

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan update process

**What is Kirkland 2044?** Kirkland 2044 is the major update process of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This update process will be an opportunity for anyone who cares about the future of Kirkland to join together and think about the kind of community we want to become and believe we can achieve by 2044. The update process will be completed in 2024.

**What is the Comprehensive Plan?** The Comprehensive Plan is a tool that helps the city proactively respond to growth and change. It is a long-range plan that looks ahead twenty years to anticipate the needs of current and future residents, business owners, workers, and visitors to Kirkland. The plan is organized into sections that cover a range of issues including housing, land use, transportation, utilities, parks, economic development, and more.

**What is the Transportation Master Plan?** As part of Kirkland 2044, we will be updating the City's Transportation Master Plan to set policy and to help prioritize future transportation projects needed in Kirkland through 2044. These projects will support safety, mobility, commerce, quality of life, and connectivity for all modes of transportation.

**Why are these plans important?** Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan affects everyone who cares about the future of Kirkland. These plans help maintain our high quality of life by ensuring people have:

- A variety of housing options that meets their needs at all stages of life.
- Access to parks and recreational activities.
- Access to jobs and economic security.
- Ability to use all kinds of transportation options.
- Memorable public spaces and cultural opportunities.

**How are these plans used?** Both the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation Master Plan are high-level documents that outline the city's vision and goals and provides policy direction and guidance to achieve them.

**Why do we need a Comprehensive Plan?** Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan is required by the State Growth Management Act. The GMA was enacted in 1990 and amended in 1991 in response to rapid population growth and concerns with suburban sprawl, environmental protection, quality of life, and related issues. Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan is a coordinated effort to ensure the City has sufficient capacity of land planned for and zoned to accommodate its housing and job growth targets.