



Memorandum

DATE: March 3, 2011

TO: Shoreline Planning Commission

FROM: Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP, Director PDS
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RE: 2011 Comprehensive Plan Docket Study Session

Background

The State Growth Management Act limits review of proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) to no more than once a year. To ensure that the public can view the proposals within a citywide context, the Growth Management Act directs cities to create a docket that lists the amendments to be considered in this "once a year" review process.

The City Council, during its review, looks at the proposed amendments as a package, in order to consider the combined impacts of the proposals.

There are two exceptions to "once a year" review. One exception applies to the first time adoption of a subarea plan, such as the Town Center Subarea Plan. The second applies to amendments adopted under an "emergency" authority, as was done with the Richmond Beach Road amendment you heard in January. The City Council is permitted to review and adopt these exceptions independent from the once a year rule.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments usually take two forms: Privately initiated amendments and city initiated amendments. This year there were no publicly initiated amendments.

Staff will discuss the proposed docket with the Commission and request that the Commission forward a recommendation onto the Council. The Council is scheduled to review the docket recommendation in a study session at its April 4 meeting.

If you have questions about the docket process or any item on the proposed docket, please contact Steve Cohn, Senior Planner, 206-801-2511 or email him at scohn@shorelinewa.gov.

**PROPOSED DRAFT 2011 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AMENDMENT DOCKET**

The State Growth Management Act generally limits the City to amending its Comprehensive Plan once a year and requires that it create a Docket (or list) of the amendments to be reviewed.

The following items are “docketed” and on the work plan for the Planning Commission’s review in 2011 (they are not listed in priority order):

1. Adopt Town Center Subarea Plan and delete Appendix 5 (Framework Policies for the Town Center Subarea Plan).
2. Amend the Point Wells Subarea Plan to reclassify Richmond Beach Drive and make associated change to Transportation Element Figure T-18 (completed February 2011)
3. Add Aldercrest Subarea Plan and modify the Comprehensive Plan Map to reflect the new designation for the geography covered by the Plan.
4. Adopt Goals and Policies from Transportation, Parks, and Surface Water Master Plans into the Comprehensive Plan as replacement for existing Goals and Policies in their respective Plan Elements.
5. Adopt the Goals and Policies from the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) into a new Element. Delete Appendix 2 and 3 in the existing plan that were placeholders for a revised SMP.