

8 June 2005
Meeting Comments
Shuksan Middle School

- LII not appropriate on Marine Drive (beyond existing businesses to Chartwell)
- Roads: barely handle traffic now – what about future? Arterials – Bakerview – awful
- Why is Marine Drive proposed for improvement while traffic problems elsewhere are worse?
- Issue: city, county, state jurisdictions for roads
- W Maplewood – speeding – can't sell house in Gateway Industrial
- URMX – annexation process?
- City is discriminating against that area – has sewer and water – Bellingham should annex it.
- When rezoning should consider effects of setbacks, etc. on existing owners/uses
- Will Marine Drive improvements include a sewer line?
- Can people build on vacant lots in UR3 (near airport)
- What is status of annexing Little Squalicum Beach?
- How can city put sewer line out in county?
- Is zoning change near airport due to airport increase in operations or expansion?
- Is there a way to facilitate industrial development?
- URMX zone seems to be changing
- How can airport reduce noise? (military flights)
- Large lots in Birchwood area – why can't people develop those lots at higher density?
- Can't develop URMX lots – access problem
- Lack of large areas for parks and recreation in Birchwood area
- Problem trying to develop in UGA with city and county jurisdiction and lack of coordination
- What is current population and what is timeline for plan?
- Property taxes are going to go up next year
- Setbacks and buffers next to nonconforming uses (residential) make it hard to develop in commercial/industrial zones
- Industrial noise at 4:00 a.m. – concrete grinding – also odors from Oeser
- What are noise standards for aircraft? Seems to be getting noisier
- What about light pollution?
- Who enforces noise standards – airport and industrial?
- Seems like airport noise is increasing. Does airport have a program for retrofitting existing homes for noise attenuation?
- Helicopters are flying pretty low
- Problem getting onto Bakerview from Pacific Highway

- Increased noise from jets. Maybe city and county could establish noise baseline and monitor
- Lack of parking for apartments causing people to park on road. Can we do something about it? Require more parking? Traffic hazard – visibility
- Is there a city or county requirement to put utilities underground?