



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 09-004

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF SCC 30.66B.101,
TRANSPORTATION LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS: AVERAGE DAILY TRIP (ADT)
THRESHOLDS, TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY WITH THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT
OF THE COUNTY'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2008, the County Council adopted Amended Ordinance 08-050 updating Table 11 of the Transportation Element (TE) of the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) dealing with transportation level of service standards; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 update to the TE necessitates revision to the level of service standards established in SCC 30.66B.101 to maintain consistency between the GMACP and the County's adopted development regulations in title 30 SCC (Unified Development Code); and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will update the existing table found in SCC 30.66B.101 with the new revised Table 11 of the TE; and

WHEREAS, the County has provided for public participation in developing the proposed revisions in accordance with the state law and County codes; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, the Department of Public Works (DPW) briefed the County Council at the Public Works Committee on the proposed revisions to chapter 30.66B SCC; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2008, the Snohomish County Planning Commission held a public hearing, received public testimony, deliberated, and voted to recommend adoption of the proposed amendment as enumerated in its recommendation letter of December 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the DPW has provided for environmental review of the proposed revision in accordance with state law and County codes; and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission, the County Executive, and the evidence offered at the public hearing before the Council, the County Council finds that it is appropriate to amend SCC 30.66B.101 Transportation Level of Service Standards: Average Daily Trip (ADT) Thresholds, to make them consistent with Table 11 in the TE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council makes the following findings:

- A. The County Council adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings as if set forth fully herein.
- B. The proposed amendment to SCC 30.66B.101 (proposed amendment) increases the ADT thresholds for rural and urban arterial units that have been designated as being at ultimate capacity.

- 1 C. The proposed amendment will help assure that the efficiency of those urban and rural arterial
2 units that have been designated as being at ultimate capacity is maintained or increased through
3 active, ongoing road system management.
- 4 D. The proposed amendment allows the County to allocate its limited public resources efficiently by
5 focusing on improvements that will have the most effect for the most citizens. The proposed
6 amendment helps assure that public resources are used to maintain concurrency and are not used
7 on roads with low volumes or on roads that have been designated at ultimate capacity.
- 8 E. The proposed amendment is consistent with General Policy Plan (GPP) Goal TR 1 and plans for
9 transportation systems (highways, arterials, transit and nonmotorized) that serve and complement
10 the future land use map (FLUM) of the GMACP.
- 11 F. The proposed amendment is consistent with TR Policy 1.B.2 and provides for types and levels of
12 transportation facilities within the County based on the types and levels of future development
13 intensity adopted in the GMACP.
- 14 G. The proposed amendment is consistent with GPP Goal TR 5 and presents transportation systems
15 that are efficient in providing adopted levels of service.
- 16 H. The proposed amendment is consistent with TR Policy 5.A.2 and provides that a level of service
17 standard is used to manage the rate of growth in rural areas and encourage more intense
18 development within urban areas.
- 19 I. The proposed amendment is consistent with TR Policy 5.A.5 and the most current edition of the
20 Highway Capacity Manual, Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C., and adopts
21 professionally accepted measures and methods in determining transportation level of service.
- 22 J. The proposed amendment is consistent with TR Policy 5.A.6 and provides for a systematic, two-
23 step method for calculating transportation level of service.
- 24 K. The provisions for level of service in the proposed amendment are also consistent with TR Policy
25 5.A.8 in ensuring that level of service will be monitored on all County arterials.
- 26 L. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and the TE
27 by providing for multi-modal transportation facilities and services.
- 28 M. The proposed amendment will ensure SCC 30.66B.101 is consistent with Table 11 of the TE.
- 29 N. The proposed amendment will make the County's development regulations consistent with the
30 most current edition of the Highway Capacity Manual, Transportation Research Board,
31 Washington, D.C.
- 32 O. The proposed ADT threshold amendment complies with RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) by
33 providing level of service standards for all locally owned arterials and transit routes to serve as a
34 gauge to judge performance of the County's transportation system.
- 35 P. On September 8, 2008, DPW issued a combined Notice of Adoption of Existing Environmental
36 Documents and Request for Comment on Proposed Code Change. The DPW adopted by
37 reference the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed for the GMACP 10-Year Update
38 issued on December 13, 2005, and the Addendum to the EIS issued on December 26, 2007.

39 **Section 2.** The County Council makes the following conclusions:

- 40 A. The proposed amendment increases the ADT thresholds for roads designated as being at ultimate
41 capacity for both rural and urban arterial units in SCC 30.66B.101 (Average Daily Trip
42 Thresholds).

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3 B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Growth Management Act's (GMA), chapter
4 36.70A RCW, requirement that development regulations must implement comprehensive plans
5 (RCW 36.70A.040).
6 C. The proposed amendment implements and supports the adopted TE as described by the GMACP.
7 D. The proposed amendment maintains consistency with the County's CPPs and the County's GMA
8 adopted development regulations.
9 E. The proposed amendment meets the goals, objectives, and policies of the GMACP as discussed in
10 the specific findings.
11 F. The proposed amendment complies with and is consistent with the procedural and substantive
12 requirements of the GMA.
13 G. All SEPA requirements with respect to this non-project action have been satisfied.
14 H. The County complied with state and local public participation requirements under the GMA and
15 chapter 30.73 SCC.
16 I. The County Council includes in its findings and conclusions the final review and evaluation of
17 the proposal completed by DPW in accordance with chapter 30.74 SCC, which is hereby made a
18 part of this ordinance as if set forth herein.

19 **Section 3.** The County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of the County
20 Council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding, which should be deemed a conclusion, and
21 any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby adopted as such.

22 **Section 4.** Snohomish County Code Section 30.66B.101, added by Ordinance No. 05-092 on December
23 21, 2005, effective February 1, 2006, is amended to read:

24 **30.66B.101 Transportation Level of Service Standard: Average Daily Trip (ADT) Thresholds**

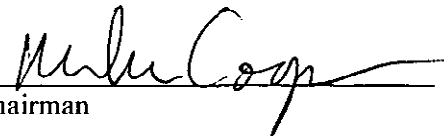
Number of Lanes	Thresholds Measured as Number of Average Daily Trips (ADT)			
	Arterial Unit <i>Not</i> Designated as Ultimate Capacity		Arterial Unit Designated as Ultimate Capacity	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
2	4,000	7,000	((17,000)) 18,000	((19,000)) 22,000
3	5,000	9,000	((26,000)) 27,000	((29,000)) 33,000
4	7,000	12,000	((33,000)) 36,000	((37,000)) 44,000
5	((9,000)) n/a	15,000	((42,000)) 45,000	((47,000)) 55,000
6	((9,000)) n/a	16,000	((48,000)) 54,000	((54,000)) 66,000
7	((12,000)) n/a	21,000	((57,000)) 63,000	((64,000)) 77,000

25 **Section 5.** The County Council directs the Code Reviser to update SCC 30.66B.101 pursuant to SCC
26 1.02.020(1).

1 **Section 6. Severability and savings.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be
2 held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the Growth Management Hearings Board (Board), or a court of
3 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or
4 constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however,
5 that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by the Board or court
6 of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause or phrase in effect prior to the effective date
7 of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect for that individual section, sentence, clause, or phrase as
8 if this ordinance had never been adopted.

9 PASSED this 4th day of March, 2009.

10 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
11 Snohomish County, Washington

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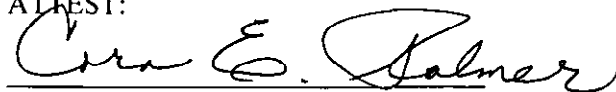
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41 **MARK SOINE**
42 **Deputy Executive**

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42 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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