017, the city adopted a newly updated transportation plan. The 2017 comprehensive plan amendments incorporate elements of the updated transportation plan, either explicitly or by reference.

Specifically, the 2016 certification action calls out several areas that needed to be updated and that the city has now addressed. One is to provide up-to-date inventories of roadways, transit facilities and routes, trails, sidewalks, bicycle facilities and routes, and other relevant facilities and services within the city. The transportation plan provides a full set of mapped data on these elements.

Another area for update was to provide revised estimates of future land uses and their impact on travel demand. The Growth Management Act requires that travel demand forecasts and transportation need assessments be based on land use assumptions that correspond with the most recently adopted growth targets. These population and employment assumptions must be consistent throughout the comprehensive plan (e.g., land use element, transportation element, and housing element) (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(i)). The King County targets indicate that, when adjusted for recent growth and a planning period that extends to 2035, Duvall is expected to plan for and accommodate approximately 1,000 additional housing units and 750 additional jobs. In support of the transportation plan update, the city revised and provided data context to its land use assumptions to align more closely with its growth targets.

Finally, the city completed and updated the multiyear investment and financing plan for transportation. Consistent with RCW 36.70A.070(6)), the updated plan projects needs and estimates costs for roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements identified in the plan for the 20-year planning period. The plan addresses an estimate of

revenue available for transportation over the 20-year planning period and it describes a reassessment strategy to document steps the city could take to close the gap, if any, between costs and revenues.

Conclusion

PSRC staff worked closely with the city as they drafted the transportation plan and comprehensive plan amendments that address the conditions for certification. If the Executive Board acts as recommended, the plan will no longer have conditions on its certification. PSRC looks forward to working with the city on future planning efforts and will continue to provide guidance and technical assistance on any further amendments to the plan, subarea plans, or functional plans developed in response to additional issues identified through the PSRC certification review.

Additional background and resources can be found in the City of Duvall 2015 PSRC Plan Review and Certification Report and on the PSRC website at https://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review. Questions should be directed to Michael Hubner at 206-971-3289 or mhubner@psrc.org.