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### **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 21, 2013

**To:** Transportation Commission

**From:** Paul Stewart, Deputy Planning Director

**Subject:** GMA Comprehensive Plan Update

#### **Recommendation**

Transportation Commission receive a briefing on the Comprehensive Plan update process.

#### **Background**

The City is initiating work on the update to the Comprehensive Plan. On February 8, 2013, staff presented the proposed approach to the plan update to the City Council as part of their retreat discussion. At the February 14 Planning Commission meeting staff also provided a similar presentation and conveyed the City Council's discussion comments and direction from the Council retreat. At that meeting the Planning Commission indicated a strong interest meeting with the Transportation Commission on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) since land use and transportation are so closely linked and the TMP will form the basis for the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Attached is an issue paper that describes the City's approach to the Comprehensive Plan update. It is organized under the following main topics:

- Why are we doing this?
- Growth Management Act Framework
- How do we do this?
- What do we need to do?
- Community outreach and engagement.

Other materials were provided to the Council for their retreat and are included as attachments to this memo.

Included in the packet is the general work program and schedule (Attachment 5). A more detailed work program will be prepared following the Council retreat. The Planning Commission will be the lead advisory group on this effort and will be working closely with the Transportation Commission and Park Board. The general work program notes City Council review and "check-in" points throughout the process.

Attachments

1. Guide to Periodic Update Process under GMA
2. Department of Commerce Comprehensive Plan Checklist
3. Department of Commerce Sample GMA Update Work Program
4. Countywide Planning Policies 2006-2031 Growth Targets
5. City of Kirkland GMA Comprehensive Plan Work Program
6. IAP2 Spectrum