



City of Tacoma  
Community & Economic Development Department

TO: Planning Commission  
FROM: Lihuang Wung, Comprehensive Planning Division  
SUBJECT: Annual Amendment Application #2013-02 Countywide Planning Policies  
DATE: November 28, 2012

At the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission will review the Annual Amendment Application #2013-02 concerning the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Pierce County.

The scope of work for this application is to review the recently amended CPPs to ensure that the City's Comprehensive Plan continues to be consistent with the CPPs and the regional growth plan, VISION 2040.

Attached is the staff report along with "Exhibit A", summarizing the review of the CPPs. The review concludes that the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the CPPs, that there are opportunities to enhance the language for certain policy issues in the Plan, and that such policy enhancement should be considered in coordination with other proposed Plan amendments as part of the all-encompassing "2015 Comprehensive Plan Update" mandated by the Growth Management Act for completion by June 30, 2015.

Note that the staff report, the adopted CPPs (effective August 27, 2012), and the tracked-change version of the CPPs (dated April 21, 2011) that was reviewed are posted online at: [www.cityoftacoma.org/planning](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/planning) (and click on "2013 Annual Amendment", then "#2013-02 Countywide Planning Policies").

If you have any questions, please contact me at (253) 591-5682 or [lwung@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:lwung@cityoftacoma.org).

c: Peter Huffman, Assistant Director

Attachment





## 2013 Annual Amendment Application No. 2013-02 *Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)*

### STAFF REPORT

(For Planning Commission's Review on December 5, 2012)

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| <b>Application #:</b>              | 2013-02   |
| <b>Applicant:</b>                  | Community & Economic Development Department   |
| <b>Contact:</b>                    | Lihuang Wung, Comprehensive Planning Division   |
| <b>Type of Amendment:</b>          | Comprehensive Plan Text Changes   |
| <b>Current Land Use Intensity:</b> | N/A   |
| <b>Current Area Zoning:</b>        | N/A   |
| <b>Size of Area:</b>               | Citywide  |
| <b>Location:</b>                   | Citywide  |
| <b>Neighborhood Council Area:</b>  | All   |
| <b>Proposed Amendment:</b>         | Amending the Comprehensive Plan, as appropriate and necessary, for consistency with the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County. |

#### **General Description of the Proposed Amendment:**

The scope of work for this application is to review the recently amended Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Pierce County to ensure that the City's Comprehensive Plan continues to be consistent with the CPPs and the regional growth plan, VISION 2040.

A review of CPPs has been conducted, as documented in Exhibit A. The review concludes that:

1. The Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the CPPs; it contains appropriate policy provisions that correspond to the recent amendments to the CPPs;
2. There are opportunities to strengthen the Comprehensive Plan's language pertaining to such policy issues as growth targets, affordable housing allocations, urban design, health, climate change, air quality, and sustainable transportation (where there could potentially be new elements of the Comprehensive Plan to address urban design and health, respectively); and
3. These issues should be incorporated in the scope work for the "2015 Comprehensive Plan Update", which is the next all-encompassing review of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations mandated by the Growth Management Act for completion by June 30, 2015, so that these issues and other proposed amendments are considered in a coordinated and effective manner.

#### **Additional Information:**

The CPPs were recently amended, to maintain the consistency with VISION 2040 and to keep current with the issues and needs of the Pierce County area. Proposed amendments to the CPPs were substantially presented in a tracked-change version, which was recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council to Pierce County Council on April 21, 2011. Subsequent to the completion of the countywide ratification and approval process (including the City of Tacoma's ratification issued on November 29, 2011, per City Council Resolution No. 38367), the CPPs, as amended, were adopted and became effective on August 27, 2012. The CPPs document reviewed by staff for consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan was the April 21, 2011 version.

**Applicable Provisions of the Growth Management Act (and other state laws):**

Pursuant to the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.210(1)), “a ‘countywide planning policy’ is a written policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted pursuant to this chapter. This framework shall ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as required in RCW 36.70A.100.”

**Amendment Criteria:**

*Applications for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code are subject to review based on the adoption and amendment procedures and the review criteria contained in TMC 13.02.045.G. Proposed amendments are required to be consistent with or achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and meet at least one of the eleven review criteria to be considered by the Planning Commission. The following section provides a review of each of these criteria with respect to the proposal. Each of the criteria is provided, followed by staff analysis of the criterion as it relates to this proposal.*

1. There exists an obvious technical error in the pertinent Comprehensive Plan or regulatory code provisions.
2. Circumstances related to the proposed amendment have significantly changed, or a lack of change in circumstances has occurred since the area or issue was last considered by the Planning Commission.
3. The needs of the City have changed, which support an amendment.
4. The amendment is compatible with existing or planned land uses and the surrounding development pattern.
5. Growth and development, as envisioned in the Plan, is occurring faster, slower, or is failing to materialize.
6. The capacity to provide adequate services is diminished or increased.
7. Plan objectives are not being met as specified, and/or the assumptions upon which the plan is based are found to be invalid.
8. Transportation and and/or other capital improvements are not being made as expected.
9. For proposed amendments to land use intensity or zoning classification, substantial similarities of conditions and characteristics can be demonstrated on abutting properties that warrant a change in land use intensity or zoning classification.
10. A question of consistency exists between the Comprehensive Plan and its elements and RCW 36.70A, the County-Wide Planning Policies for Pierce County, Multi-County Planning Policies, or development regulations.

**Staff Response:**

Questions 1 to 9 above are not applicable to this application, since no amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are being proposed. With respect to Question 10, there was no known inconsistency that existed between the Comprehensive Plan and the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County.

**Economic Impact Assessment:**

Not applicable.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the review of the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County and the conclusions of the review, as documented in Exhibit A, be accepted by the Planning Commission and released for public review.

**Exhibit:**

- A. Review of the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County

## **Exhibit A – Review of the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County**

Annual Amendment Application #2013-02 Countywide Planning Policies

Draft for Planning Commission Review on December 5, 2012

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that the City of Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan be consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Pierce County and VISION 2040, the regional growth plan for the Puget Sound Region.

The CPPs were recently amended, to maintain the consistency with VISION 2040 and to keep current with the issues and needs of the Pierce County area. Proposed amendments to the CPPs were substantially presented in a tracked-change version, which was recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council to Pierce County Council on April 21, 2011. Subsequent to the completion of the countywide ratification and approval process, the CPPs, as amended, were adopted and became effective on August 27, 2012.

A review of the April 21, 2011 version of the CPPs for consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan has been conducted, as documented in the table below. The review concludes that:

1. The Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the CPPs; it contains appropriate policy provisions that correspond to the recent amendments to the CPPs.
2. There are opportunities to strengthen the Comprehensive Plan's language pertaining to such policy issues as:
  - a. Growth Targets (referring to CPPs Chapters III-2, and III-16);
  - b. Affordable housing allocations for Regional Growth Centers (Chapter III-2);
  - c. Urban design and health – either enhancing policy language or potentially adding two new elements to the Comprehensive Plan (Chapters III-6 and III-10);
  - d. Sustainability, climate change, and air quality (Chapter III-12); and
  - e. Sustainable transportation, "zero death and disabling injury", paratransit and other emerging concepts, future transit alignment, and transportation system disaster preparedness (Chapter III-15).
3. These issues should be incorporated in the scope work for the "2015 Comprehensive Plan Update", which is the next all-encompassing review of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations mandated by the GMA for completion by June 30, 2015 (RCW 36.70A.130(5)(a)), so that these issues and other proposed amendments are considered in a coordinated and effective manner.

| Chapters  | Summary of Amendments   | Corresponding Provisions in Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan   |
|---|---|---|
| I. Introduction                                 | Updating the description for CPPs, and clarifying its relationship with GMA and VISION 2040.  | VISION 2040 and CPPs are mentioned, discussed and/or addressed in several elements of the Comprehensive Plan, i.e., Introduction (pages 9-11), Growth Strategy and Development Concept (in "centers" section), Generalized Land Use (in "UGA", and policy LU-UGA-6), and Housing (in "Introduction").   |
| II. Rules of Interpretation                     | Editorial changes only.   | Not applicable to Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan.  |
| III-1. Preamble to Countywide Planning Policies | Editorial changes only.   | Not applicable to Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan.  |
| III-2. Affordable Housing                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding policies that address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Incorporating affordable housing allocations as part of the overall housing allocations for Regional Growth Centers (AH-3.3.1).</li> <li>b. Providing a sufficient supply of special needs housing opportunities (AH-3.4).</li> <li>c. Pierce County accommodating a share of the county's overall affordable housing need (AH-5.5.1).</li> <li>d. Reviewing and streamlining development standards and regulations to provide flexibility and minimize costs to affordable housing (AH-7.3).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VISION 2040 and CPPs regarding affordable housing are addressed in the Housing Element (in "Introduction" section).</li> <li>2. Regarding the four CPP policy amendments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AH-3.3.1 is being considered as part of the proposed amendments to the Housing Element.</li> <li>b. AH-3.4 is addressed under Policies H-HA-1 and H-HA-4.</li> <li>c. AH-5.5.1 is not applicable to Tacoma.</li> <li>d. AH-7.3 is supported by existing Housing Element goals and policies – under the categories of Neighborhood Quality, Housing Preservation, Housing Choice, Housing Affordability, and Housing Fairness policies. Note that future amendments to the Housing Element based on AHPAG recommendations, considered for adoption in 2013 and/or 2014, would further support and increase consistency with AH-7.3.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
| III-3. Agricultural Lands                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding policies that address the designation and preservation of agricultural lands (Ag-1 thru Ag-9).</li> </ol>   | Not applicable to Tacoma, except for the policies encouraging farmer's markets (Ag-5.2) and community gardens (Ag-9). Farmer's Markets are addressed in the Open Space Habitat and Recreation Element (in "Recreation Lands" and "Urban Parks" sections). Community Gardens are encouraged in Open Space Habitat and Recreation Element (policy OS-CG-1), Urban Forestry Element (policies UF-UA-1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, and UF-ROW-4, 5, 6), and Neighborhood Element (C-4.1).  |
| III-4. Amendments and Transition                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarifying the amendment processes for CPPs and Urban Growth Areas (AT-1.2.1).</li> <li>2. Adding criteria for removing properties (rural in character) from Urban Growth Areas (AT-2.4).</li> <li>3. Requiring Pierce County to adopt housing and employment targets for county jurisdictions (AT-3.11).</li> </ol>  | Tacoma is required to participate in the amendment process for CPPs, but the changes to CPPs as listed do not prompt any corresponding changes to Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan.  |

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| III-5. Buildable Lands                          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restating the intent, focus and primary product of the buildable lands program (BL-1).</li> <li>2. Revising the process for jurisdictions to provide land development information to the County and for assisting the County with the periodic buildable lands inventory (BL-2 &amp; 3).</li> <li>3. Identifying Pierce County responsibilities for conducting analyses and consistency evaluations, producing reports and coordinating efforts with municipalities (BL-4 to 10).</li> </ol>   | <p>The CPP amendments identify Pierce County as the lead agency for managing the Buildable Lands Program with the assistance of municipalities within the county. Tacoma is directed to follow the guidelines specified in the Buildable Lands <i>Procedures Report</i> for collecting, monitoring and analyzing development activity and potential residential/employment capacity. Buildable lands information is currently provided in the Housing Element (in the land capacity section, pages 8-9). The land capacity analysis relies on data from the 2002 Buildable Lands Report and will be updated as the report is updated.</p>   |
| III-6. Community and Urban Design (new chapter) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of GMA and VISION 2040 concerning urban design, community context and character, and sense of place.</li> <li>2. Adding policies that address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Developing high quality, compact communities that address sense of place, local character, mixed uses, choices in housing types, and walking, bicycling and transit use (CU-1).</li> <li>b. Designing public buildings and spaces that contribute to the unique sense of community (CU-2).</li> <li>c. Designing transportation projects and other infrastructure to achieve community development objectives (CU-3).</li> <li>d. Promoting context-sensitive design of transportation facilities (CU-4).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The issues relating to urban design, community context and sense of place are emphasized or called out within various contexts in various elements of the Comprehensive Plan, such as: Growth Strategy and Development Concept (p. 5), Generalized Land Use (policies LU-UAD-1 thru 30, LU-RDD-1 thru 13, LU-CDD-1 thru 10, LU-CDL-3, LU-IDD-1 thru 6), Transportation (policies T-ES-5 and T-MS-12), Tacoma Dome Area Plan (p. 34), Thea Foss Waterway Design and Development Plan (pages 5, 22, 74), and Historic Preservation Plan (Action HP-26B: Explore context sensitive zoning).</li> <li>2. Adding an Urban Design Element to the Comprehensive Plan should be considered, when sufficient staffing resources become available.</li> </ol> |
| III-7. Economic Development and Employment      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of GMA and VISION 2040, and modifying and strengthening the policy language throughout the chapter.</li> <li>2. Adding policy provisions that address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The region as an international gateway (Ec-1.8)</li> <li>b. Environmental and social responsibilities of private and public sectors (Ec-1.9)</li> <li>c. Focusing employment growth in manufacturing and industrial centers (Ec-1.10)</li> <li>d. Business startups, small businesses, and locally owned businesses (Ec-2.12)</li> <li>e. Efficient flow of people, goods and information, especially in centers (Ec-5.8)</li> <li>f. Culturally and ethically diverse communities (Ec-6.8)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>       | <p>As articulated in the Economic Development Element, Tacoma envisions itself as an internationally competitive business center in the Puget Sound region. The vision calls for coordinated and balanced economic growth; concentrating activity in the mixed-use centers; building on the traditional industrial base; taking advantage of the City's investment in technologies; and encouraging local entrepreneurs to simultaneously create new goods, services, jobs, profits, and prosperity. To achieve the economic vision, there are policies that address the following subject matters: Land Use and Development, Infrastructure and Services, Workforce and Education, Business Development, and Coordination.</p>   |

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| III-8. Education   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding provisions of VISION 2040 pertaining to education obtainment and the siting of education facilities.</li> <li>2. Adding policies that address high quality and accessible training programs (Ed-2.4) and prioritizing the location of educational facilities in urban areas (Ed-5.3).</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Generalized Land Use Element contains policy provisions pertaining to siting of essential public facilities (policies LU-GSEPF-1 thru 7), although those may not be directly applicable to educational facilities.</li> <li>2. Working with educational institutions and proper entities to ensure the availability of training programs is an important strategy as contained in the Economic Development Element (Action W-1).</li> </ol>   |
| III-9. Fiscal Impact                                       | Editorial changes only.   | Policy CF-PCF-5 in the Capital Facilities Element calls for the consideration of fiscal impacts of major public projects or projects involving the expansion of capacity or service areas as a major factor in the selecting and budgeting of capital projects.   |
| III-10. Health and Well-being (new chapter)                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of GMA and VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding policies that promote physical, social and mental well-being through the following measures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Walking and bicycling environment, healthy buildings and facilities, and community plans and programs (such as community gardens and farmer's markets) (HW-1).</li> <li>b. Planning and decision-making processes (HW-2).</li> <li>c. Joint- and mixed-use developments through coordination among transportation providers, local government, and developers (HW-3).</li> <li>d. Safe transportation systems and improved street patterns (such as Complete Streets) (HW-4).</li> <li>e. Public safety services and programs, health impact assessment tools, and locating health and human service facilities near centers and transit. (HW-5).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promoting active living and healthy lifestyle is an important goal commonly addressed in various elements of the Comprehensive Plan, including, but not limited to: Generalized Land Use (policies relating to mixed use, compact development, etc.), Transportation (policies relating to multimodalism, Transit-Oriented Development, Complete Streets, active transportation, etc.), Open Space Habitat and Recreation and Urban Forestry (policies relating to community gardens, farmer's markets, recreation, health, etc.), and other elements.</li> <li>2. Health Impact Assessment is a tool used in the planning process for the MLK Subarea Plan that is currently underway and scheduled to be adopted as an element of the Comprehensive Plan in 2013-2014.</li> <li>3. The City is coordinating with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to explore the feasibility of collaboratively developing a Health Element in the Comprehensive Plan.</li> </ol> |
| III-11. Historic, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding "Certified Local Government designation" to the list of recommended techniques for historic preservation (HAC-2.6.10).</li> <li>3. Adding a policy to encourage the use of urban design strategies and approaches for preserving and enhancing community's distinctive identity (HAC-4).</li> </ol>   | The Certified Local Government program is addressed in the Historic Preservation Plan element (policy HP-15). The use of urban design strategies and approaches for preserving and enhancing community's distinctive identity is also addressed throughout the plan (e.g., policies HP-2, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 26).  |



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| III-12. Natural Resources, Open Space, and Protection of Environmentally-Sensitive Lands, and the Environment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding "Environment" to the title of the chapter.</li> <li>2. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040.</li> <li>3. Adding policies that address:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Integrated and interdisciplinary approaches and best information available for environmental planning (Env-3.5 &amp; 3.6)</li> <li>b. Protection of resource lands (Env-4.9, 4.10 &amp; 4.11).</li> <li>c. Factoring in environmentally sensitive lands in siting and O&amp;M of transportation facilities (Env-8.5 &amp; 8.6)</li> <li>d. Open space and environmentally sensitive lands across jurisdictional boundaries, open space cluster design, and natural buffering (Env-10.4, 10.5 &amp; 10.6).</li> <li>e. Methods of retention of open space (Env-15.3.4 &amp; 15.4.4).</li> <li>f. Protecting and enhancing the natural ecosystems (Env-16).</li> <li>g. Assessing habitat needs for sensitive species (Env-19.3).</li> <li>h. Involvement with local drainage districts in planning process (Env-20.2).</li> <li>i. Healthy environment with minimal exposure to pollution (Env-26).</li> <li>j. Innovative environmentally sensitive development practices (Env-27).</li> <li>k. Mitigating noise (Env-28).</li> <li>l. Maintaining air pollution attainment level/standards (Env-29).</li> <li>m. Improving air quality (Env-30.1 thru 30.6).</li> <li>n. Meeting State mandates on climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gases (Env-31.1 thru 31.7)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The key themes of the update of this chapter of CPPs are sustainability and environmental stewardship, which have been among the core policy emphases for the City as well. Relevant policies are found in various elements of the Comprehensive Plan, including, but not limited to: Generalized Land Use (LU-IDG-10), Open Space Habitat and Recreation (OS-LF-1, OS-PF-2, OS-LF-2, OS-HA-4, OS-LF-15, OS-P-1 to 3, OS-GI-1 to 9), Environmental Policy (E-E-1, E-SWR-1, E-GD-1 to 3, E-GD-5, E-ER-5, E-ER-6, E-FW-6, E-ENF-1 to 5, E-P-1 to 3, E-N-1 to 4, E-AQ-1 to 3), Transportation (T-ES-1 to 10, T-ES-2), Urban Forestry, and other elements.</li> <li>2. One cornerstone for Tacoma is our smart growth vision – Tacoma's strong commitment to accommodate growth in multi-modal, livable urban development, thus reducing per capita energy consumption and pollution and creating an attractive alternative to development in suburban and rural agricultural and resource areas. Tacoma's policies also call for a long-term vision of reclaiming our industrial waterfront and downtown areas for compact, mixed-use development and public space, and the City has delivered on this vision.</li> <li>3. In addition, the City's Climate Action Plan, adopted by Council resolution, lays out ambitious policies and actions to address climate change concerns. Consideration should be given to updating the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the policy guidance in the Climate Action Plan. Also, there may be opportunities to update the Comprehensive Plan to more fully reflect, among others, the air quality policies of the CPPs.</li> </ol> |
| III-13. Rural Areas (new chapter)   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of GMA and VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding an overarching goal (Rur-1) and policies pertaining to development patterns, economic development, environment, transportation, and public services (Rur-2 thru Rur-21).</li> </ol>   | <p>Not applicable to Tacoma since we do not have rural areas. However, the Comprehensive Plan concentrates on Tacoma's role as the location for urban development, which is consistent with smart growth principles. In addition, the Open Space Habitat and Recreation Element, among others, recognizes the connection between the City and rural areas and calls for coordination with adjacent jurisdictions to protect connected natural corridors and to develop a Transfer of Development Rights program.</p>  |

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| III-14. Siting of Essential Public Capital Facilities of Countywide or Statewide Significance | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modifying the title of the chapter by adding "Essential" and replacing "Nature" with "Significance"</li> <li>2. Adding to the siting criteria additional provisions pertaining to distribution of facilities in the region and state (EPF-3.1), natural boundaries that determine routes and connections (EPF-4.1.10), timing and location of facilities that guide growth and development (EPF-4.3.5), zoning of area around site to protect against encroachment (EPF-6.6), and sustainable development practices (EPF-7.5).</li> </ol>  | <p>The Generalized Land Use Element contains policy provisions pertaining to the siting of essential public facilities (policies LU-GSEPF-1 thru 7) that address two categories of essential public facilities and services, i.e., (a) social services facilities, and (b) services and utilities facilities. Many of such facilities are certainly of countywide or statewide significance.</p>  |
| III-15. Transportation Facilities and Strategies  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding a provision to the Background section pertaining to the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act of 2006.</li> <li>2. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040, where transportation policies are grouped into three general categories: system preservation and maintenance, supporting growth centers, and transportation choices.</li> <li>3. Adding policies that address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sustainable transportation system (Tr-1).</li> <li>b. State's "zero death and disabling injury" target (Tr-2).</li> <li>c. "Vanpool, paratransit and other emerging concepts" as part of the multimodal network (Tr-4.2).</li> <li>d. Multimodal level of service (LOS) standards and the impacts to neighboring jurisdictions' roadway facilities (Tr-5).</li> <li>e. Designation of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites as part of land use regulations to increase mode splits (Tr-11.4.1).</li> <li>f. Design, construction and operation of transportation facilities for all users (Tr-12).</li> <li>g. Low-impact development and environmentally appropriate practices (Tr-14).</li> <li>h. Preserving options for future transit alignments (Tr-16).</li> <li>i. Meeting freight mobility and access needs (Tr-17).</li> <li>j. Preserving transportation investments through proper O&amp;M (Tr-19).</li> <li>k. Protecting the transportation system against disaster through prevention, preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery strategies (Tr-20).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policies in the Transportation Element are grouped in the following categories (or subject matters): Land Use and Transportation, Transportation System Management, Multimodal System, Commute Trip Reduction, Environmental Stewardship, Financing and Funding Sources, and Intergovernmental Coordination and Citizen Participation. These policies were developed consistent with, and have continued to be aligned with, relevant provisions of GMA, CTR Act, VISION 2040, and CPPs.</li> <li>2. Consideration should be given to updating the Transportation Element, the Generalized Land Use Element, and other elements as appropriate, to strengthen the policy language in relation to some of the specific amendments to CPPs, such as those pertaining to sustainable transportation (Tr-1), "zero death and disabling injury" (Tr-2), paratransit and other emerging concepts (Tr-4.2), transit alignment (Tr-16), and disaster preparedness (Tr-20).</li> </ol> |

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| III-16. Urban Growth Areas | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adding relevant provisions of VISION 2040.</li> <li>2. Adding a new section to describe the "Growth Targets" for the Pierce County area.</li> <li>3. Clarifying that the designated centers in the county include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Growth Centers in Metropolitan City: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tacoma Central Business District</li> <li>• Tacoma Mall</li> </ul> </li> <li>Regional Growth Centers in Core Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lakewood</li> <li>• Puyallup Downtown</li> <li>• Puyallup South Hill</li> </ul> </li> <li>Manufacturing/Industrial Centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frederickson</li> <li>• Port of Tacoma</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Adding policies that address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adopting growth targets in comprehensive plans (UGA-1.2).</li> <li>b. Maximizing the development potential of existing urban lands and discouraging expansion of UGAs (UGA-2.3.7 &amp; 2.3. 8).</li> <li>c. Land uses compatible with military uses (UGA-9).</li> <li>d. Prioritizing transportation, infrastructure, and economic funds for centers (UGA-14.2 &amp; 48).</li> <li>e. Improving transit service efficiency in centers through the development of transportation infrastructure, and design of roadway and nonmotorized networks (UGA-19.6, 25 &amp; 26).</li> <li>f. Metropolitan City Center (UGA-30), Regional Growth Center (UGA-32.5 &amp; 34), Countywide Center (UGA-35 &amp; 39), and M/IC (UGA-47).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers are referenced in the following elements: Introduction, Growth Strategy and Development Concept, and Generalized Land Use.</li> <li>2. Adopting Growth Targets is being considered as part of the proposed amendments to the Housing Element. There are opportunities to incorporate it in Growth Strategy and Development Concept, Generalized Land Use, and other elements as appropriate.</li> <li>3. Those specific amendments concerning transportation (UGA-14.2, 48, 19.6, 25 &amp; 26) are addressed in the Transportation Element (under the policy categories of Land Use and Transportation, Multimodal System, and Financing and Funding Sources) as well as the Generalized Land Use Element (policies throughout the plan applicable to mixed-use centers).</li> <li>4. Collaboration with the military base is referenced in the Neighborhood Element under the South Tacoma section.</li> </ol> |