



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Scope of Work Summary

Project Purpose, Desired Outcomes and Exclusions

This project will update the City's Comprehensive Plan to meet state and regional requirements, Council's 2021 Vision, and other topics of importance to the community and Council. In particular, the update will include changes to Elements throughout Volume 1 of the plan and accompanying map amendments to distribute the City's growth targets. Volume 2 of the Comprehensive Plan (sub-area plans) will only be updated as they relate to map amendments and policies that would conflict with either those map amendments or other updates to Volume 1 policies. A Housing Needs Assessment and associated updates to the City's Affordable Housing Strategy will work in tandem with this update but are outside of its direct scope.

Major Scope Items

The following list identifies the primary elements required within the scope of work. An expanded list framed by the Council Vision is included on the following page.

- Identify overarching growth target distribution approaches (housing + jobs).
- Evaluate impacts of growth distribution through an environmental impact statement (EIS).
- Recommend specific map amendments to achieve growth targets and other goals.
- Explore amending the land use classifications used in the Comprehensive Plan map to reference zones more broadly.
- Incorporate changes required within the Housing Element, particularly related to housing choices, affordability levels, and distribution.
- Consider incorporating a new Climate and Resiliency Element and required related additions.
- Address equity throughout all Elements of the plan, including addressing historic inequities and evaluating the impacts of current trends and planned amendments.
- Update the Comprehensive Plan to set the stage for future functional plans.

The update will strive to make the Comprehensive Plan as clear and concise as possible while serving as the guiding policy document for the City.

Project Deliverables

	Feb-Jun 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct-Jan 2023	Feb-Jul 2023	Aug-Dec 2023	Jan-Mar 2024
	<i>Vision Update & Alignment</i>	<i>Draft Land Use Alternatives</i>	<i>Analyze & Lay Foundation</i>	<i>Growth-related Policy Updates</i>	<i>Revise & Refine</i>	<i>Adoption Process</i>
Council Engagement	Feb 28, 2022: Launch June 2022: Vision and Engagement Briefing	Aug 2022: Brief on EIS Scope		March 2023: Briefing on DEIS July 2023: Briefing on full draft	Jan 2024: Briefing on final draft	March 2024: Adoption
Staff Deliverable	Revision of vision & Introduction; Proposed Land Use category Changes	Land use alternatives for EIS	Preliminary revision of Elements; Non-enviro. analysis of land use alternatives	Full draft of the update	Final draft of the update	Adopted update
Community Deliverable	Vision Feedback & Network building	Feedback on Pressing Issues; Inform EIS Scope	Statistically Valid Survey on Growth & Values	Evaluation of land use approaches; Feedback on final draft		
EIS Consultant Deliverable		EIS Scope	EIS Analysis	March 2023: DEIS May 2023: FEIS		

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Major Topic Areas*

Grow Strategically
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Map and policy adjustments to accommodate growth targets • Housing Units: 35,000 Target vs 26,859 Capacity • Jobs: 70,000 Target vs 117,241 Capacity • Planning around Countywide centers
Incorporate Additional Housing Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing middle housing typologies • Family-sized units and developments
Expand Affordable Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation and creation of units at a variety of affordability and support levels • Affordable housing opportunities distributed throughout the city • Reflection of vision of who should be able to live in Bellevue
Achieve Human Potential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for under-served groups such as low-wage earners, businesses at risk of displacement • Continued support for education • Expanded support for combatting homelessness
Create Vibrant Places Where You Want to Be
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued development of growth corridor/TOD areas • Building up of cross-cultural connections • Vision for Neighborhood Business Centers • Continued support for “City in a Park” planning
Plan Inclusively with All Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse engagement within planning efforts • Process improvements to meaningfully engage with residents through planning discussions
Build an Equitable Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying an equity lens to the process, the overall vision and all policies • Responses to past discriminatory harms • Evaluate access to opportunity and equitable impacts of land use map adjustments • Consideration for displacement impacts
Emphasize Environmental Sustainability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential new “Climate and Resiliency” Element** • New focus on resiliency around climate and safety issues • Alignment with other climate goals
Set the Stage for Future Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility connections + new technologies • New climate and environmental goals • Economic shifts • Comprehensive Plan map categories

* The major topic areas stem from the [Council Vision](#) and have been fleshed out with regional requirements.

** This may be a new state requirement from the 2022 legislative session, but is not currently required.