

STAFF REPORT

TO: Clark County Planning Commission and Board of County Councilors

FROM: Oliver Orjiako, Director

DATE: May 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Joint Public Hearing: Consideration of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update.

INTRODUCTION

Clark County kicked off the 2016 comprehensive plan update consistent with RCW 36. 70A.130 (5)(b) in July of 2013, with a deadline for completion of June 30, 2016. The 20-year update covers the 2015-2035 time horizon.

The purpose of this hearing is to review updates to the comprehensive plan and zoning maps, updated comprehensive plan text, applicable Title 40 updates, capital facilities plans, and the associated impact fees.

BACKGROUND

As part of the update process, the county adopted population and jobs targets and analyzed potential growth alternatives through the SEPA process. The County Council adopted a 'preferred alternative' on February 23, 2016 that was the subject of a final supplemental EIS (FSEIS). A capital facilities plan and capital facilities financial plan have been prepared to show the potential costs of growth over the time horizon.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit I: Issue Paper #8.1, provides a summary of the all the proposed amendments.

Exhibit II: A Decision Table broken down into individual elements as a guide for the Planning Commission and the County Council to consider and vote separately on each item, in the order presented in Exhibit I.

Exhibit III: Public comments received through the "Engage Clark County" online survey.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As the Planning Commission and County Councilors consider the updated Comprehensive Plan amendments, the Planning Commission and County Councilors needs to recognize (1) the requirements of the Growth Management Act, specifically rural character, protection of resource lands, and capital facilities planning; (2) the analysis as provided in the final supplemental environmental impact statement; and (3) other policy choices that the Planning Commission and the Board wish to make, consistent with the law.