FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING KITSAP COUNTY ROAD STANDARDS UPDATE

Section 1. General Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general findings as follows:

1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.

2. The GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(1), mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.

3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides that the county legislative authorities shall make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in conflict with state law.

4. Kitsap County Public Works Road Standards were last updated in 2020. Several inconsistencies and areas of uncertainty have been identified by County staff and the development community at large. The 2026 Standards update is intended as a cleanup activity to allow staff and document users more clarity, while a more significant update is discussed with efforts beginning in 2027.

Section 2. General Procedural Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general procedural findings as follows:

1. Public outreach regarding the proposed code and code amendments was conducted through community outreach to the Kitsap Builders Association, postings in the Kitsap Sun newspaper, and direct notification to GovDelivery subscribers.

2. On October 7th 2026, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance was issued for proposed amendments. A 14-day comment period concluded on October 21st 2026.

3. Staff held two Planning Commission workshops on September 15th and September 29th where commentary was taken into consideration before preparing the draft standards for public hearing.

4. On November 17th 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to accept comments from interested parties.

5. On the November 17th 2026, the written comment period closed with the Planning Commission receiving a 59 comments.

6. On December 1st 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendments, the testimony presented, and the record, and made recommendations via approved motions during deliberations.

7. On December 7th 2026, a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce as required by RCW 36.70A.106.

Section 3. General Substantive Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general substantive findings as follows:

1. The proposed 2026 Road Standards are consistent with applicable state design requirements, including the WSDOT Standard Specifications, AASHTO Guidance Manuals, and adopted Kitsap County Municipal codes. a

2. The proposed standards reflect changes to provide clear guidance to developers, engineers, and contractors.

3. The proposed standards are considered a procedural update before a more comprehensive update process in undertaken which will include commitments made within the public comment response log(s).

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the proposed Kitsap County Road Standards Update and, following deliberation, a final motion to recommend approval of the proposal.

The motion passed _____ and was supported by _____ approved motions(s) that made changes to the amendments presented by staff.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS _____ DAY OF _____.

BY _____
ASHLEE HALL, CHAIR