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DATE: April 1, 2025

RE: April 8, 2025, Planning Commission continued public hearing – 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update – public comment summary

On March 11, 2025, the Skagit County Planning Commission held an open record public hearing on the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan update. After receiving oral testimony at the hearing, the Planning Commission closed the record for further oral comments and continued the public hearing to April 8, 2025. The continued public hearing is focused on Planning Commission deliberations and recommendations to the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners.

In addition to receiving oral testimony at the March 11 hearing, Skagit County accepted written testimony from February 13 to March 13, 2025, on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. Through March 13, 76 individual comments were received.

To assist the Planning Commission as they evaluate comments received, we have prepared a high-level comment summary. **Attachment A** to this memo is a table which:

- Categorizes written comments
- Correlates the comments to specific comprehensive plan elements, where applicable
- Summarizes specific comments
- Provides a high-level response, where appropriate

The summary also lists the “Comment #” in the left-hand column. **Attachment B** includes copies of the comment letters received. Each comment letter is labeled so you can connect comments letters with the public comment summary table.

It is important to note that the summary table is not intended to provide a response to each comment within each written comment received. It is intended to assist the Planning Commission as you review comments received and deliberate on the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

A separate memorandum has been prepared which outlines staff recommended policy changes based upon public comments received. The Planning Commission can consider those recommendations along with other changes as part of your deliberations. Staff will also be present at the continued hearing to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have.