



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

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BELLEVUE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
2044

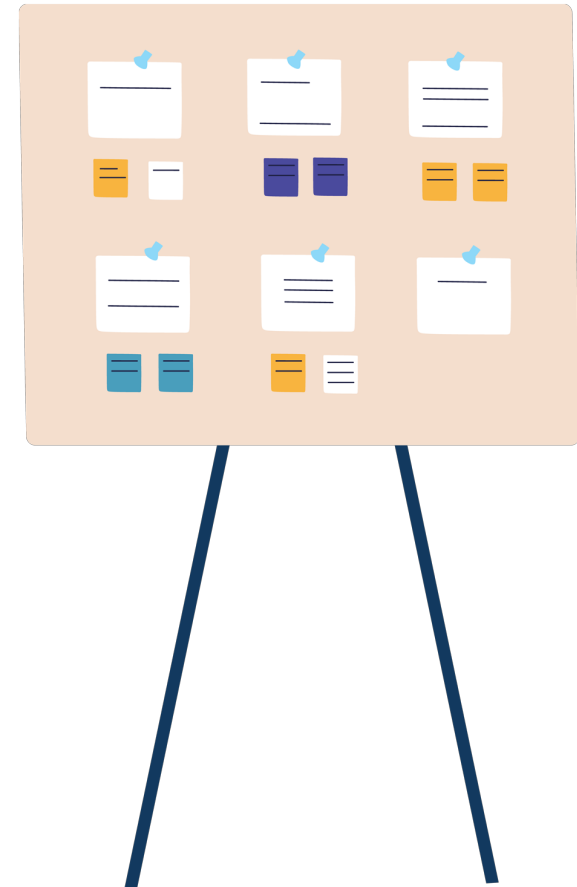
Information

Summary of
Comprehensive Plan
Periodic Update,
Phase 2a and
discussion of growth
alternatives to inform
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Impact Statement
(EIS)



Agenda

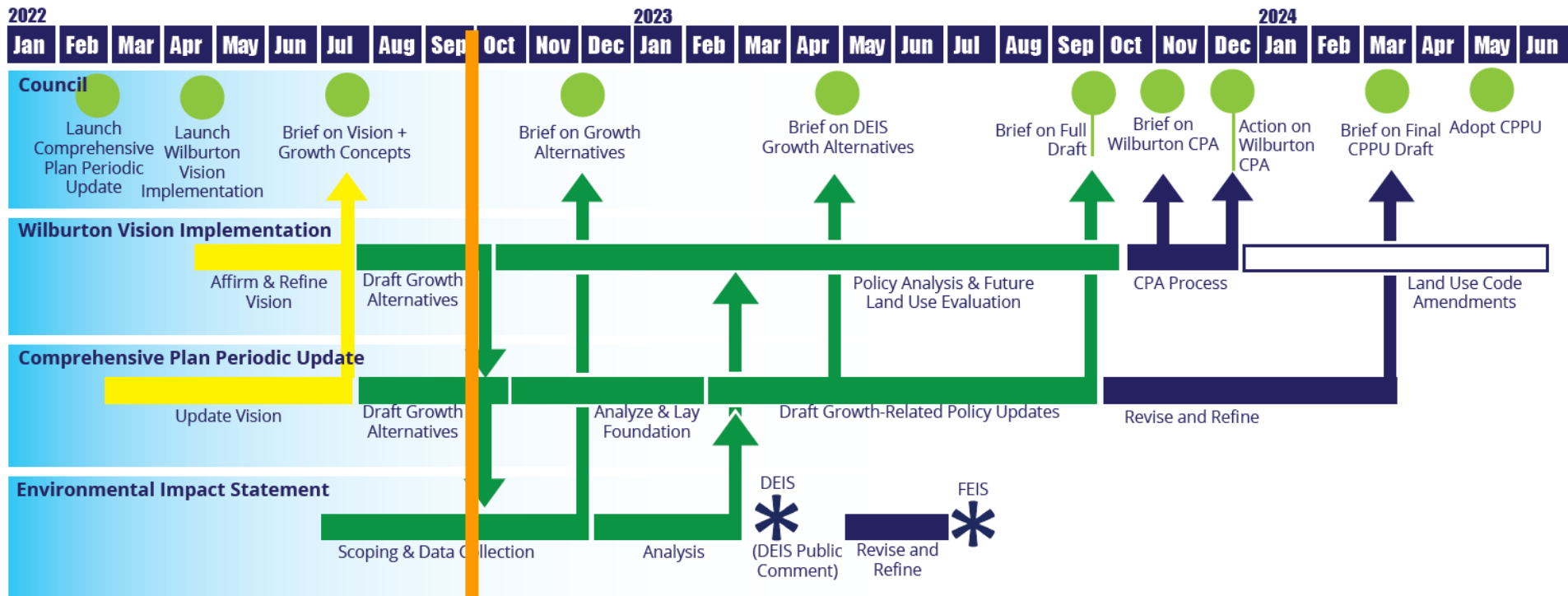
1. Summary of Progress
 1. Engagement activities
 2. Scope of updates to elements
2. Environmental Impact Statement
 1. Growth alternatives
 2. Scoping process





Summary of Progress

Project Timeline



We are here

Phase 2a Engagement Activities

4 in-person Deep Dives with **187** unique participants

- Environment
- Connections
- Access
- Housing

4 Strategy Team Meetings

5 Community group events

13 tabling events at key community locations and neighborhood gatherings

184 contributors on Engaging Bellevue



Engagement Example: Housing Stories

...It worked out, but **our now adult son can't afford** a one bedroom apartment anywhere in town...

...I was a student at Bellevue College, where I also had a part time job...**I was unhoused** for a brief amount of time...This reality drove me to seek work and housing in Seattle late 2021, where at least more programs exist to help people in need. With my own ears I have heard Bellevue citizens brag about the fact that you don't see as many homeless folks in Bellevue, **as if the lack of support the city has to offer is something to be proud of.** It makes me sick.

...I'm a young 72 year old woman living in a 55 and over subsidized apartment building in West Bellevue. I love Bellevue...I never imagine I could ever live here, because of high cost of housing. **This is the only way I can live here comfortably...**

...My mother left the house to my three brothers and I. I tried to buy out my brothers [who] said no, they'd sell the house for more...I had bought a condo in Issaquah for \$275,000 in 2013. I sold it in 2020 for \$510,000.00...I had planned to immediately buy another condo in a quieter place. But COVID hit. So, I've been in an apartment, in Bellevue, 650 sq. ft., \$1725/month + \$335/month storage. I've retired from the UofW, but have had to take on an Amazon job, as a Grocer Associate, to make ends meet. I'm afraid I've been priced out of the market...**I'd like to stay in Bellevue. It is home. But, I'm not sure where I'll find housing.**



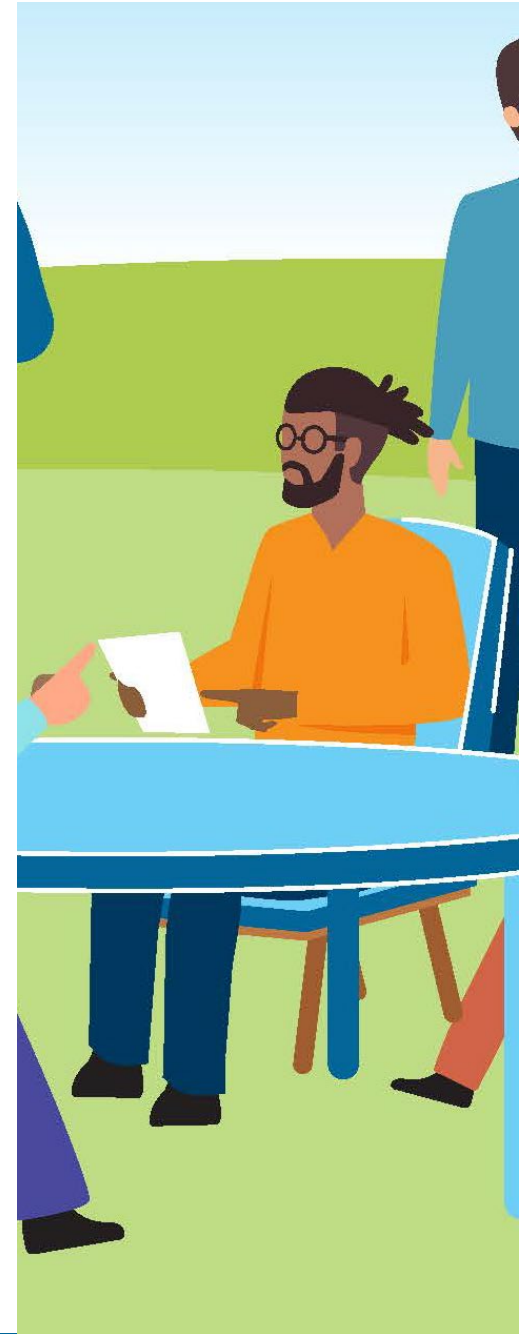
Boards & Commissions

September

- **Environmental Services Commission (Utilities)**
- **Transportation Commission**

November

- **Arts Commission**
- **Environmental Services Commission (Utilities)**
- **Human Services Commission**
- **Parks Board**
- **Transportation Commission**



Wilburton Engagement

Boards & Commissions

- **Parks Board** (July)
- **Transportation Commission** (July)
- **Youth Link Board** (September)
- **Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network** (September)
- **Bellevue Network on Aging** (October)

Engaging Bellevue

- **168** visitors informed on Engaging Bellevue
- **47** responses to online questionnaire
- **55** pins placed on online interactive map



Policy Updates in All Elements

- Focus on equity & sustainability
- Stronger ties between the elements
- Remove redundancy, unclear wording and unnecessary features





Land Use Element

- Reflect chosen growth strategy following EIS and other analysis
- Describe Countywide Centers
- Policies to mitigate displacement risks
- Reflect Bellevue's future mix of urban and suburban neighborhoods





Housing & Human Services



- Amendments to meet state, regional and county requirements
- Record and address past discriminatory practices and policies
- Broader range of housing choices
- Address homelessness and link to Human Services Element
- Align housing affordability policies with growth strategy



Economic Development, Urban Design & Arts



- Anticipate changes to how and where people work
- Integrate arts, culture and history into placemaking
- Add policies on regional coordination & historic preservation



Parks, Utilities, Shoreline Management, Capital Facilities & Environment



- Update to reflect current tools and practices
- Update Stormwater management policies
- Address green building and low impact development consistently across elements





Transportation

- Update policies to reflect completion of key projects
- Use language that reflects the city's multimodal concurrency framework
- Remove policies that are redundant with functional plans





Environmental Impact Statement

EIS Timeline

2022

2023

Fall

Winter

Spring

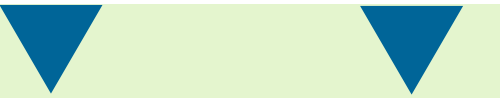
Summer

SCOPING PERIOD



Scoping
Comment
Period

ANALYSIS



Draft
EIS

Final
EIS



DEIS
Comment
Period

Scoping Public Meetings:
Oct. 13, 2022 (virtual)
Oct. 18, 2022 (in-person at City Hall)

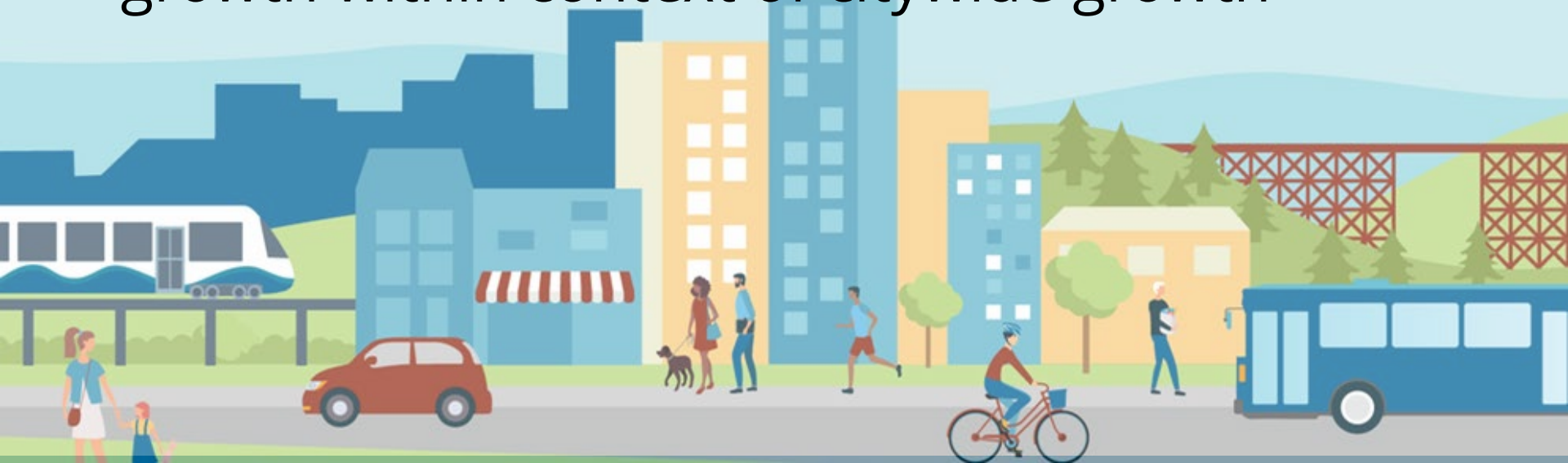
Scoping Process

- Comment period
 - Sept 29, 2022 to Oct 31, 2022
- Allow community & other organizations with an interest to comment on the scope of the EIS
- Opportunity for site specific requests to be evaluated
- Further revisions to the growth alternatives & analysis possible after comment period



Wilburton Vision Implementation

- Wilburton study area: additional detail in EIS
- Builds on 2018 CAC vision and preferred development alternative
- Integrated with citywide EIS to assess Wilburton's growth within context of citywide growth



Growth Alternatives - Citywide

1. Emphasizing **housing for families of all kinds** within existing mixed use centers and across the city
2. Providing a **wider range of housing typologies**, particularly in **areas with good access to transit and jobs**, to meet needs of more residents
3. Emphasizing providing a **variety of housing types for all income levels in all neighborhoods** to allow residents of all backgrounds options throughout their lives



Growth Alternatives - Wilburton

1. Incorporates Council direction to build from and enhance 2018 CAC Vision across several areas:
 - Housing Policy
 - Affordable Housing
 - Growth Targets
 - Grand Connection Impacts and Integration
 - Equitable Access
 - Multimodal Transportation (Eastrail, Lake Hills Connector)
 - Universal Design
2. Alternatives explore **amount & distribution of growth & commercial mix**, including additional housing beyond what was analyzed in the 2018 DEIS



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