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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 98-054

AMENDING COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICY TR-12 AND ADDING NEW
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICY TR-13 PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION
OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY TOMORROW; AMENDING ORDINANCE 93-004

WHEREAS, VISION 2020, Puget Sound's regional growth strategy, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) support coordinated planning for transit and land use development projects; and

WHEREAS, VISION 2020/MTP POLICY RT-8.25 states that local jurisdictions that are or will be directly served by high capacity transit service should develop specific station area plans as part of comprehensive planning efforts that provide for development, services, and facilities sufficient to support efficient transit service commensurate with regional transit investments; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit and Everett Transit have long provided transit service in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, in November 1996, voters in the Central Puget Sound region approved local funding to create a comprehensive public transportation system, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (RTA) or Sound Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) of Snohomish County Tomorrow developed proposed amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies to move toward coordinated planning for transit and land use development projects among all jurisdictions in the Snohomish County subarea; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee reviewed the PAC proposal on October 29, 1997, and again on December 10, 1997, and accepted the PAC recommendation on January 28, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council held a public hearing on July 15, 1998 to consider the amendment to Countywide Planning Policy TR-12 and the addition of Countywide Planning Policy TR-13;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Ordinance 93-004, adopted February 4, 1993, and amended by Ordinance 94-002 on February 2, 1994, Amended Ordinance 95-005 on February 15,

1995 and Ordinance 95-110 on December 20, 1995, is amended to include the following amendments to TR-12 and the addition of TR-13 to the document entitled "Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County", which was attached to, and incorporated by reference in Ordinance 93-004:

CPP TR-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

TR-12

Each local jurisdiction served by transit shall ~~Establish land use designations and site design~~ designate the general locations of planned transit facilities on their comprehensive plan maps and shall enact appropriate transit-oriented policies and standards for such locations. ~~requirements that are supportive and compatible with public transportation and as optional elements, to be separately determined by each local jurisdiction, encourage innovative techniques such as:~~ Further, each local jurisdiction that either has or anticipates Regional Transit Authority (RTA) service and/or RTA facilities shall designate the general locations of planned RTA facilities on their comprehensive plan maps and shall enact appropriate development standards to accommodate applicable RTA modes (regional express bus and/or commuter rail) and their attendant facilities. Where appropriate, all transit-oriented development should encompass the following common elements:

- a. Pedestrian-scaled neighborhoods and activity centers to stimulate use of high occupancy vehicles, transit and ride sharing;
- b. mixed land uses and pedestrian friendly design, and Appropriate intensity and mix of development;
- c. Safe, pleasant and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- d. Safe and convenient access and transfer between local transit, auto and RTA service; and
- e. Employment-intensive land uses and shared parking.

NOTE: An excellent resource that local jurisdictions can use is the Sno-Tran guidebook entitled "A Guide to Land Use and Public Transportation," Volumes I and II.

A NEW CPP TR-13 IS ADDED WHICH READS:

TR-13

The current Regional Transit Authority (RTA) plan, Sound Move, does not include light rail in the Snohomish County subarea. However, as part of a future plan, the RTA, together with local jurisdictions and other affected agencies shall determine the location of a future light rail corridor within the

Snohomish County RTA District. After the identified corridor has been adopted and designated on comprehensive plan maps, the RTA and other affected agencies, together with local jurisdictions, should endeavor to preserve the appropriate right-of-way in the future light rail corridor.

Section 2 Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

PASSED this 15th day of July, 1998.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

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Chair

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