

Work Session

Countywide Planning Policies Update

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Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

- A countywide planning policy (CPP) 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 as required in [RCW 36.70A.210](#).
- CPPs ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as required in [RCW 36.70A.100](#).



Supporting Documents can be found at:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>

Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Structure

Steering Committee (elected)

Skagit County	3
Anacortes	1
Burlington	1
Mount Vernon	1
Sedro-Woolley	1
Concrete	1
Hamilton	1
La Conner	1
Total	10



Technical Advisory Committee (staff)

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Burlington	1
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SCOG Steering Committee Recommendations

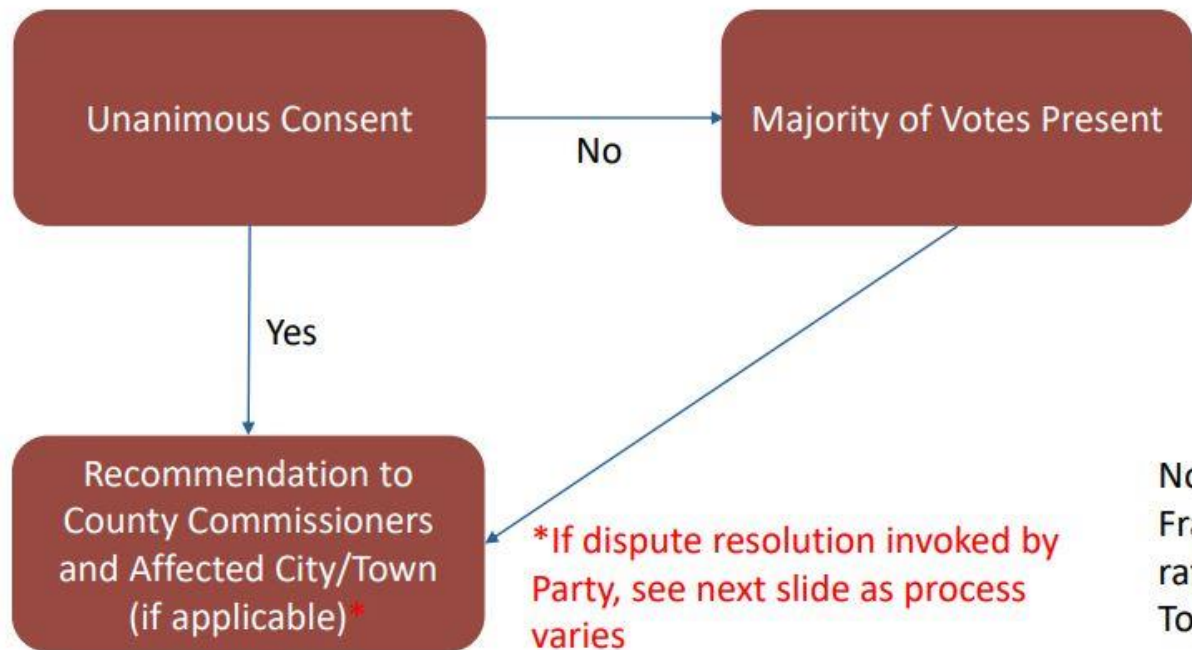
The Steering Committee is the recommending authority to Board of County Commissioners for:

1. Countywide Planning Policies
2. Urban Growth Areas
3. Residential, commercial and industrial allocations



Steering Committee Decision Tree

Countywide Planning Policies:



Notes: (1) unanimous consent preferred in 2002 Framework Agreement, but not required; and (2) ratification required by County and all Cities & Towns (except Lyman) to take effect.



Background

- Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Technical Advisory Committee drafted Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) amendments to be considered by the SCOG Steering Committee.
- June 20, 2024, SCOG Steering Committee forwarded amendments to member jurisdictions for public comment and to solicit input from city-town councils and Board of County Commissioners.



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Proposed Amendments - Housing

Housing – Proposed updates CCPs address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1220. In addition, proposed amendments CCP's address the following housing topics:

- Add policy language aimed at significantly increasing housing production within existing UGAs in areas with good access to transit, jobs, and services.
- Add policy language addressing the siting of publicly funded or subsidized housing, including permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, shelters, and housing for populations with special needs.
- Add policy language addressing coordination with publicly funded housing authorities.



Note: Growth Allocation in Appendix A will likely be revised through SCOG reconciliation process.

Proposed Amendments - Climate

Climate – Proposed updates to the CCP’s address recent legislative changes, such as HB 1181.

- GMA Goal 14 was adopted in 2023 Section 14: Climate Change and Resiliency.
- This GMA goal requires that comprehensive plans, development regulations, and regional policies, plans and strategies under RCW 36.70A.201 and Chapter RCW 47.80 adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate, support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled.
- Proposed revisions presented to the CPPs address these new legislative requirements under GMA goal 14.



Proposed Amendments – Land Capacity Analysis

Land Capacity Analysis – Skagit County GIS requirement to store data is proposed to be removed. SCOG is proposing to collect land and housing capacity reports.



Next Steps

- **August 22nd-September 12th** – Public Comment Period
- **September 10th** – Public Hearing
- **October 8th** – Deliberations

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