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# PLAN SUMMARY

In December 2003, the Burien City Council completed its first substantial update to the 1997 Comprehensive Plan (the Burien Plan), the City's first plan adopted under the Growth Management Act, as recommended by the Planning Commission. These formal actions by the City Council are recorded in the records of the City Clerk. This edition of the Burien Plan incorporates both the Planning Commission recommendations and the City Council amendments into one document.

Approval of the Burien Plan was the culmination of an extensive public process that began upon the City's incorporation in 1993. This process is summarized in the Burien Plan's Background section of Chapter 1. The organization of the Burien Plan is summarized below:

- Chapter 1: Executive Summary** - provides background information on the comprehensive planning process, the relationship of the plan to state and local legislation, and expresses the Burien Vision. The Executive Summary also summarizes the major concepts of the Plan, as well as the goals and policies contained each element of the Plan.
- Chapter 2: Plan Policies** - contains the goals and policies of each Plan element, including land use; community character; housing; transportation; utilities; parks, recreation and open space; and stormwater.
- Chapter 3: Capital Improvement Program** - outlines the capital improvements needed to support the implementation of the Plan. It includes a list of potential capital projects and a discussion of possible funding sources.
- Chapter 4: Existing Conditions** - provides a detailed description of the planning area's natural and built environment. This chapter also provides a demographic and economic profile of the planning area, as well as a comparison of the community with neighboring jurisdictions.
- Chapter 5: Issues and Impacts** - contains the environmental review, or Environmental Impact Analysis (Draft EIS) of the Plan required by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Chapter compares and analyzes the potential impacts of different land use alternatives on the environment considered for the original Burien Plan in 1997. This Chapter also includes an Addendum to this analysis prepared in 2003. The Addendum evaluates proposed amendments associated with the 7-year update of the Burien Plan.

**Chapter 6: Appendices** – contains other documents referenced in the Comprehensive Plan. Documents include sub area and specialty plans such as Neighborhood Plans and other specific facility plans such as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.

The original Burien Plan EIS was developed through an integrated GMA/SEPA process. Proposed Planning Commission recommendations, public, and agency comments associated with the environmental impacts of the original Burien Plan and updates to it are retained on file with the City and are available to the public upon request.

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