

**2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$150,000 to limit expenditures in the Planning BCL on the 7-year Comprehensive Plan update.

**Councilmembers:** Bagshaw; Burgess; Clark; Conlin

**Staff Analyst:** Ketil Freeman

**Council Bill or Resolution:**

Date		Total	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
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	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

***Budget Action description:***

This action would impose a proviso on the Department of Planning and Development’s (DPD’s) Planning Budget Control Level (BCL) to limit expenditures in 2012 on the 7-year Comprehensive Plan update.

The Growth Management Act requires that jurisdictions undergo a major update to their Comprehensive Plans every 7-years. The state-imposed deadline for the 7-year update for jurisdictions in King County is June 30, 2015. DPD proposed to allocate about \$544,000, which would fund approximately three FTEs, to the 7-year update in 2012. This would allow for Council action in 2013, two year before the state deadline.

DPD and the Council have an ambitious land use work program for 2012. Significant initiatives include, but are not limited to, ongoing neighborhood planning in Bitter Lake / Haller Lake and Rainier Beach; station area planning for operating light rail stations in southeast Seattle; review of the Mayor’s proposed upzone for South Lake Union; review and adoption of the state-required Shoreline Master Program update; and planning for the University Community Urban Center. Resources that are proposed to be programmed for the 7-year Comprehensive Plan update could be wholly or partially diverted to work on these other initiatives.

The Council requests through SLI 63-1-A that DPD propose an incremental approach to the update by the end of the first quarter 2012 that would allow for action by the state deadline but with a more even distribution of effort over the next several years.

**This green sheet would adopt the following budget proviso:**

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\* *Has Proviso*

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“No more than \$150,000 in the 2012 budget for the Department of Planning and Development’s Planning BCL may be spent for the 7-year Comprehensive Plan update required by RCW 36.70A.130.”