



# Work Release Expansion Project

Pierce County



# Agenda

## Meeting Objectives:

- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Recap where the project is in the process
- ✓ Ask questions and get answers
- ✓ Next steps and close out

Time	Topic	Lead
4:00 – 4:10	Introductions and Review Contacts	Mike Schindler, <i>Facilitator</i>
4:10 – 4:15	Program Restart	Mark Kucza, <i>DOC Reentry Senior Administrator, Project Lead</i>
4:15 – 4:35	Program Overview	Mike Schindler
4:35 – 4:40	Site Review	Tony Lindgren, <i>KMB architects (Consultant)</i> Gar Rodside, <i>DOC Facilities Senior Planner</i>
4:40 – 5:00	Next Steps	Mark Kucza Nanette Graham, <i>DOC Director of Capital Planning &amp; Development</i>
5:00 – 5:20	Questions and Answers (Q&A)	Mike Schindler
5:20 – 5:30	Close Out	Mike Schindler

Mike Schindler, *Facilitator*



# Introductions and Review Contacts

## LAC Member Contact Information

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# Work Release Expansion

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DOC Mission: To Improve Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

DOC Vision: Working Together for safe Communities

- Work Release Expansion
  - Work release facilities serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Incarcerated individuals who complete the work release program are more likely to be successful in maintaining employment, stable housing, and in paying legal financial obligations. Recent research conducted by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy indicates that work release programs have a positive cost/benefit impact; for every dollar spent, \$3.82 is returned to the state.

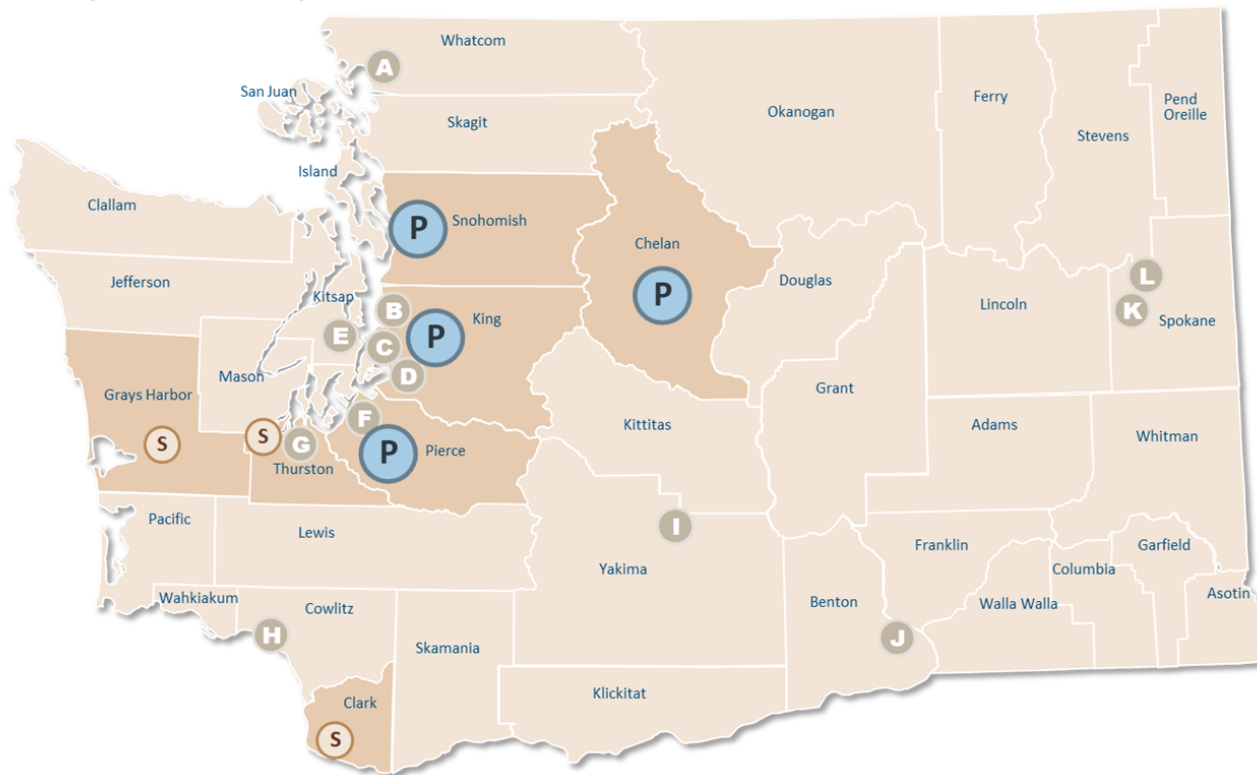
# Program Overview

## Work Release Expansion

- Established Local Advisory Committees
  - Snohomish, Chelan, King, Pierce

Department of Corrections

### Primary and Secondary Work Release Service Areas



Mark Kucza, DOC Reentry Senior Administrator, Project Lead

# Work Release Expansion

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- Local Advisory Committee Education and Engagement
  - Existing facilities
  - Request for Proposals (RFP) for new sites
  - Data, testimonials
  - LAC Communication Plan
  - Decision making process
- Gained mutual understanding of:
  - The State Work Release Expansion Project and timeline
  - Local community concerns about state work release
  - Why DOC is looking here?
  - State work release operations and requirements
  - Mutually agreeable site options
- DOC Work Release Program website:
  - <https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm>

# Overview of Siting Process

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- Background Information
  - The **Growth Management Act** (GMA) is a series of state statutes, first adopted in 1990, that requires fast-growing cities and counties to develop a comprehensive plan to manage their population growth. [Chapter 36.70A RCW](#)
  - **Essential public facilities** include those facilities that are typically difficult to site, such as airports, state education facilities and state or regional transportation facilities, regional transit authority facilities, state and local correctional facilities, solid waste handling facilities, and inpatient facilities including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, group homes, and secure community transition facilities.
  - **Conditional use** refers to a land use requiring special review to ensure compatibility with existing, permitted uses in the same zone. A conditional use permit allows a property owner to develop property with special uses imposing conditions to help maintain a balance with the surrounding neighborhood. Typically, Essential Public Facilities require a Conditional Use Permit.

## Site Review

# High Level Zoning and Code analysis (as of June 2020)

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- 2 sites reviewed by consultant, KMB architects
  - Tacoma – 2213 N Warner Street
  - Tacoma – 1007 Center Street (current DOC location)
- High level zoning and code analysis determined that 2213 N Warner Street zoning is Single Family Dwelling (R-2) and is not suitable for a Work Release Facility.
- The property at 1007 Center Street is currently operated as a DOC facility and zoned Light Industry (M-1). Tacoma Municipal Code defines WR facilities as Essential Public facilities and subject to the conditional use process. This site appears viable to pursue as an option.



# Program Expansion Planning

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- Timeline
  - COVID-19 impacts
  - Tied to siting progress
- Budget
  - COVID-19 impacts
  - Tied to siting progress
- Communication Plan
  - Will need populating/refreshing based upon location
- Other?

# Questions and Answers

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- Open discussion
- Action Items

# Closing

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- Local Advisory Committee materials
  - On DOC website: <https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm>
  - Materials available within 2 weeks
- Email questions
  - Pierce County
  - [docwrexpandpc@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docwrexpandpc@doc1.wa.gov)
- Next Meeting
  - Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (recurring 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

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*Thank you!*