

Cover Letter

January 17, 2025

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS or Draft EIS) for the City of Poulsbo 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear Reader:

The City of Poulsbo is updating its Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA; RCW 36.70A). The plan is designed to help the City meet its long-term vision for land use and growth management in incorporated city limits and associated unincorporated urban growth area.

In accordance with GMA, the 2024 Update addresses and 2044 horizon year, and considers new population, housing and job targets, changes to the future Land Use map, a fair share of affordable housing, housing policy amendments to address racially disparate impacts, and supporting investments in parks and multimodal/active transportation, utilities, and public services. The comprehensive plan is also required to be consistent with the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), and with regional plans such as the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC's) Vision 2050 which contains the Multi-County Planning Policies (MPPs).

This Draft EIS studies four land use and growth alternatives that include a no action and three action alternatives. All four alternatives assume growth consistent with PSRC's Vision 2050 and the Kitsap CPPs: 5,646 new persons, 4,000 new jobs, and 1,977 new housing units.

Alternative 1 No Action, Current Adopted Plan

Alternative 2 Adopted Plan + Missing Middle Housing Emphasis

Alternative 3 Growth focused within SR 305 Corridor Center

Alternative 4 Growth focused within SR 305 Corridor Center + Increase to density in Residential Medium and Residential High zoning districts

The City of Poulsbo is requesting comments from citizens, agencies, affected tribes, and all interested parties on the DEIS from January 17, 2025, to February 18, 2025. **Comments are due by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.**

The City is pleased to release this Draft EIS, which required additional time in order to complete appropriate and desired capital facilities planning and evaluation. The City will select a preferred alternative based upon this DEIS in March 2025. The preferred alternative may include or combine elements from each alternative as presented in this DEIS.

Email comments are preferred and should be sent to plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com. Please include "Draft EIS Comments" in the subject line and include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachment.

All written comments should be directed to:

Via Email:

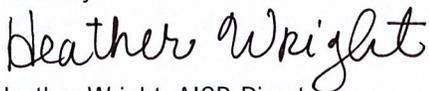
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The DEIS and more information are available on the project website at: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-development/2024compplanupdate/>.

Sincerely



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