

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: August 9, 2023
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Work Program and Schedule

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the work program and schedule 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.

The Comprehensive Plan document that will come out of the periodic update process will be shorter, leaner, and more user friendly and consist of shorter individual Elements focusing on goals, policies, and actions with appendices containing 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 either in a separate new Element or as part of all the individual Elements.

The intent of this worksession is to present and discuss the work program and schedule for GGC briefings on elements of 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. The City has filed an application

for a Washington State Department of Commerce grant funding to support the periodic update of \$125,000.

6) Attachments:

- A. Memorandum
- B. Presentation
- C. A Guide to the Periodic Update Process Under the Growth Management Act
- D. Periodic Update Checklist for Fully-Planning Cities
- E. Critical Areas Checklist