

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: October 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Letter of Commitment with State Department of Commerce for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Climate Planning Grant Application

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Commitment with the State Department of Commerce for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Climate Planning Grant Application.

2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City is required to conduct a Growth Management Act periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations. For the current cycle, the City is required to complete work on the periodic update by June 30, 2025. Work on the periodic update started last fall.

The State Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant allocation is \$500,000. The grant would allow the City to hire consultants to assist with the state requirement to prepare a Climate Element as part of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update, as well as make other related updates to other elements of the Plan.

The General Government Committee received a briefing on this item at their October 11, 2023 meeting and recommended that it be placed on the City Council's consent agenda for approval.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LU-1: Ensure the Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City plans and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

Policy LU-1.14 Coordinate the Land Use Element with the strategies in the most recent version of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The City will be filing an application for a State Department of Commerce grant for \$500,000 before October 31, 2023, to support this work as part of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. There is no City match for this grant.

6) Attachments:

A. Letter of Commitment – Climate Planning Grant Application