# **SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM:**





### Introduction

The City of SeaTac is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP to be reviewed, and revised if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the state Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other SeaTac plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to describe how SeaTac will encourage early and continuous public input throughout the SMP review process, including the steps that SeaTac will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as SeaTac contact information and web addresses.

This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation over the course of the periodic review process.

# 1.0 Public Participation Goals

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the periodic review process.
- Encourage interested parties to informally review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide those comments to decision makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

# 2.0 Public Participation Opportunities

SeaTac is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process and will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage participation, including the following:

#### 2.1 Website

SeaTac's website will include a periodic review webpage where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, minutes and other project information. It can be found at: <a href="www.seatacwa.gov/shorelineupdate">www.seatacwa.gov/shorelineupdate</a>. The webpage will be the primary repository

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of all information related to the periodic review process, including draft documents, official notices, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and other project information. The page will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

### 2.2 Noticing

A flyer will be mailed to all property owners and tenants along Angle Lake notifying them of the upcoming SMP review and inviting them to join an email list of interested parties. The list will be maintained by the Community and Economic Development Department and will be used to notify interested parties regarding periodic review progress and participation opportunities, including the open house and public hearing. Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager, at 206.973.4842 or jkester@seatacwa.gov.

### 2.3 Public Comment Periods and Hearings

The Planning Commission will hold an introductory meeting to review and discuss the periodic update and proposed SMP revisions. The Planning Commission will provide recommendations for amendments to City Council at a separate meeting. City Council and/or the Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Council may have a study session to discuss the Planning Commission's recommendations prior to adoption.

A public open house will be held immediately prior to a public hearing which will be held before the Planning Commission during the 30-day public comment period. SeaTac will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology's optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104). Public notice of all comment periods and hearings will state who is holding the comment period and/or hearing, the date and time, and the location of any public hearing. Notices will be published per official policy and comply with all other legal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. A notice will be sent to the email list (2.2, above), stakeholders (3.0, below) and the Department of Ecology.

Following the joint public comment period, the City will provide documentation of comments received, City responses to comments, and proposed amendments based on public comments and the public hearing. Upon initial determination from the Department of Ecology, the City Council will adopt proposed amendments.

#### 2.4 News media

The local news media will be kept up to date on the periodic review process and receive copies of all official notices.

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## 2.5 Ongoing Comment

All documents under consideration will be available on the periodic review webpage and available for review at SeaTac City Hall. Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments by letter or e-mail. All comments will be compiled and provided to the Planning Commission and City Council.

### 3.0 Stakeholders

SeaTac will reach out to the following stakeholders:

Washington Department of Ecology
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Army Corps of Engineers
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
King County
City of Burien
City of Tukwila
City of Normandy Park
City of Des Moines
City of Kent
City of Seattle

Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group Shoreline property owners on Angle Lake

# 4.0 Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. SeaTac will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the periodic review webpage.

December Januar	'
Januar	Propose draft amendments Planning Commission review
February Marc	
April - Jun	Environmental review (SEPA)

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<b>Ecology</b> initia	determination	(up to 45	days)
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