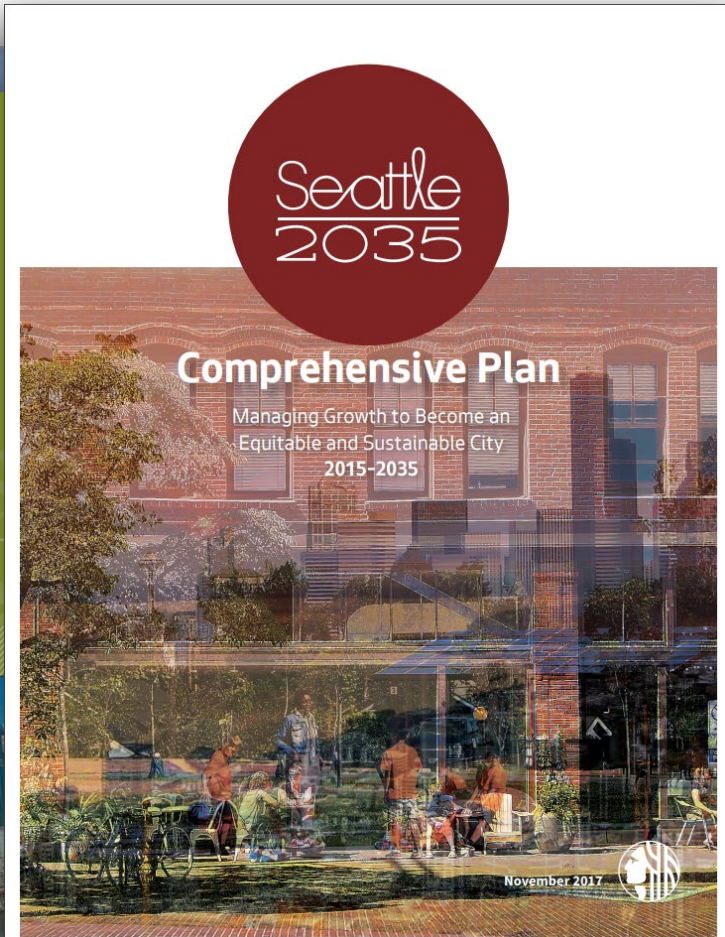




Seattle Comprehensive Plan Update

Update for Seattle Planning Commission
December 9, 2021

Updating Seattle's Comprehensive Plan



A 20-year plan to guide how our city grows and makes investments for a more **equitable** and **resilient** future

Informed by our values

Shaped by broad and deep community engagement

- ❖ Growth strategy for housing and jobs
- ❖ Policies in 14 policy elements

Next update due in 2024

Project update topics for today

- 2022 budget highlights
- Growth strategy update and EIS
- Policy updates – Scope and interdepartmental collaboration
- Community engagement
- Schedule and milestones / Opportunities for SPC engagement

2022 budget investments in Comp Plan update

Total Project Budget Summary

Area of Work	Prior to 2022 Budget	After 2022 Budget
EIS	\$425,000	\$750,000
Community engagement	\$150,000	\$275,000

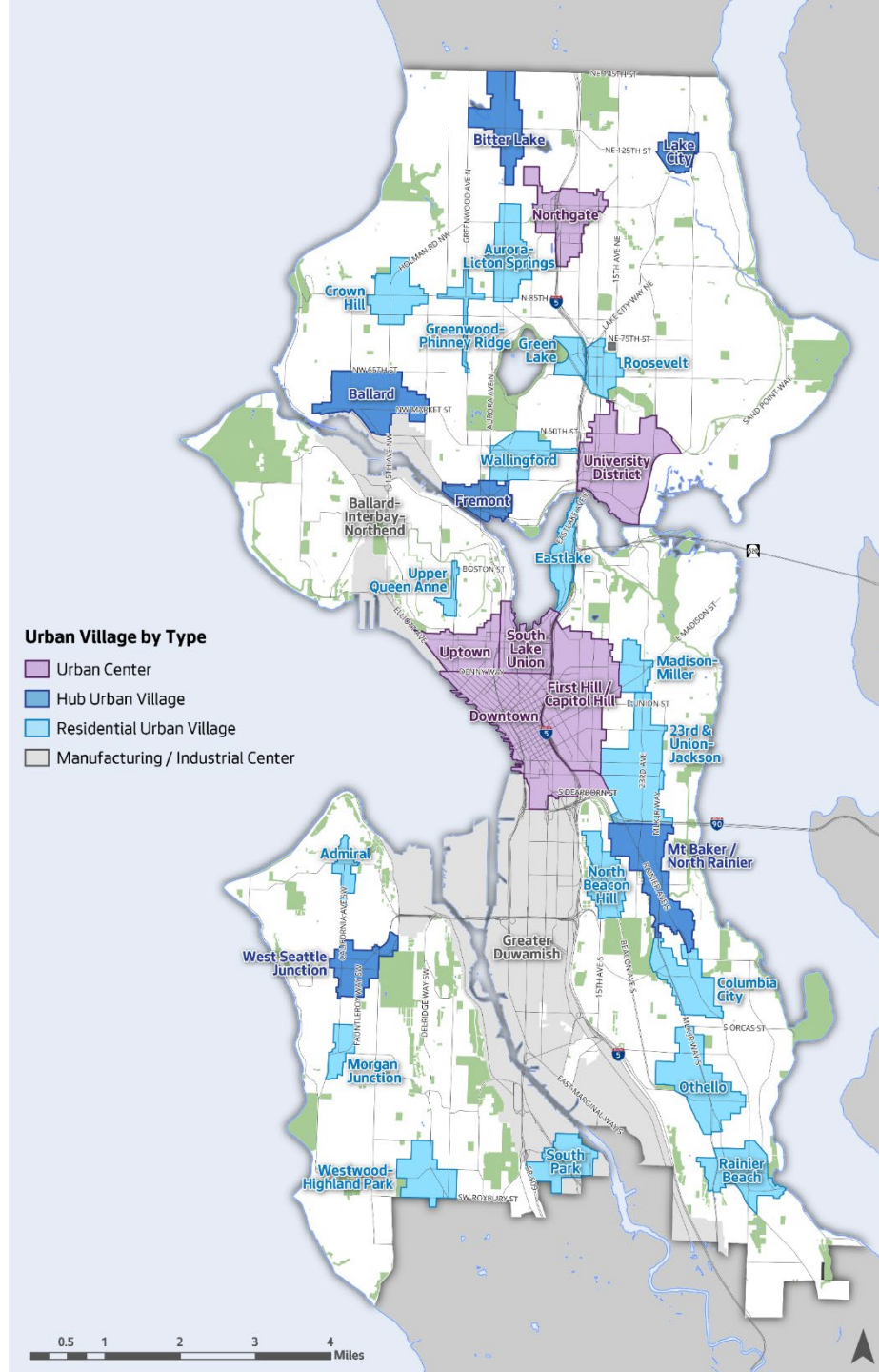
Also in the 2022 budget:

- Proviso on scope of EIS
- \$100,000 dedicated to historic resources work
- Staff position (unfunded)
- Regional centers subarea planning
 - \$150,000 in 2022 budget
 - OPCD to present work plan and budget

Growth Strategy and EIS

Growth Strategy

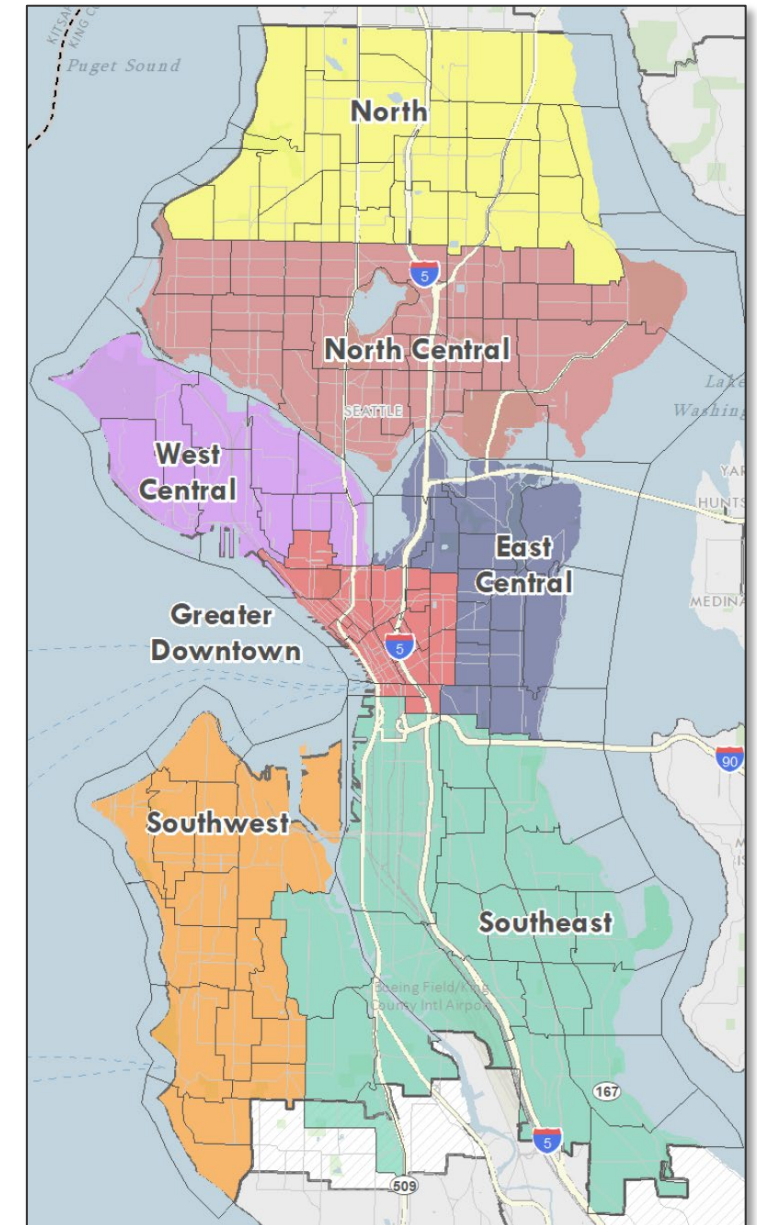
- By 2044, planning for at least:
 - 112,000 housing units
 - 169,500 jobs
- Existing Urban Village Strategy focuses growth and investment within Urban Centers and Villages
- Major update will explore new ideas, including:
 - New centers or villages
 - “15-minute” neighborhoods
 - More options for housing across the city



Additional Considerations

- Racial Equity Analysis
- Vision 2050 and Countywide Planning Policies
- Housing needs/supply analysis (incl. BERK report)
- Industrial & Maritime Strategy
- New light rail stations
- Coordination with the SDOT Seattle Transportation Plan

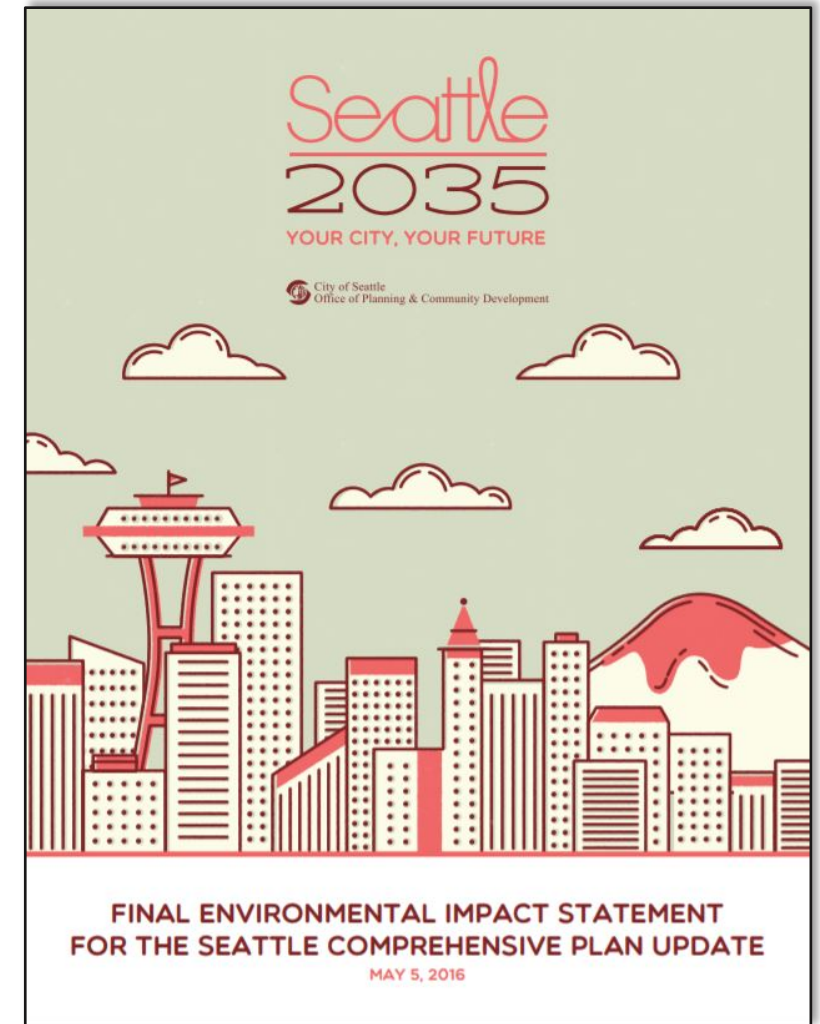
Housing Market Areas



Market Rate Housing Needs and Supply Analysis (BERK 2021)

Environmental Impact Statement

- Provides analysis of impacts and potential mitigating measures to inform decision-making
- City is bringing in consulting team to support this effort
- Major Milestones:
 - Scoping, including Identification of Alternatives
 - Draft EIS with Draft Plan
 - Final EIS with Mayor's Proposed Plan
- Analysis will address potential changes to the Comprehensive Plan and to zoning code (as needed)

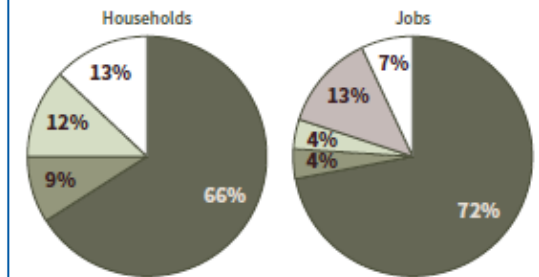


EIS Alternatives

- An EIS must identify alternative approaches for meeting the overall project goals
- Alternatives should establish broad range of options to support analysis
- EIS is proposed to include a “no action” scenario and 3-5 action alternatives
- Alternatives will likely be organized around broad themes that distribute growth in different ways

Alternative 2 Guide Growth to Urban Centers

Urban centers will become magnets that more strongly attract new residents and jobs, faster than over the last 20 years. This change may lead to a significant rise in the number of people walking or biking to work, and a corresponding decline in driving and car ownership. Alternative 2 represents a significantly more concentrated pattern of new growth in the urban centers compared to past trends.



- No change in the number, designation or size of urban villages.
- More growth in urban centers, especially in Downtown, First/Capitol Hill and Northgate and South Lake Union.
- Less growth outside urban centers, including the least emphasis on hub urban village growth.
- More mid- and high-rise housing is likely to occur than under other alternatives, given the more concentrated growth patterns.
- A higher concentration of jobs in urban centers, especially Downtown, Northgate and South Lake Union.

2022 Budget and EIS Alternatives

2022 budget proviso requires OPCD to study alternatives that include:

- “Providing additional housing capacity and housing type diversity in neighborhood residential areas”
- “Addressing exclusionary zoning”
- “Supporting the development of 15-minute neighborhoods, including a mix of residential and non-residential land uses and densities that support equitable multi-modal local access to everyday needs in locations across the city, both inside and outside of urban villages”
- “Using other strategies to minimize displacement of low-income residents and communities of color”
- Consideration of “other actions to increase residential building capacity, such as those listed in RCW 36.70A.600”

Comp Plan Elements and Policies

Elements of Comprehensive Plan



Land Use*



Environment



Transportation*



Parks and Open Space*



Housing*



Arts and Culture



Capital Facilities*



Community Well-being



Utilities*



Community Involvement



Economic Development*

Also: Shorelines* and Container Port*

* Required by GMA

Interdepartmental / Interagency Team

- **Supports both Comp Plan Update and Seattle Transportation Plan**
- **Purpose** - Coordinate, share information, provide input on public engagement, discuss major policy directions address questions or concerns
- **Roles/Tasks** - point of contact, quarterly coordination meetings, gather input, support public engagement activities, provide technical info
- **Members** – 20 City depts; 7 external agencies

Policy development in 2022

- Work concentrated in 2022
 - Prepare Draft Plan for release by Q1 2023
 - Recommended policy updates will reflect...
 - Results of community engagement
 - Inter-departmental review of existing policies
 - City, state and regional guidance/requirements
- IDT will create smaller "policy work groups"
 - Convened by OPCD staff
 - Organized by Plan element
 - Include subject matter experts across departments

Examples of Potential Policy Focus Areas

- Equity-focused policies
 - Displacement, access to opportunity, reduce disparities
- Policies that support the growth strategy, that could include:
 - Anti-displacement strategies
 - Transit-oriented development policies
 - Policies that support “15-minute neighborhoods”
 - And others
- Climate change, resiliency, environmental justice
 - Reduce GHG and VMT
 - Address natural hazards caused/ aggravated by climate change
 - Impacts of sea level rise
 - Environmental justice

Community Engagement

Equitable engagement partners

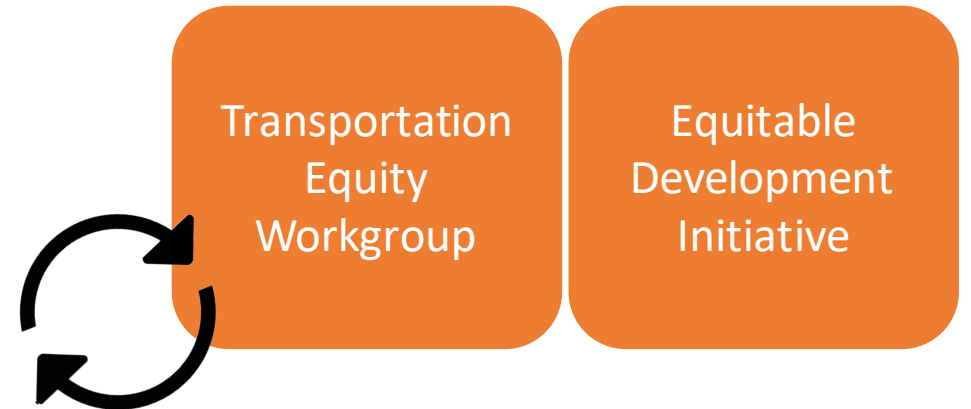


Role

Cohort of liaisons conduct on-the-ground engagement support



Contracted groups provide on-the-ground engagement support and strategic advice



Strategic advice on policy development from equity centered committees

Key citywide engagement tools

Comprehensive Plan website

Virtual communication

- Social media
- Newsletter
- Surveys & polling

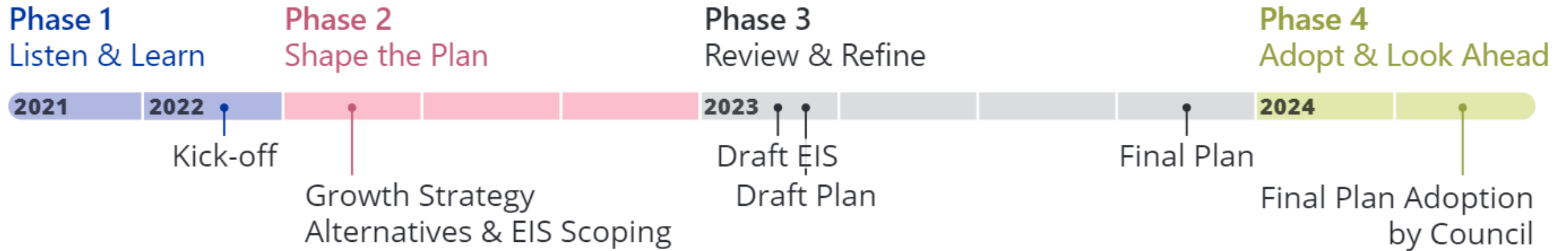
Internal and external partners

- Boards and commissions
- IDT
- Neighborhood and citywide community and issue-based groups

Interactive engagement platform

Project timeline – Engagement phases

Project Timeline



- Introducing the Plan
- Vision for future
- Values and issues
- Equitable outcomes

- Explore options for how city grows
- Policies focus areas
- Equitable growth

- Review and comment on draft Plan (and environmental review)
- What's missing? What can be improved? Equity review.

- Help communities stay engaged