



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

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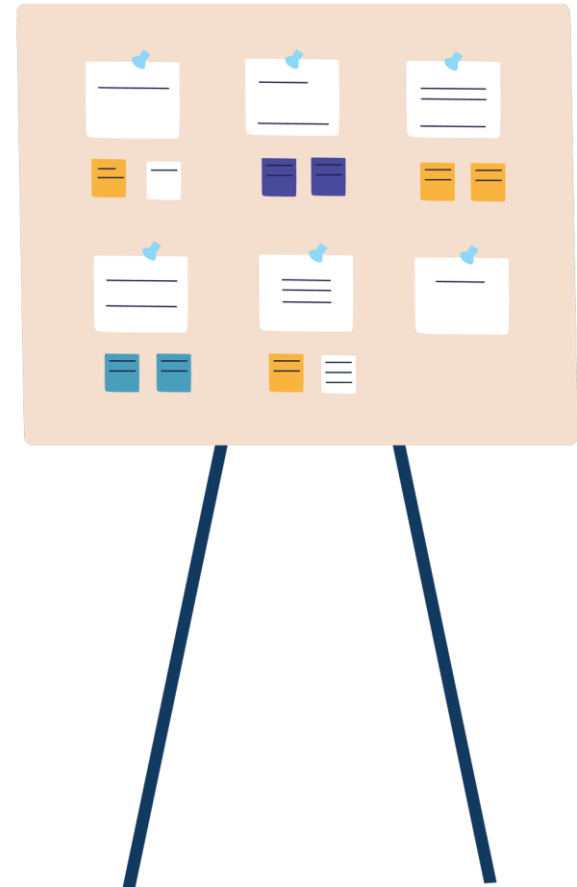
BELLEVUE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
2044

Information & Discussion

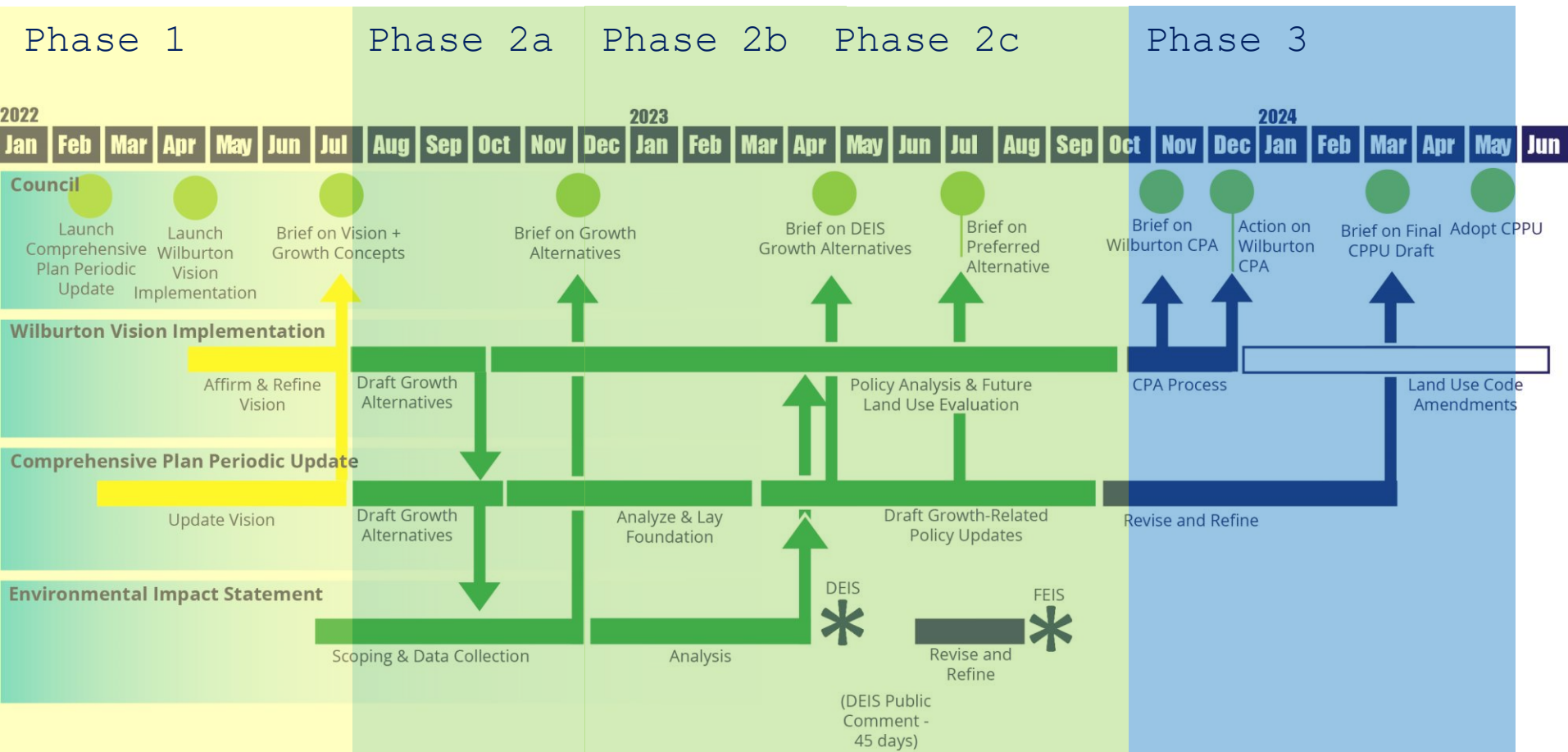
Review the policy scope of the Human Services element of the Comprehensive Plan



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1. Comprehensive Plan Background
 2. Environmental Impact Statement Summary and Process
 3. Scope of Human Services Element Update
 4. Next Steps



Background



What is a Comprehensive Plan

- Growth Management Act (GMA) requirement
- Vision for how the community grows
- 20 year plan (2024-2044)
- Includes Vision and Elements or chapters
- Sets policy that guides city actions and decisions
- Guides capital investments

What is our current plan?

- Vision
- Narrative
- Goals + supporting Policies
- Map of land uses





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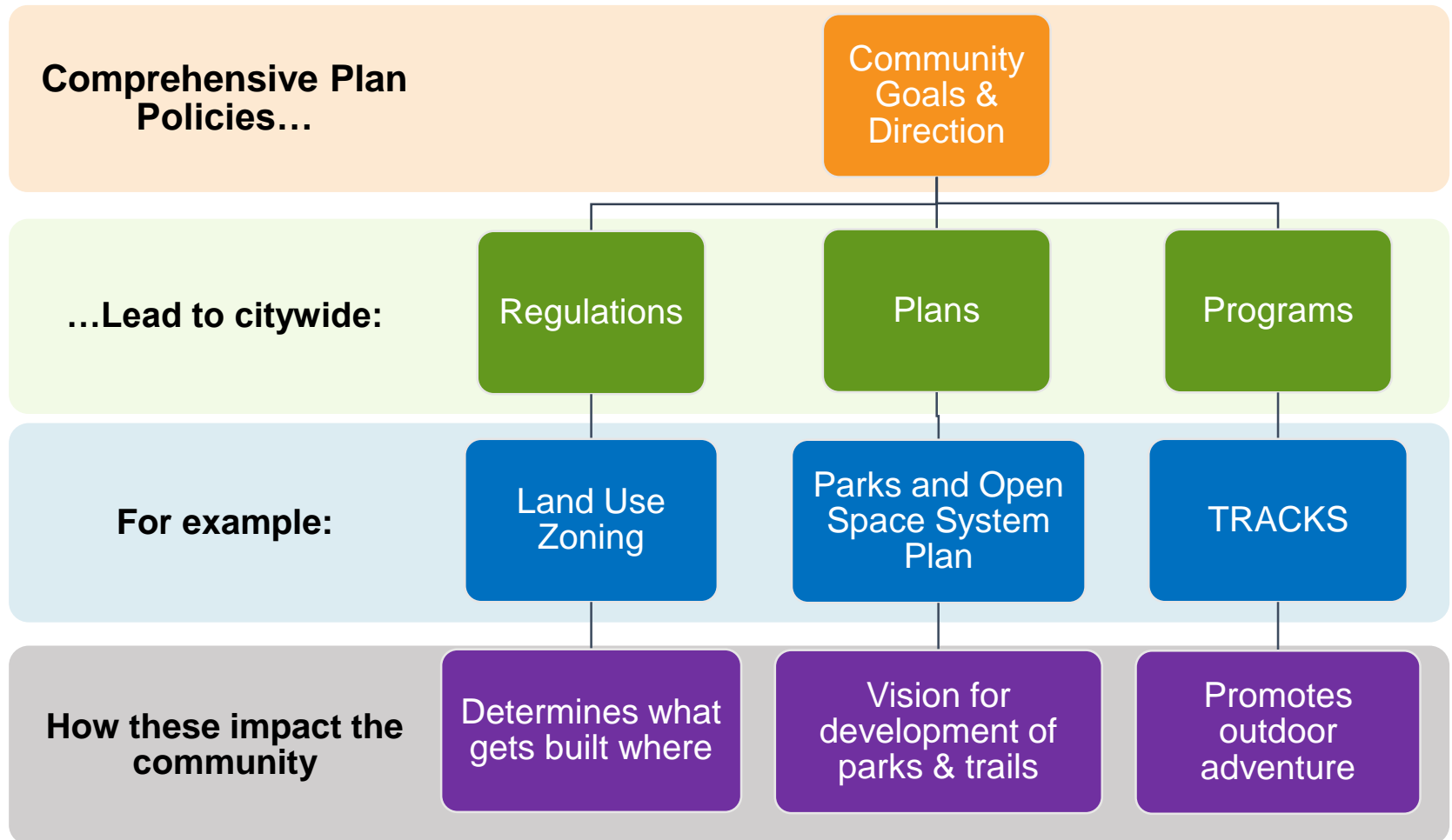
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Background:

Comprehensive Plan Overview

- Includes Vision and Elements (chapters)
 - Engagement
 - Land Use
 - Neighborhoods
 - Housing
 - Capital Facilities
 - Utilities
 - Transportation
 - Economic Development
 - Environment
 - Human Services
 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space
 - Urban Design & the Arts
 - Shoreline Management

Background: How it is used





VISION 2050

A Plan for the Central Puget Sound Region



Puget Sound Regional Council

Why update now?

- Remain current and relevant
- Address regional requirements
 - GMA requirements – 8 year periodic update (2024)
 - Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050 Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs)
 - King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and growth targets
- Reflect Council's updated vision
 - Housing options and affordability
 - Maintain economic innovation
 - Protecting the environment

Growth Targets: Background

Growth targets are:

- A policy statement about the amount of housing and jobs we plan for in 2024 comprehensive plans
- For at least a 20-year period (2024-2044)
- Created collaboratively by all cities and King County
- Adopted as part of the CPPs



Background: Streams of Engagement



Background:

Human Services Commission Involvement

March 15
(2022)

- Scope of overall Comp Plan update

May 2

- Scope of policy changes in Human Services Element

EIS Summary:

Environmental Impact Statement

- Consider environmental matters when making decisions
- Three growth alternatives
 - No Action
 - Alternative 1: Unlocking access for residents
 - Alternative 2: Options for all families
 - Alternative 3: Options throughout the city
- Additional Analysis
 - Racially Disparate Impacts
 - Displacement
 - Economic Analysis



EIS Summary:

Future Growth

- Bellevue set targets to plan for
 - 35,000 housing units
 - 70,000 jobs
- Current capacity
 - About 41,000 housing units
 - About 124,000 jobs



Timeline of SEPA Process

Scope EIS

- Scoping Period Sept 30 to Oct 31, 2022
- 3 “action” alternatives + “no action” alternative



Issue Draft EIS

- DEIS released April 27
- 45-day comment period to occur in May & June

Select Preferred Alternative

- Preferred Alternative could be DEIS alternative or “hybrid” of alternatives

Issue Final EIS

- Includes Preferred Alternative
- Includes comment response & additional analysis

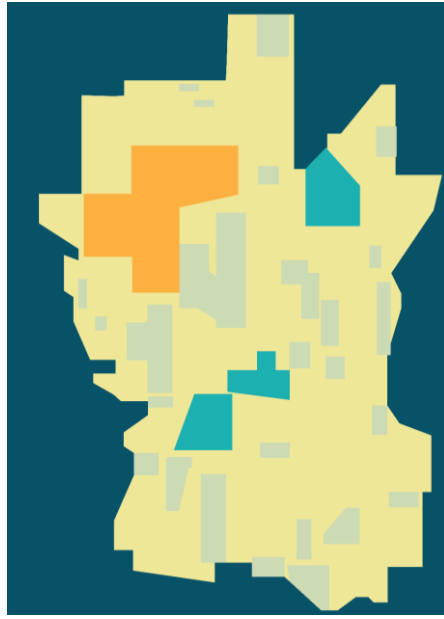
DEIS ALTERNATIVES:

Summary of Location of Capacity

Alternative 0



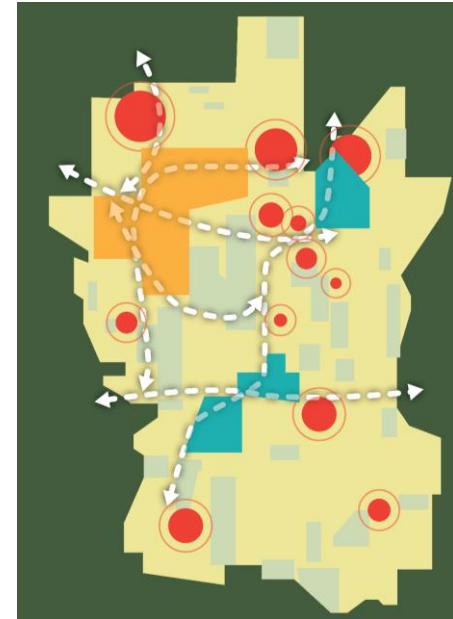
Alternative 1



Alternative 2

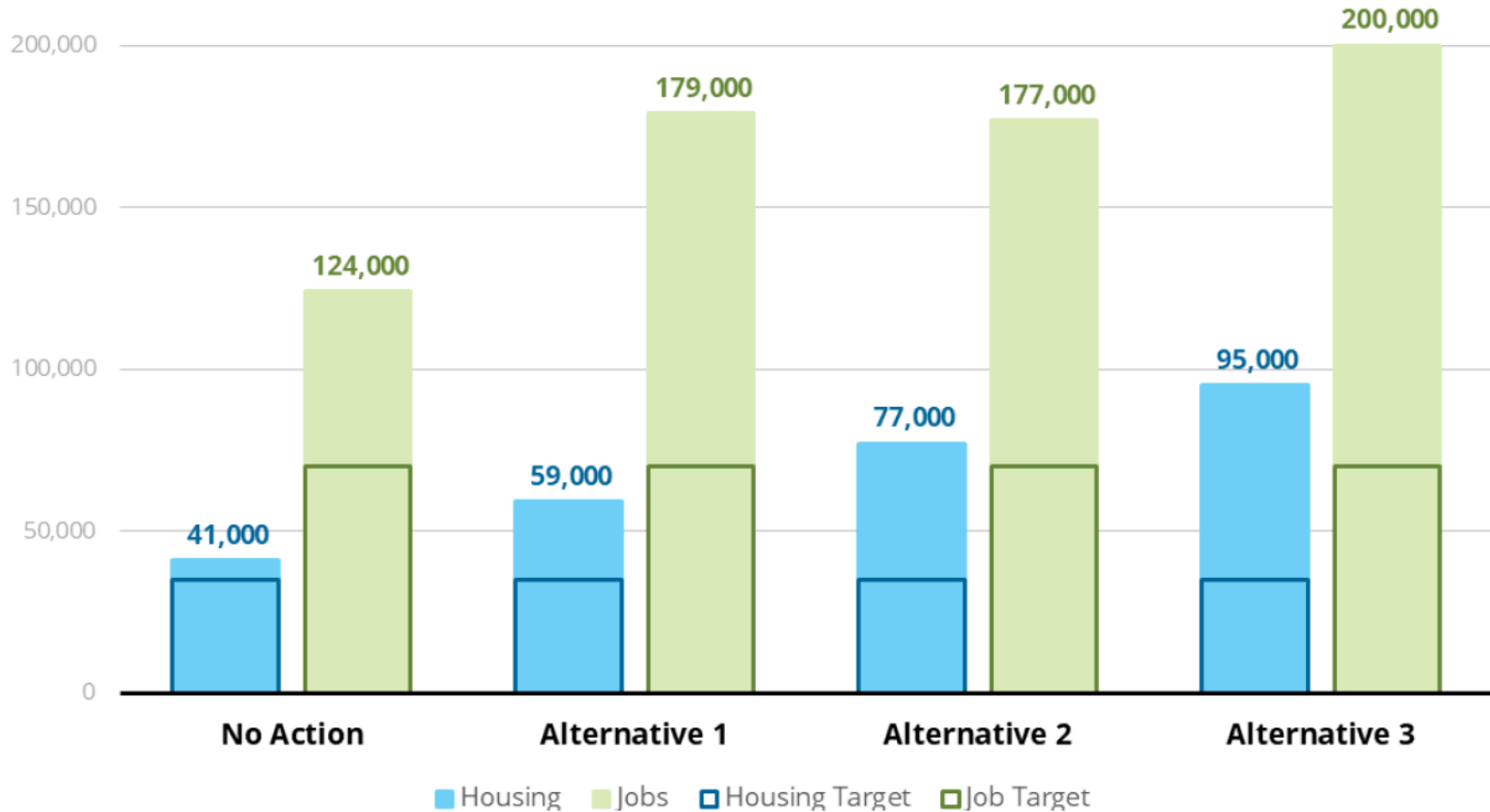


Alternative 3



Summary of DEIS Alternatives

Increased capacity being studied and 2044 targets



SOURCES: City of Bellevue 2023; BERK 2023



DEIS Process

Information to inform preferred alternative & growth strategy:

- Environmental Impact Statement
- Economic Analysis
- Racially Disparate Impact Assessment
- Community Feedback

Scope:

Update Options

- Add New** Policies needed due to changed conditions or future needs
- Repeal** Policies that are no longer relevant, in conflict with state, regional or city direction or redundant with other policies
- Modify** Policies that need minor text edits or major edit to reflect a change in the intent or application of the policy
- Move** Policies that fit better in another element



Scope:

Changed Circumstances

- Policy gaps identified through updated department planning documents
- New housing growth targets
- New requirements for affordable housing and missing middle
- Increasing diversity of user groups
- Impact of COVID-19 and increasing human services needs



Scope:

Human Services Element Policies

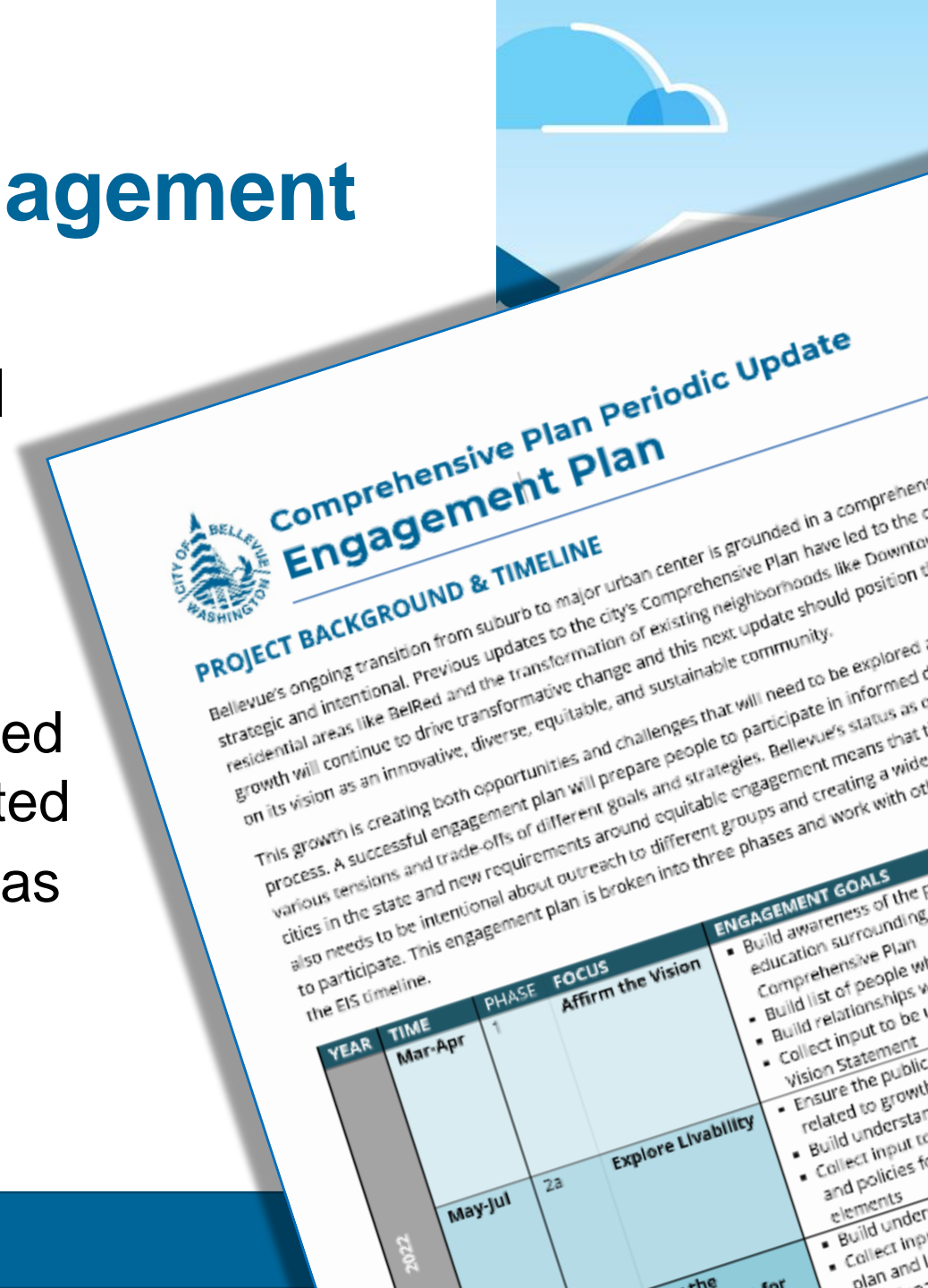
Recommended changes:

- Update policies to incorporate equity and place an equity lens on all policies
- Align the policies more closely with the Housing element
- Add policy support for addressing homelessness
- Add policies in support of funding for human service need priorities
- Add policies to address the housing and homelessness crisis
- Amend policies to address senior housing, group homes and supportive housing



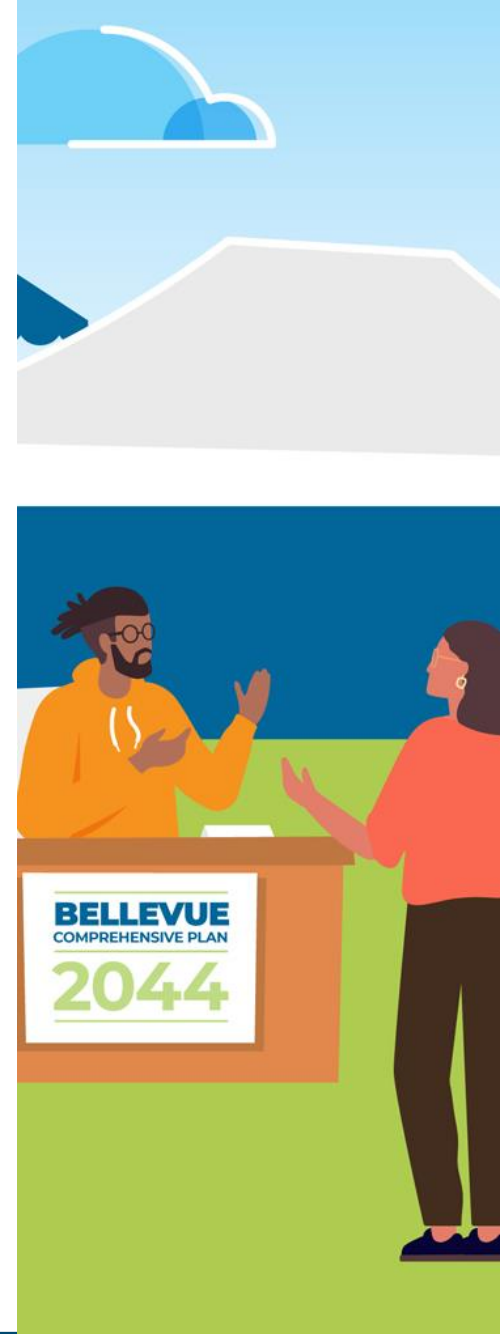
Community Engagement

- Approved by Council February 28, 2022
- Following plan
 - More engagement with under-represented groups than anticipated
 - Making adjustments as needed



Community Engagement

- Communicated with about 5,000 community members
- Targeted outreach to under-represented groups
- Statistically valid survey of residents
- Strategy Team knowledge and experience
- Taking into account: Existing and future residents & businesses



Engagement Spotlight: Statistically Valid Survey

- Survey of Bellevue residents
- 1,152 respondents
- Included follow up activities (such as phone calls) to reduce nonresponse bias
- Weighted to reflect Bellevue's population
 - Age
 - Dwelling type
 - Ownership
 - Income



Summary of Survey Results

- Top development priorities:
 1. Home ownership opportunities for different incomes
 2. Preserving and enhancing the tree canopy
 3. Ability to walk to a meeting place like a coffee shop or library.
- **67%** of Bellevue residents support new housing development throughout the city.
- **54%** of Bellevue residents support new housing development in their neighborhood.

Significant differences by age, homeowner status, and neighborhood type.

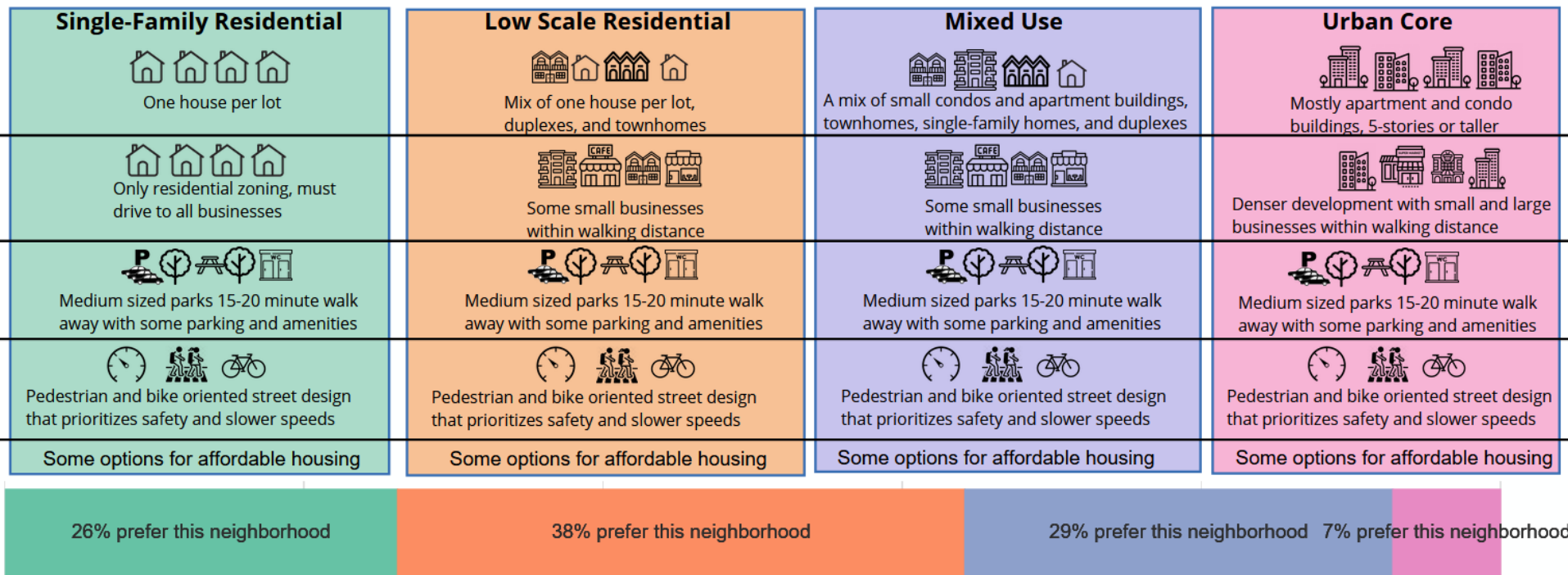
Statistically Valid Survey: Development Priorities

1	Homeownership Opportunities for Different Incomes
2	Preserve and Enhance the Tree Canopy
3	Ability to Walk to a Meeting Place
4	More Locally Accessible Businesses
5	Unique Things to Do
6	Ability to Drive Places and Easily Find Parking
7	Preserving the Size & Scale of Existing Suburban Neighborhoods
8	Housing for All Income Levels
9	Frequent Bus Service
10	Housing for Families with Children

- Top three priorities:
 1. Homeownership
 2. Tree Canopy
 3. Walkability

Statistically Valid Survey: Popularity of Neighborhood Types

- Bellevue needs a variety of housing styles & neighborhoods to meet residents' needs



Community Engagement

Some of the major areas requiring updates in the Comprehensive Plan

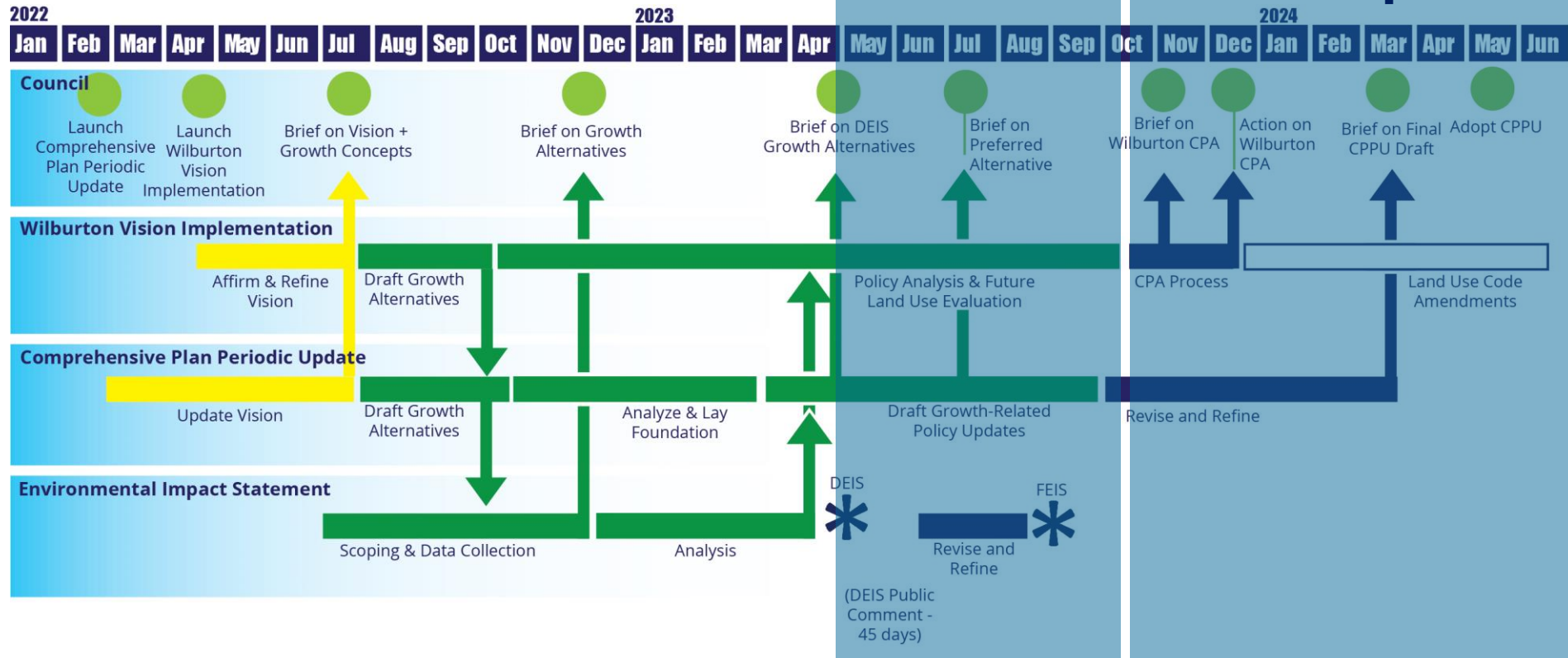
- Equity
- Housing
- Climate Change



Next steps

Finalize EIS

Update Policies & Adopt



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