

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Deputy Community Development Director
DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program

1) Recommended Action:

Review and discuss the draft 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program and schedule for approval by the City Council on the January 21, 2025 consent calendar.

2) Background:

The City Council, Planning Commission, residents, property owners, and City staff can propose annual work program items. The major focus of the draft 2025 long range planning work program will be on completing the state mandated 2025 Comprehensive Plan and development code periodic update.

The City Council approves an annual long range planning work program at the beginning of each year. The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the draft 2025 long range planning work program at their November 26, 2024, meeting.

The City Council and the Planning Commission discussed the draft 2025 long range planning work program and the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update at a joint work session on December 10, 2024, and the General Government Committee had a follow-up discussion at their meeting on December 11, 2025.

Based on discussions at the General Government Committee, staff have included the Tree Preservation code amendments in the 2025 long range planning work program and moved review of the Multifamily Family Tax Exemption Program (MFTE) “below the line” to be considered as projects in the annual work program are completed and staff time is available. Per TMC 3.30.130, applications for the MFTE program will not be accepted after December 31, 2026, so it is likely that review of the MFTE program will occur in 2026.

The other two related urban forestry amendments related to street trees and landscaping will remain “below the line” until 2026.

3) Policy Support:

Land Use Element Policy LU-1.9: Ensure consistency between the Land Use Element and the Tumwater Zoning Code.

Land Use Element Action LU-1.9.1: Implement the Land Use Element by revising the Zoning Code and other municipal Codes to reflect the goals, policies, actions, and designations outlined in the Land Use Element.

4) Alternatives:

None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The work program includes items that are internally funded as well as those that are funded through outside grants.

6) Attachments:

A. Draft 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program