

TO: General Government Committee
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DATE: July 12, 2023
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Process – Community Engagement Plan

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the final draft of the Community Engagement Plan for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update. Please review the attached memorandum and be prepared to discuss.

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.

At the direction of the City Administrator, the Comprehensive Plan document that will come out of the periodic update process will be shorter, leaner, and more user friendly. The updated Comprehensive Plan will consist of shorter individual Elements and Plans with appendices that contain the required technical information. At the end of the process, there will also be a brief Comprehensive Plan goal and policy guide for use by staff and policymakers.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will address diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the Plan and incorporate climate mitigation, adaptation, and sustainability goals and actions in all the individual Elements and Plans.

The current Comprehensive Plan does not reflect the increases in City population, the growth of City through annexations, and the transformation of semi-rural areas to urban development. Most importantly, it does not reflect the current needs of City residents.

The intent of this briefing is to present and discuss the final draft of the Community Engagement Plan Memorandum for the periodic update.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LPP-1: Provide sufficient and efficient services to Tumwater and the Urban Growth Area.

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.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is primarily an internally funded work program task. Application for a Washington State Department of Commerce grant funding to support the periodic update of \$125,000 were made available July 1, 2023.

6) Attachments:

- ☐ Community Engagement Plan
- ☐ Presentation