

Black Diamond Comprehensive Plan Conditional Certification

Growth Management Policy Board • February 3, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

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Comprehensive Plan Review

In accordance with state law, PSRC reviews comprehensive plans in the 4-county region

Plans must conform to:

- 1.) Regional guidelines and principles (VISION 2040/2050)
- 2.) Regional Transportation Plan
- 3.) Transportation planning requirements of GMA

Certification is a requirement for funding requests or projects submitted to the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan



Plan Certification

Options for board action:

- ✓ **Certify** plan as consistent with transportation provisions of VISION 2040, Regional Transportation Plan and GMA → eligible to compete for transportation funding
- ↻ **Conditionally certify** plan with limited issues to be addressed prior to full certification → eligible to compete for transportation funding
- ✗ **Do not certify** plan

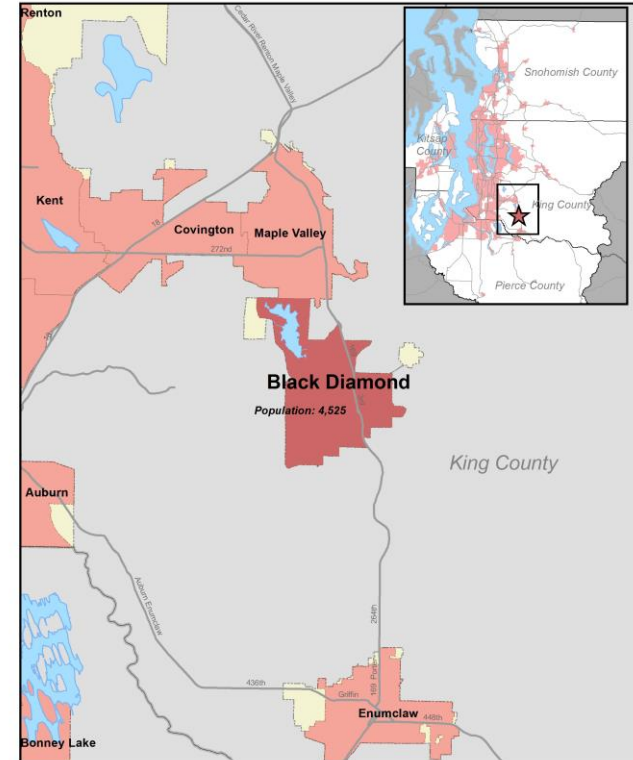


City of Black Diamond

Black Diamond completed major periodic update in 2019

Exemplary aspects of the plan include:

- **Strong emphasis on environmental stewardship**
- **Nonmotorized transportation network – trails and paths**



Conditional Certification

At Issue: Plan included language on SR-169 that is inconsistent with Regional Transportation Plan.

Plan should include more detail on contingency plans for funding shortfalls.

Inconsistency between anticipated growth and adopted targets due to vested development.



Conditions – Comprehensive Plan Amendments

At issue: Language on SR-169 inconsistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

The 2020 update amended the plan to indicate demand modeling and project list do not assume widening of SR-169 and acknowledge the route as a highway of statewide significance. However, the plan still includes references and analysis to widening SR 169, specifically Table 0-8 in the Transportation Appendix.

At issue: Funding Contingency Plans

The 2020 update amended the plan to provide detail of contingency plans to address funding shortfalls if planned improvements of the Master Planned Developments are not fulfilled.

These amendments partially address the conditions relating to consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan.



Condition – Council Resolution

At issue: Inconsistency between anticipated growth and adopted targets due to vested development

The Black Diamond City Council adopted a resolution committing the city to:

Coordinating with King County and other jurisdictions during the 2021 target setting process to narrow the gap between growth targets and anticipated growth.

Avoiding increases in development capacity that would significantly surpass adopted targets.

Continuing to coordinate with other jurisdictions regarding unanticipated growth levels, and to assess and mitigate traffic impacts from growth.

City Council Resolution 21-1407 fulfills the condition. The city should continue to work to implement the resolution and address the inconsistencies between anticipated growth and adopted targets.



Recommended Action

Staff recommendation:

The Growth Management Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board conditionally certify that the transportation-related provisions in the City of Black Diamond 2020 comprehensive plan amendments conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

Conditional status would remain in place until the city amends the comprehensive plan to ensure consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan. These amendments would be required to be acted upon by the city on or before the next periodic update deadline as determined by the state.



Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2022



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Thank you.

