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Date: January 3, 2020
To: Metro Council and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee
From: Andrew Scott, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Subject: Annual report on amendments to the Title 4 Employment and Industrial Areas Map

Background

Title 4 (Industrial and Other Employment Areas) of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan seeks to improve the region's economy by protecting a supply of sites for employment by limiting the types and scale of non-industrial uses in Regionally Significant Industrial Areas, Industrial Areas, and Employment Areas. Those areas are depicted on the Employment and Industrial Areas Map.

Title 4 sets forth several avenues for amending the map, either through a Metro Council ordinance or through an executive order, depending on the circumstances. Title 4 requires that, by January 31 of each year, Metro's Chief Operating Officer submit a written report to the Council and MPAC on the cumulative effects on employment land in the region of amendments to the Employment and Industrial Areas Map during the preceding year. This memo constitutes the report for 2019.

Title 4 map amendments in 2018

There were no amendments made to the Title 4 Map in 2019 either by the Council or through executive order.

Councilors may be aware of some city or county rezonings from industrial to other uses that occurred during 2019. None of those rezonings were found to be in conflict with Title 4, so amendments to the Title 4 Map were not necessary or requested by cities or counties.

Chief Operating Officer recommendations

I do not, at this time, recommend changes to Title 4 policies. However, the intended refresh of the 2040 Growth Concept and its work program on the future of the economy may eventually lead to policy and regulatory updates for Metro Council consideration.