

Kate Koch - Fwd: WHATCOM 2031 DEIS COMMENTS

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RE: WHATCOM 2031 DEIS

We were very involved in the last Comprehensive Plan Update and are knowledgeable in what is going on during this process.

We think Alternative Y would be the best choice for Whatcom County. The smaller cities would be able to bring in more Industrial and Commercial, leading to less commutes into Bellingham. People living in and around these smaller cities would have the feel and ambiance of living in a rural area but be able to work and shop locally. This would make for less traffic, less greenhouse gas. It would give people a feeling of community for all of the Cities, including Bellingham.

We just read that Lynden may be planning on lifting their big box store ban and this could make for a bigger share of shoppers having to drive into Bellingham to shop.

Bellingham has enough land for the next 20 years at least, with the waterfront coming in and the small urban villages being planned. It seems the neighborhoods are becoming more friendly to the idea of urban villages. There is no need to add Bellingham's UGA. We have always stressed for infill and Bellingham seems to be trying to do that at this point.

Thank you,

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