

Seattle
2035
YOUR CITY, YOUR FUTURE



Comprehensive Plan Update

Presentation

1. Introduction
2. Seattle 2035 Overview
3. Proposed Alternatives
4. EIS Overview
5. Proposed EIS Scope
6. Schedule and Next Steps

What will we be talking about tonight?

- Provide an overview of Seattle 2035
- Describe EIS process
- Review proposed scope of review for the Comprehensive Plan Update EIS
- Comments, questions and answers

Comp Plan 101

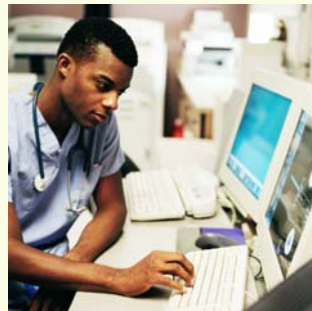
What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- 20-year vision
- Guides growth
- Guides city investments
- Protects regional resources



How does the Plan manage growth?

- The **urban village strategy** directs new jobs and housing to local business districts with existing infrastructure.
- Accepting continued growth and **getting the benefits** it provides.
- Directing **new infrastructure** to areas where growth is anticipated.



What is the Urban Village Strategy?

Grow in designated places:

- 6 urban centers
- 6 hub urban villages
- 18 residential urban villages
- 2 manufacturing and industrial centers





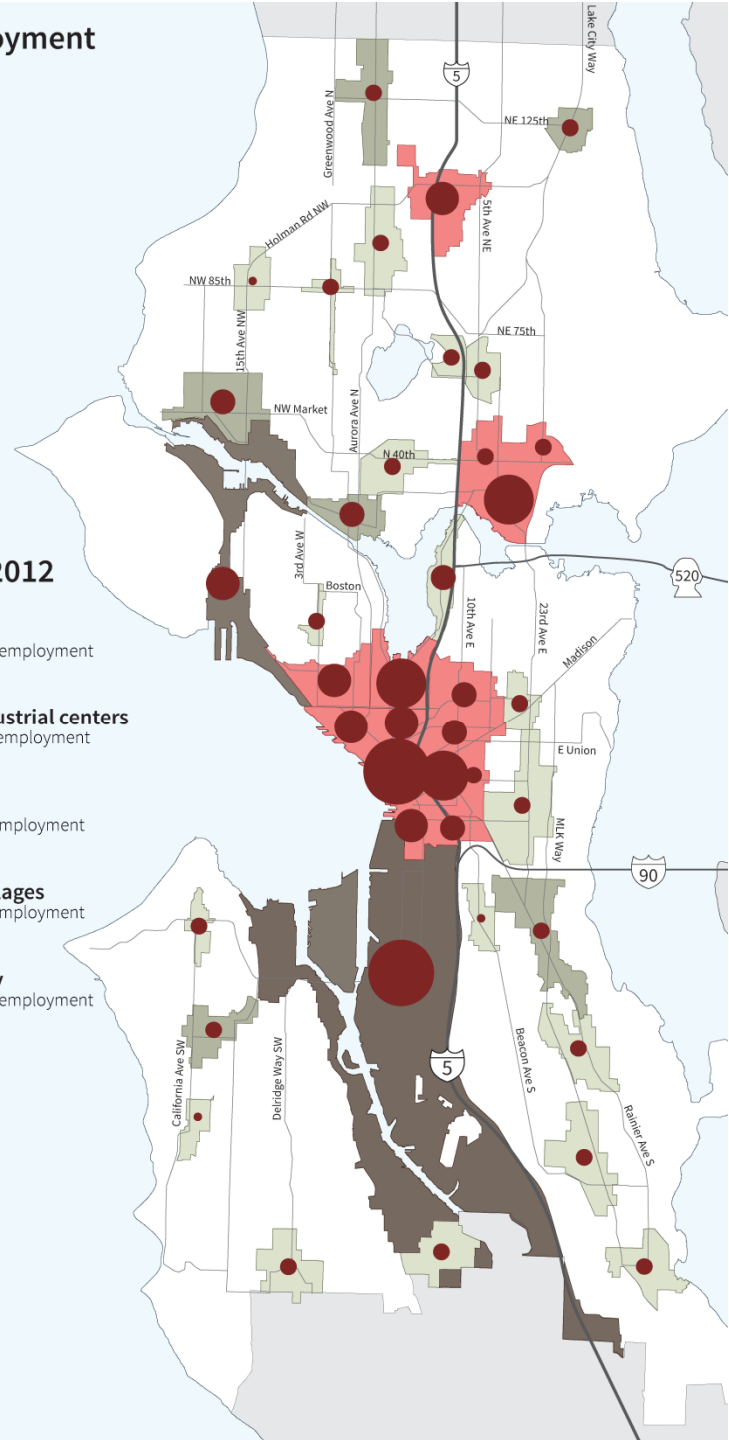
73% new jobs in
uc+huv+mic

2012 covered employment

- <1,000
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- 5,000-9,999
- 10,000-24,999
- 25,000-49,999
- 50,000+

Between 2004 and 2012

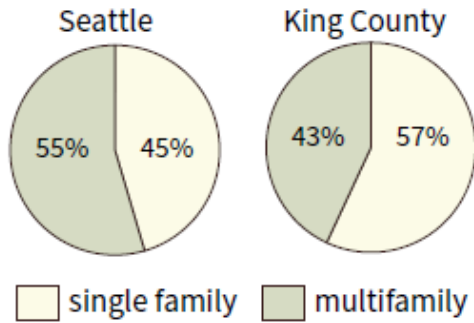
- urban centers
68% of change in covered employment
- manufacturing / industrial centers
-6% of change in covered employment
- hub urban villages
4% of change in covered employment
- residential urban villages
2% of change in covered employment
- remainder of the city
32% of change in covered employment



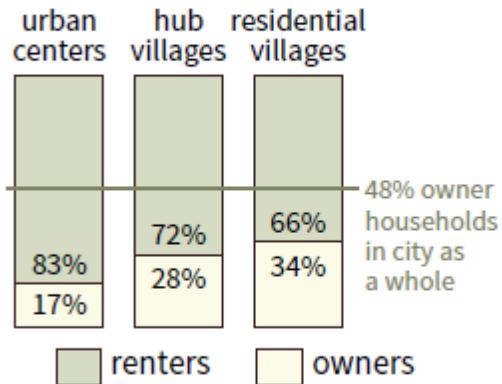
How Seattle is changing

HOUSING

Type of building



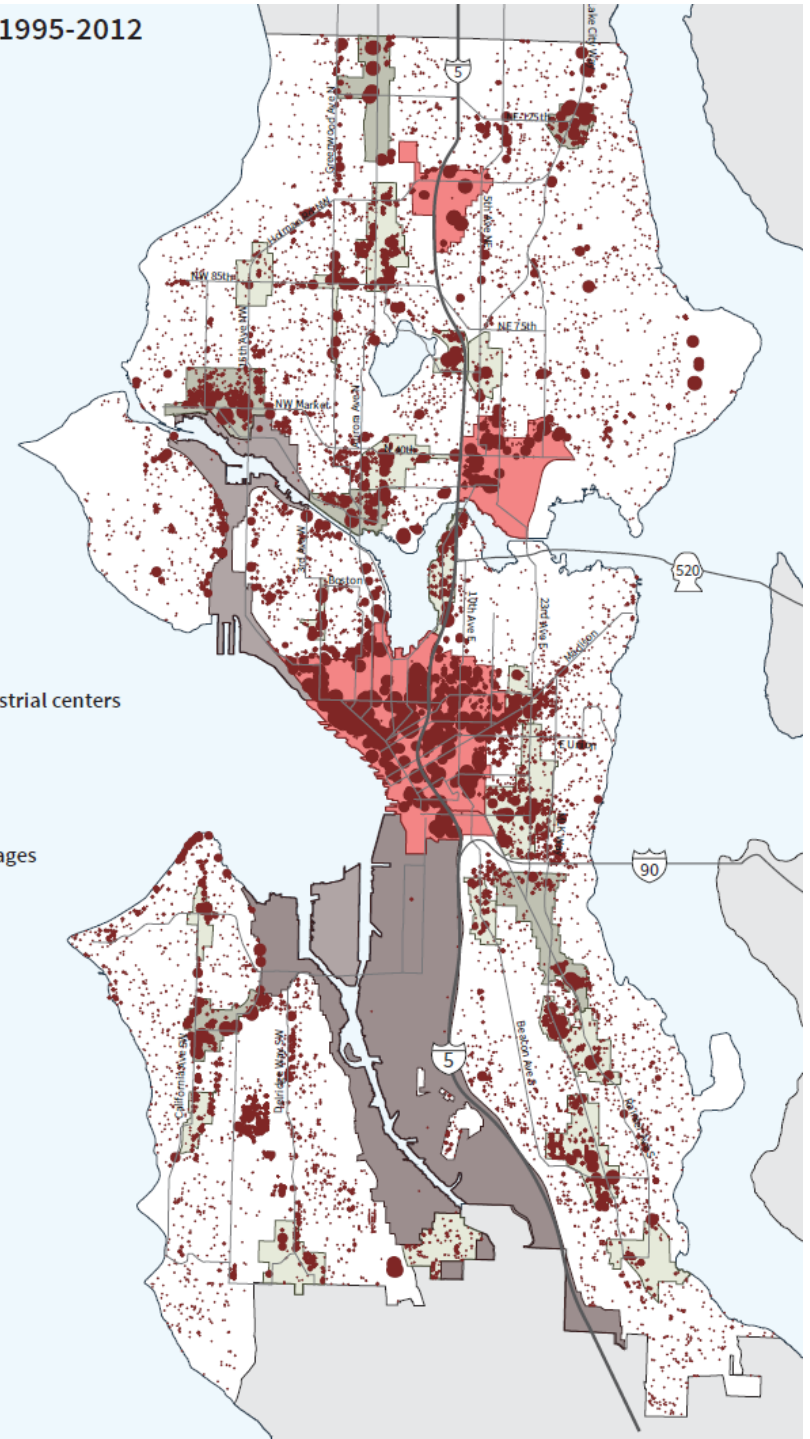
Renter & owner households



Housing units built 1995-2012

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21-50
- 51-100
- 100+

- urban centers
43% of new housing units
- manufacturing / industrial centers
<1% of new housing units
- hub urban villages
13% of new housing units
- residential urban villages
19% of new housing units
- remainder of the city
25% of new housing units



J O B S

Workers by place of work

Seattle	King County	U.S.
74%	41%	42%
26%	59%	58%

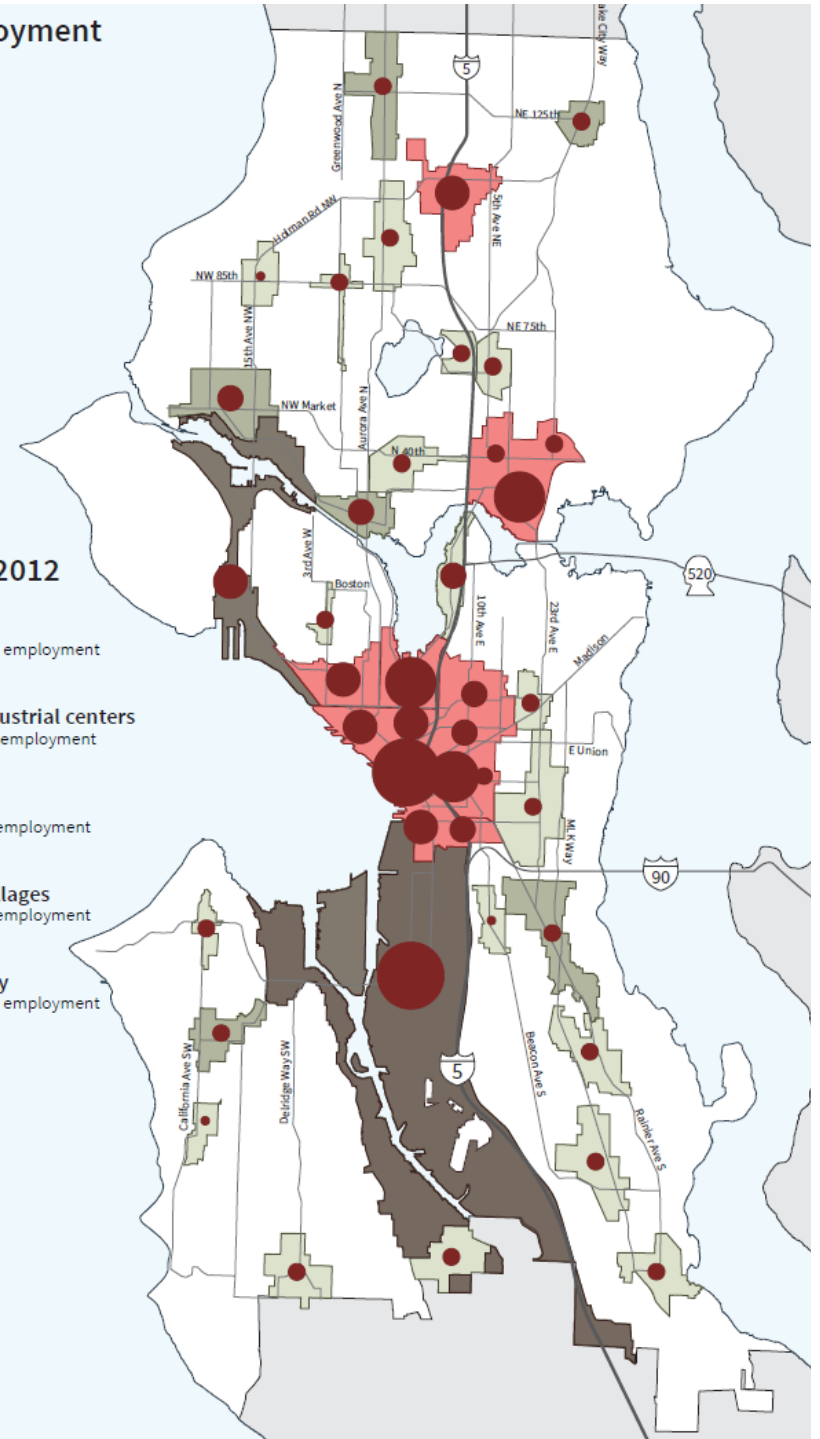
- live and work in same place
- live and work in different places

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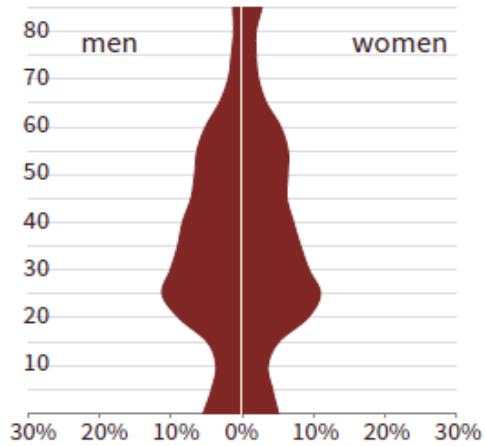
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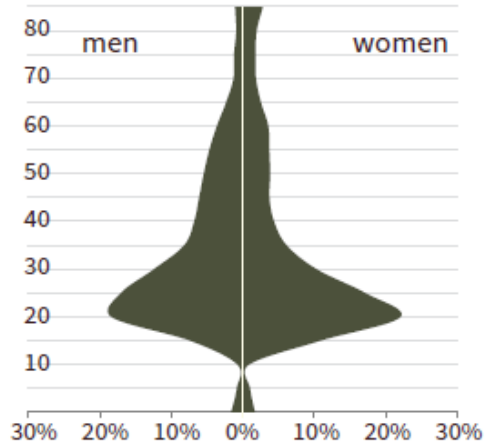
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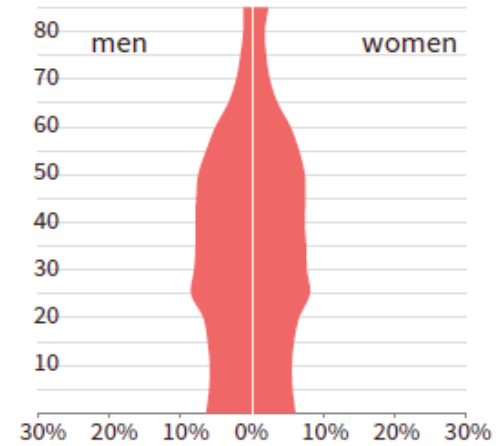
Seattle as a whole



urban centers

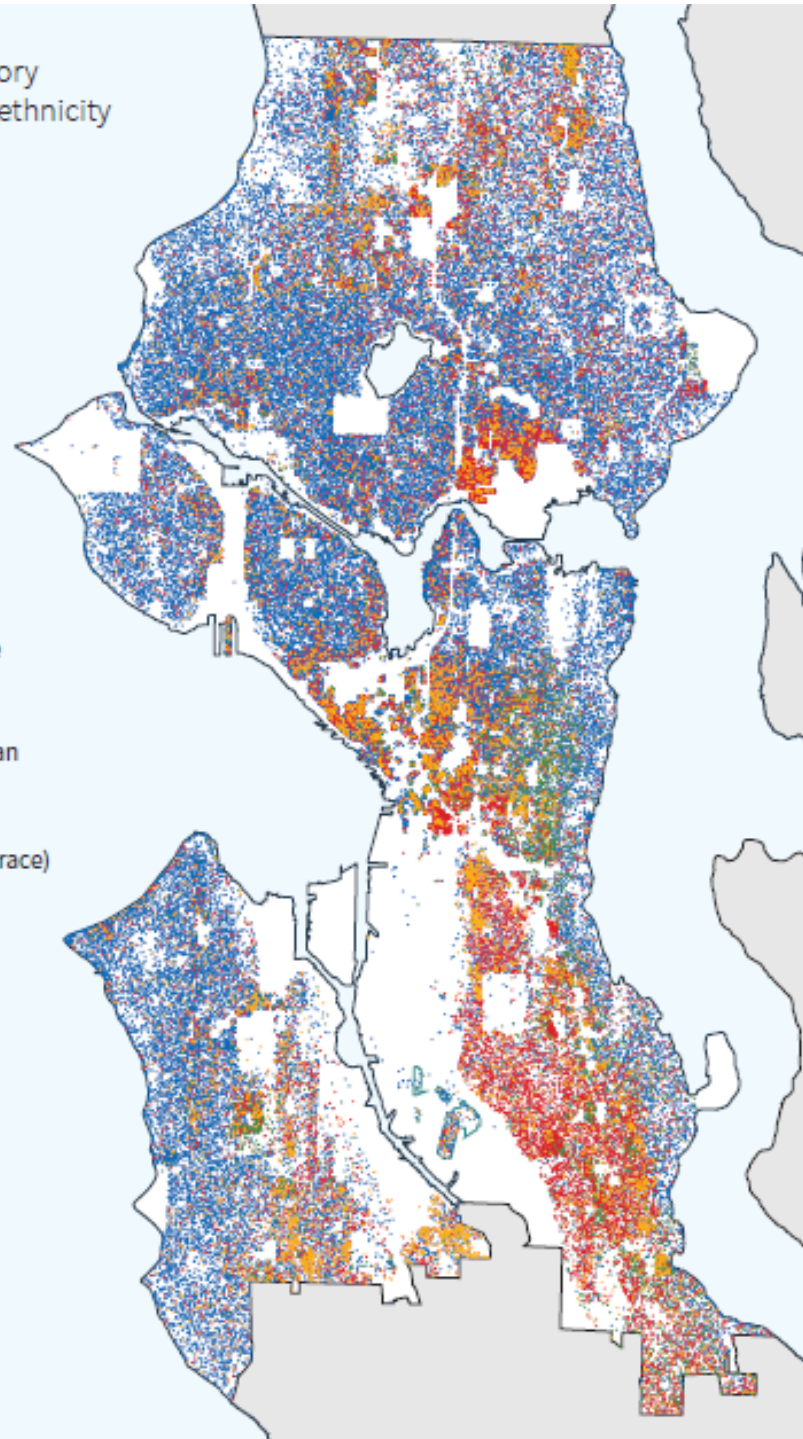


King County



DIVERSITY

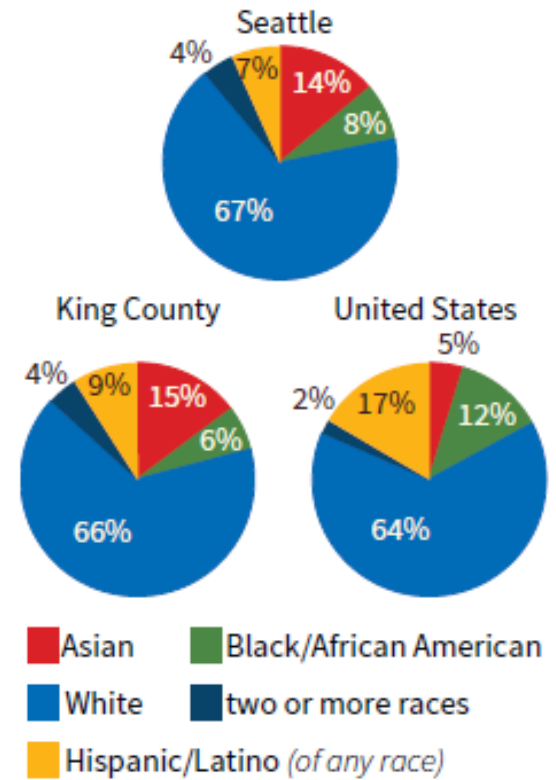
2010 population
by major racial category
and Hispanic/Latino ethnicity



one dot equals five people

- Asian
- Black/African American
- White
- Hispanic/Latino (any race)

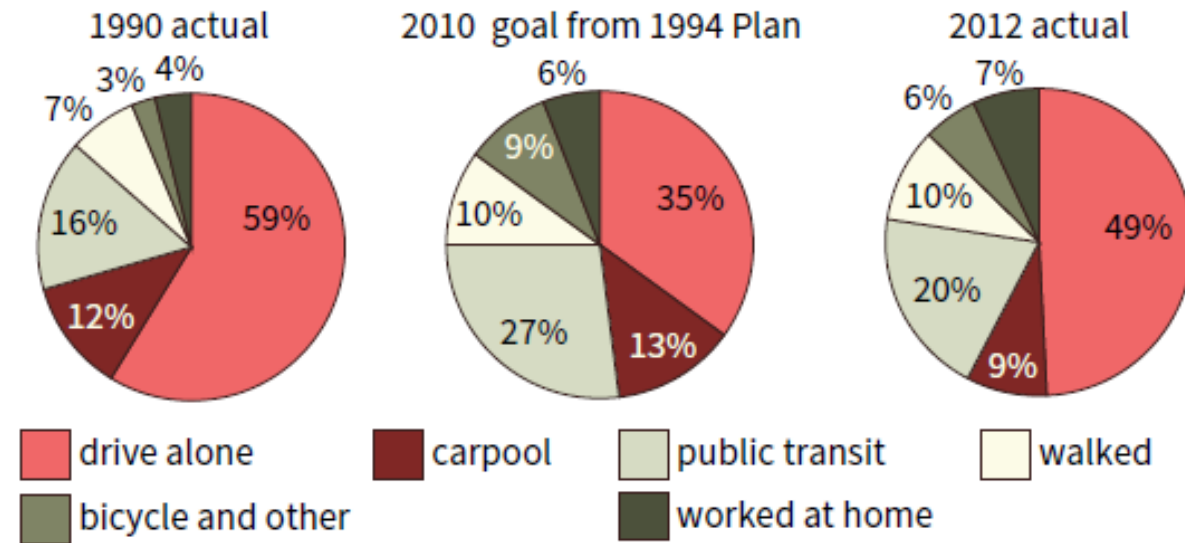
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TRANSPORTATION



how Seattle residents commute to work



Seattle 2035

An Update to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan

What is Seattle 2035?

- A **citywide conversation** about how Seattle may grow
- Community input to **shape the plan** update
- **Coordination and collaboration** with City departments and Seattle Planning Commission



An Update



Public Engagement

Public Engagement Goals

- Boost the quality and quantity of engagement.
- Promote understanding of the plan's purpose, need and process.
- Involve people early and throughout the process.
- Incorporate input.
- Reflect community's values and aspirations.
- Improve the involvement of hard-to-reach audiences.
- Make the process accessible and engaging.



How We Are Engaging the Public

- Distinct brand and identity
- Citywide Community Meetings
- POEL Engagement
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Seattle 2035 Connectors
- Lectures & Events
- Online – blog, social media, downloadable ‘meeting in a box’
- Seattle Channel content
- Formal Public Hearings
- Consider new ways: pub trivia, game nights, meetups, walking tours, youth workshop



Planning Alternatives

For Discussion and Study in the EIS

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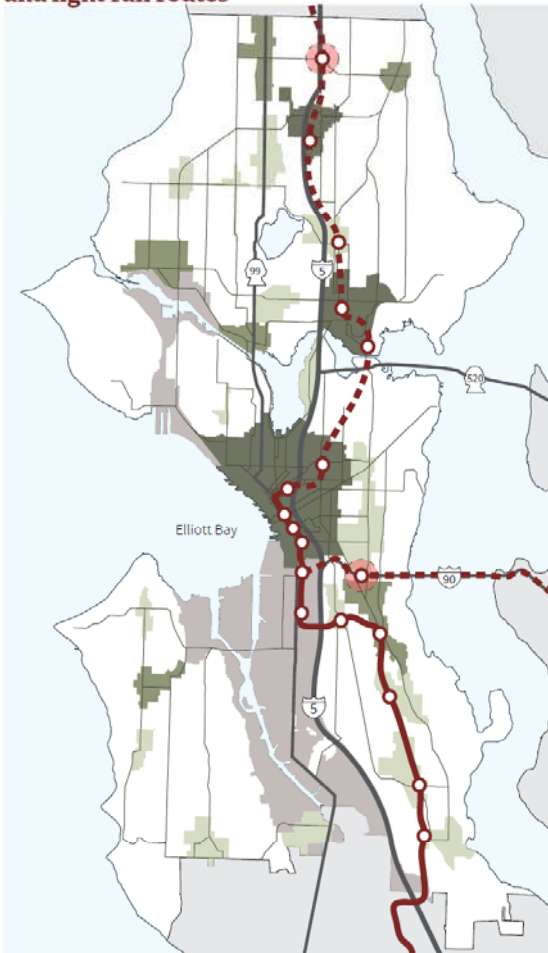
By 2035...

- 120,000 more people
- 70,000 more households
- 115,000 more jobs

Three alternatives proposed for study

- Urban Center Focus
- Urban Village Focus
- Transit Focus

Seattle's urban centers, urban villages, and light rail routes



- urban centers
- manufacturing / industrial centers
- existing light rail
- hub urban villages
- outside centers & villages
- planned light rail
- residential urban villages
- potential new urban village locations alternative 3
- existing & planned light rail stations

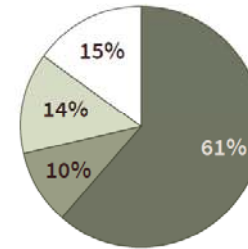
Draft Alternatives for Study in the Environmental Impact Statement

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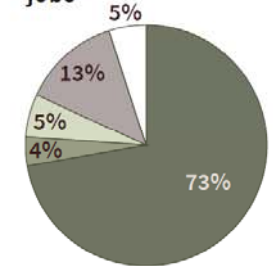
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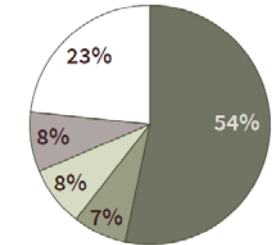
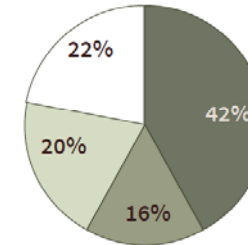
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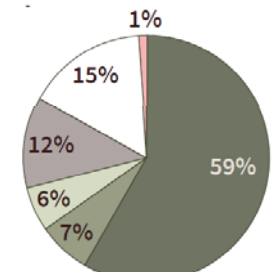
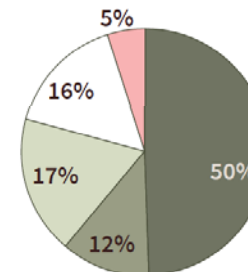
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- Taller buildings would accommodate households and jobs in urban centers while smaller buildings would be in other locations.
- Would take advantage of regional transit investments.

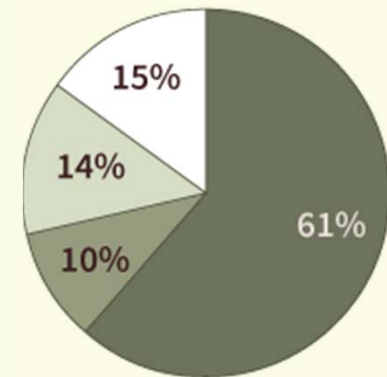


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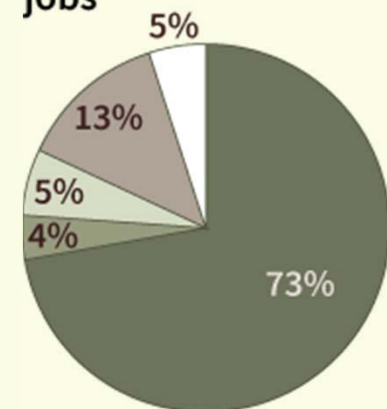
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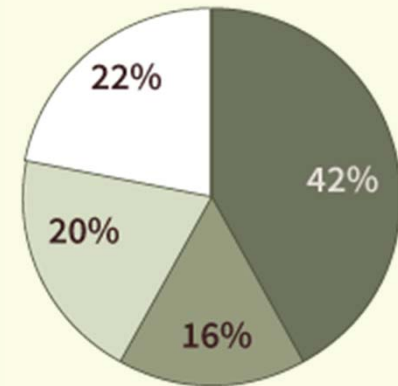


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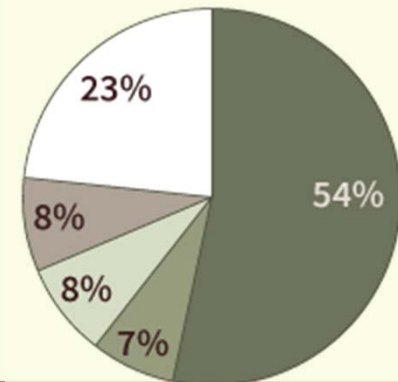
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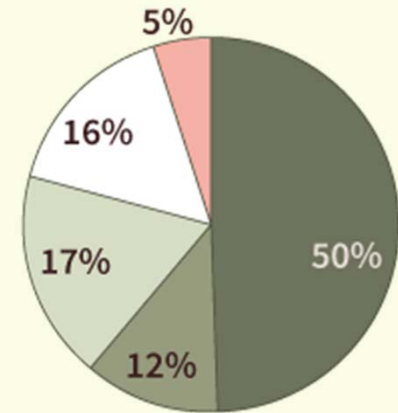


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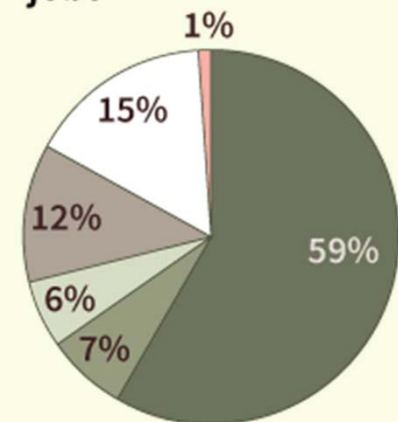
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SEPA Environmental Review

What are the contents of the Draft EIS?

Chapter 1 – Summary

Chapter 2 – Description of Proposal and Alternative

- Project Background
- Proposed Action and Alternatives
- Benefits and disadvantages of delaying implementation of proposal

Chapter 3 – Significant Impacts

- Existing conditions
- Significant impacts
- Mitigating measures
- Significant unavoidable adverse impacts

How can the public comment on the Draft EIS?

- 45-day comment period
- Draft EIS will include information on timing and process for commenting
- Written comment may be provided at anytime during the comment period
- Verbal comment may be provided at a public hearing to be held during the comment period

What is in the Final EIS?

- Final EIS will contain comments and responses on the Draft EIS; clarification, additions and corrections to Draft EIS
- Final EIS completes the EIS process
- EIS is advisory and not formally adopted
- Tentatively scheduled to be released January 2015

What are we proposing to review?

- Land Use: height, bulk, scale, compatibility
- Relationship to Plans and Policies
- Transportation
- Housing, Population, Employment
- Utilities
- Public Services
- Air Quality/Climate Change
- Noise

Land Use: Height, Bulk, Scale, Aesthetics

- Citywide and neighborhood context, focus on areas of change
- Changes to growth distribution and relationship to building form
- Area-wide visual quality and height/bulk/scale



Relationship to Plans and Policies

- Growth Management Act
- Vision 2040
- King County Countywide Planning Policies
- Seattle Comprehensive Plan



Transportation

- Review existing transportation systems and future 2035 conditions
- Summarize future 2035 impacts at citywide and groupings of urban centers and villages
- Review of how mix of modes changes in response to alternatives
- Identify infrastructure gaps and programs to meet transportation system goals



Population, Employment, Housing

- Review demographic trends
- Housing characteristics and needs
- Growth capacity review
- Ability to meet future needs and influence housing types and affordability



Public Services

Existing levels of service
and estimated demand for:

- Police, fire/emergency medical services
- Schools
- Parks and recreation



Utilities

Existing levels of service
and estimated demand for:

- Electricity
- Water supply
- Stormwater
- Wastewater



Air Quality

- Transportation and non-transportation sources
- Implications of land use patterns on air quality
- Regional outlook
- Greenhouse gas analysis
- Measures for controlling greenhouse gases at a regional level



Noise

- Qualitative analysis
- Changes to noise levels associated with growth
- Potential impacts related to differing patterns of growth
- Highlight areas that may be most sensitive to increased noise levels



Questions

1. Do you have comments on the proposed or other alternatives that should be considered?
2. Are there additional topics that you would like to see included in the EIS?
3. Are there specific issues related to any of the proposed topics that should be addressed?
4. Do you have other comments or suggestions?

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