



## MEMORANDUM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 11/17/2023  
To: Planning Commission  
From: Kate Kaehny, Principal Planner  
Subject: **Planning Commission Kick-Off: Envision SeaTac 2044 Phase 2 Community Conversation - Where and How Will SeaTac Grow in the Next 20 Years**

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The upcoming briefing will kick-off the Planning Commission’s work on Phase 2 of the Envision SeaTac 2044 Project. Phase 2 will focus on facilitating community input on where and how the city will accommodate new housing and job growth over the next 20 years, while concurrently identifying potential updates to related policies in the Comprehensive Plan. The main goals of Tuesday’s briefing are to:

- Provide an overview of the Planning Commission’s role and anticipated activities as the main community advisory group through each phase of the Envision SeaTac 2044 project,
- Present an update on the Phase 1 community engagement process and a final invitation to participate in the Phase 1 Community Conversation/ “City Vision Poll,” which will close at the end of November, and
- Kick-off the Planning Commission’s Phase 2 project work by facilitating a “deep dive discussion” on the Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Element and Background Report, and key policy guidance on where and how the city should grow.

### **ENVISION SEATAC 2044 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The main goal of the Envision SeaTac 2044 project is to undertake a major update of the Comprehensive Plan, as required by the state Growth Management Act, and re-set the City’s growth and development strategies for the years 2024-2044. Updates will incorporate community priorities and align with new state and regional growth requirements and the project will include a robust, inclusive, and continuous community engagement process. The Envision project will closely coordinate with and leverage work from the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update and City Center/Airport District Subarea Plan projects, which are also underway. (These three projects are collectively known as the “Planning Our City Together” projects.)

### **ANTICIPATED PROJECT PHASES & TIMELINES**

The table on the following page highlights the “Community Conversation” topics that the public involvement and Comprehensive Plan review process are organized around. See pages 14 through 20 in the [Envision SeaTac 2044 Public Involvement Plan](#) for additional information.

**Envision SeaTac 2044 Project Phases & Anticipated Timeline**

Phase	Envision SeaTac 2044 Community Conversation Topics - <i>Related Comprehensive Plan Chapters Under Review</i>	Timeline
Phase 1	Community Vision and Priorities for SeaTac’s Future - <i>Chapter: Introduction &amp; Framework</i>	Fall 2023
Phase 2	Where and How Will SeaTac Grow Over the Next 20 Years: Urban Villages and Complete Communities - <i>Chapters: Land Use Element, new Urban Center chapter, new Neighborhoods chapter (early work on Housing &amp; Human Services, Economic Vitality, and other chapters)</i>	Fall 2023/ Winter 2024
Phase 3	Housing, Human Services and Economic Development to Support SeaTac’s Future - <i>Chapters Housing &amp; Human Services Element, Economic Vitality Element</i>	Winter 2024
Phase 4	SeaTac’s Future Transportation and Parks & Recreation Systems - <i>Chapters Transportation Element, Transportation Master Plan, Parks, Recreation &amp; Open Space Element</i>	Spring 2024
Phase 5	Resilient Natural and Built Environments for SeaTac’s Future - <i>Chapters: Environment Element, Utilities Element, Capital Facilities Element</i>	Spring/ Summer 2024
Phase 6	Draft & Final SeaTac 2044 Plan	Summer/ Fall 2024

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS TO REVIEW TO ASSIST WITH BRIEFING**

To assist with the upcoming briefing, Commissioners can review the Chapter 2 Land Use Element and Background Report (see links below or PDFs provided as part of this packet). Please note that the focus of Tuesday’s briefing will be on understanding key growth and development policies in the Land Use Element that set the current framework for where and how the city will grow.

**Ch. 2: Land Use Element**

[Land Use Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies](#)

[Land Use Background Report](#)

**Packet Materials**

Packet materials include the following:

- This memo
- Presentation slides to be reviewed at meeting
- City Vision Poll Poster to share with friends, family, others
- Copies of Land Use Element and Background Report