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Good morning,

At its April 26, 2011 work session the County Council considered the changes to the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Planning Commission and decided to incorporate those changes (except a proposed change to the Laurel LAMIRD boundary) into the final ordinance. At the regular County Council meeting that night, following a public hearing on the rural element ordinance, the Council introduced an ordinance that included the Planning Commission recommendations (except the Laurel boundary), a small revision to the text in the Lake Whatcom text in the Comprehensive Plan, and a change to the zoning code adding the addition of a 25-foot buffer in commercial and industrial zones bordering the Agriculture zone.

Because a revised ordinance has been introduced, final adoption cannot occur until after another public hearing at the May 10 County Council meeting regarding the changes discussed above. The record is open for public comment through that public hearing for those changed items.

The text and maps for the draft ordinance that was introduced on April 26 are posted on the "Proposed" page of the web site, <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/plan/long/projects/lamird/proposed.jsp>.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the draft materials, please let me know.

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