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RE: April 8, 2025, Planning Commission continued public hearing – 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update – staff recommended policy amendments

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.

Based upon comments received, staff is recommending several policy amendments. They are included in **Attachment C**. We hope that this aids the Planning Commission as they evaluate comments received and make a formal recommendation on the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update. At the continued hearing, we will walk the Planning Commission through the process to include amendments to the current Draft Comprehensive Plan as part of your recommendation.

The Planning Commission is not obligated to accept the staff proposed policy amendments, and we note that the Planning Commission may have suggested policy changes to propose which are not included in Attachment A. Staff will be present at the continued hearing to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have and provide feedback on any proposed amendments.

A separate memorandum has been prepared to cover public comments received and a summary of those comments. This should assist the Planning Commission in reviewing comments received.