

PSRC PLAN REVIEW REPORT & CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF TUKWILA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

October 26, 2017

BACKGROUND

PSRC conditionally certified the City of Tukwila's 2015 periodic update of the city's comprehensive plan on April 28, 2016. In October 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the condition, and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Based on the review of the 2017 City of Tukwila 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 Tukwila's comprehensive plan, as amended in 2017, conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Growth Management Act requires local comprehensive plan elements to use consistent land use assumptions in order that a local jurisdiction is coordinating planning for land uses, housing, and capital facilities (RCW 36.70A.070(6)).

The February 2016 certification report identified internal inconsistencies between population and employment targets in the different elements of the plan. Tukwila completed the periodic update through phases over the course of several years. The city used the employment targets and forecast products available in 2010 in the transportation background work and element, prior to adoption of new growth targets and release of updated forecast products. Employment forecasts in the transportation background report and transportation element assume 27,670 additional jobs from 2010–2030. This figure is higher than the growth assumed in both the current growth targets (i.e., 15,500 additional jobs by 2031). Assumptions used through the rest of the plan are consistent with the adopted targets.

In October 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the condition and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification. Specifically, the transportation element was amended to incorporate the 2031 targets to be consistent with the other elements in the plan. The city's travel demand model was re-run using the 2031 employment target and found that forecasted traffic volumes are not expected to grow as much within the city compared to the previous analysis using the 2030 target. The new forecast traffic volumes do not affect the proposed transportation capital improvement projects.

Conclusion

PSRC staff worked closely with the city as they drafted the 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 Tukwila 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.