



Countywide Planning Policies

Transportation



Overview

The Transportation chapter of the **Countywide Planning Policies** (CPPs) guides jurisdictions to create an efficient, reliable, safe, and integrated transportation network for the movement of people and goods on a local and regional scale.

Updated goals and policies in this chapter build on existing countywide and regional policy and are organized into three sections:

- Supporting Growth – focusing on serving the region with a transportation system that furthers the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Mobility – addressing the full range of travel modes necessary to move people and goods efficiently within the region and beyond.
- System Operations – encompassing the design, maintenance, and operation of the transportation system to provide for safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Policy Changes

Proposed updates in the Transportation chapter are focused on consistency with changes in regional policy and state law, and centering equity throughout the County's transportation system.

These proposed updates address equity by prioritizing transit and mobility services where they are needed most with emphasis on Black, Indigenous, and people of color, people with low- or no-income, and people with special transportation needs.

Other proposed updates emphasize creating transit supportive land uses, encouraging active transportation, and minimizing displacement and negative impacts on communities affected by transportation improvements.

Overall, the proposed updates support the growth strategy in VISION 2050 and prepare local jurisdictions to meet the transportation needs of forecasted growth in both population and employment.

Impacts of Policy Changes

- Emphasizes creation of an equitable transportation system.
- Improves safety of the transportation system for all users.
- Encourages alternatives to driving alone including transit and active transportation.
- Minimizes displacement and impact on affected communities.
- Strengthens connections between land use and transportation.
- Promotes a sustainable transportation system by encouraging transit use, active transportation, and alternative fuels.

We Need Your Input!

If you would like to provide public comment, have questions about the CPPs or growth management, or want to get involved, please send an email to gmpc@kingcounty.gov or contact Ben Larson by calling (206) 263-9560.

What are the Countywide Planning Policies?

The Countywide Planning Policies or CPPs are a series of policies that address growth management issues in King County. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) brings together elected officials from King County and the cities and jurisdictions within it to develop the CPPs.

The CPPs provide a countywide vision and serve as a framework for King County and every city in King County to develop its own comprehensive plan, which must be consistent with the CPPs and [VISION 2050](#).

For more on CPPs, Comprehensive Plans, and other growth management related information, please visit the King County Regional Planning page by clicking [this link](#).