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Draft 2025 Growth Management Act (GMA) Support Work Program and Budget

Adopted XXX, 2024, by the Growth Management Act Steering Committee

As per the GMA support agreement, Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) will continue to provide administrative support and coordinate Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) activities and work program. Staff have estimated the work to include administrative, technical, and policy support. Annually the GMASC will establish a work program and budget. The total proposed 2025 work program is \$120,000.

GMA Task 1 - Administrative Support:

Provide administrative support and coordinate efforts of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee and the Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee (GMATAC). Anticipated activities include preparing agendas, minutes of the GMASC, resolutions and maintaining related supporting materials.

Estimated cost \$15,000

GMA Task 2 - Technical Support:

Task 2.1 - Growth Monitoring

Prepare a new baseline report and methodology for the annual Growth Monitoring Report. The new methodology will address tracking housing unit creation by income categories consistent with HB 1220 and Commerce guidance. Coordinate with jurisdictions on collection and reporting of data.

Estimated cost \$45,000

Task 2.2 – Growth Allocations – Reconciliation Process

Support the growth allocation reconciliation process if it extends into 2025. Appendix B of the CPPs describes the growth allocation procedures, which includes reconciliation of the growth allocations to the jurisdictions comprehensive plan’s ability to accommodate those allocations. Jurisdictions can request adjusting their growth allocations. Given the uncertainty of the housing allocations it is likely that one or more jurisdictions would be requesting an adjusted growth allocation. This task is carried over from 2024.

Estimated cost \$4,000

Task 2.3 – Monitoring of Climate Data

Recent changes in Washington state law (HB1181) requires jurisdictions to develop a climate element, which includes mitigation sub-element for the cities and county. Data for this effort is being review in the summer/fall of 2024. The purpose of this task is to begin the discussion and possible establishment of which climate related data should be tracked over time to assist in coordination across jurisdictions and support future planning efforts. In 2025 the task will begin the process of identifying major climate data to track across the region and by jurisdiction.

Estimated cost \$4,000

Task 2.4 – Multimodal Level of Service Coordination

Recent changes in Washington state law (HB1181) requires jurisdictions to establish multimodal level of service requirements for all locally owned arterials, locally and regionally operated transit routes that serve urban areas and active transportation facilities. WSDOT is responsible for setting level of service standards (LOS) for highways of statewide significance in coordination with RTPOs. SCOG is responsible for other state highways and coordinate LOS standards on regionally significant facilities owned by local jurisdictions. SCOG will assist in coordinating the new multimodal LOS standards among the local jurisdictions for the upcoming 2025 GMA comprehensive plan with WSDOT and Skagit Transit. SCOG will conduct limited research on possible LOS from other GMA jurisdictions, stay abreast of guidance from Department of Commerce and facilitate coordination among agencies in Skagit County. This work will be coordinated with the multimodal LOS work that will be done as part of the Regional Transportation Plan development. This task is continued from 2024.

Estimated cost \$12,000

Task 3 Policy Support:

Task 3.1 – Countywide Planning Policy update

A. Tribal Cultural Resources

Review and update the CPPs to address legislative changes in HB171 which includes policies that address the protection of tribal cultural resources in collaboration with federally recognized Indian tribes. This task will include outreach and coordination to tribes to assist in drafting, reviewing, and vetting the proposed CPPs.

B. Climate and Resiliency

Update the CPPs to address HB 1181 which include a new goal to GMA relating to shorelines of the state. The work will include reviewing Commerce Department guidance, current CPP language, current shoreline components of local jurisdictions, and recommend new CPP addressing shorelines of the state.

For all CPP changes community engagement and comments would be received through the review and recommendation process at the GMASC meetings and would follow the 2002 Framework agreement procedures for changes to CPPs. No SCOG staff time or resources are included for outreach or community engagement in this task beyond the GMASC/GMATAC meeting process.

Estimated cost \$40,000

Cost Allocation: As per the interlocal agreement regarding staffing service for GMA support, costs are to be shared among the 2002 Framework Agreement participants based on their respective share of population annual reported by the Office of Financial Management (OFM), see table.

Allocation based on April 2024 population estimates from OFM.