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Utilities, Public Services, Capital Facilities Elements

Planning Commission Briefing

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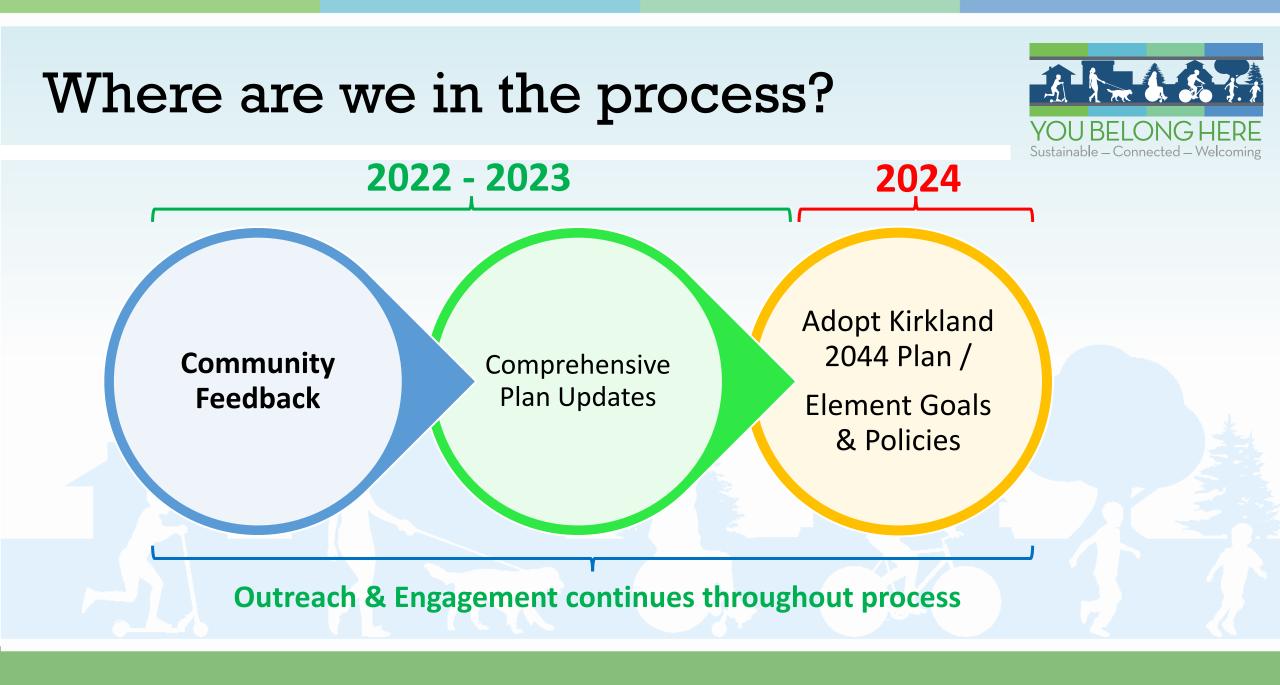
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Community Engagement Goals

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AGENDA

- Timeline
- Community Engagement
- Overview of Utilities, Public Services, & Capital Facilities Elements
- Study Issues
- Next Steps
- Discussion



Community Engagement Goals

INVOLVE PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual plus (LGBTQIA+)

Seniors

Low-income households

People experiencing homelessness

Youth

Renters

People with disabilities or accessibility challenges

Immigrant communities and people facing language barriers





Community Engagement

- City staff has engaged the public since fall 2022. Outreach has included:
 - Boards, Commissions, Councils
 - City Hall for All
 - Tabling at community events
 - Tabling a farmer's markets
 - Focus Groups
 - Surveys
 - Projects at local schools
 - Participation in Town Hall on Bikes





- Targeted outreach to English as a second language (ESL) groups at Peter Kirk Community Center
- No specific outreach on Utilities, Public Services, Capital Facilities elements
- Public feedback on these elements gathered with outreach from other elements such as Land Use, Housing, Sustainability, and Human Services Elements

Utilities Element

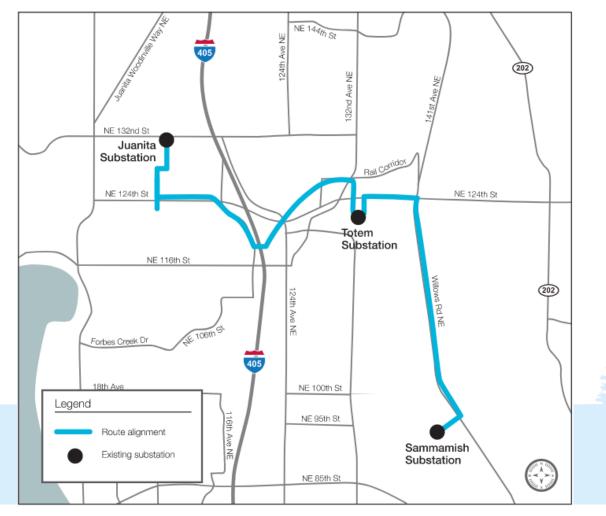




Goals and policies address water, sewer, surface water, electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, and petroleum pipelines.

- Water: City Water Utility, Northshore Utility District, Woodinville Water District
- Sewer: City Sewer Utility, Northshore Utility District, Woodinville Water District
- Surface water: City
- Electricity & natural gas: PSE
- Petroleum pipelines: BP Pipelines, North America
- Wireless, wired telephone, cable TV, and broadband internet service: private companies
- Fiber-optic network: The City and its partners, and private companies

PSE Sammamish – Juanita Transmission Line Project



- PSE's service area in parts of Kirkland & Redmond was facing inadequate transmission capacity
- Project adds 5 miles of new and upgraded 115 kV transmission line, upgrades aging substation equipment, and creates a new transmission system loop at the Totem Substation by providing it 2 transmission lines (instead of 1)
- Benefits 61,000 meters (~150,000+ residential/ commercial/industrial customers)
- Estimated completion: end of year

Utilities Study Issues

- Strengthen policies about resource conservation (e.g., electricity, water)
- Strengthen policies about renewable energy
- Consider the impacts of climate change and fisheries protection on regional water resources
- Strengthen or add policies about utility resilience
- Ensure that utility infrastructure can accommodate substantial infill development in the future
- Support access to internet service to underserved areas
- Support projects to increase electric grid reliability and resiliency

Utilities Study Issues

- Support installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (including for bikes and vehicles) in public rights-of-way and at Cityowned facilities and parks
- Support exploring ways to make it easier for residential and commercial property owners to install EV charging stations (e.g, through code amendments, incentives, partnering with PSE)



Public Services Element





Goals & policies address fire and emergency medical services, emergency management, police protection, solid waste collection and transfer, schools, and libraries.

- Fire & emergency medical: City
- Emergency management: City
- Solid waste & recycling collection: City contracts with Waste Management
- Solid waste transfer: King County Solid Waste Division
- Public schools: Lake Washington School District
- Libraries: King County Library System

Public Services Study Issues

Required/Administrative

- Add information and policies about the City & region's response to homelessness
- Add information and policies about the City & region's behavioral health crisis response
- Update policies about emergency management
- Support increasing public school capacity
- Support locating new/expanded public facilities and schools in areas that are well served by transit and pedestrian and bicycle networks
- Add policy about reuse of materials/products, recycling, and compost (will be moved to Utilities Element)
- Revise Policy PS-3.1 on the Houghton Transfer Station to reflect the updated situation and focus on ensuring adequate mitigation if the site is selected

Capital Facilities Element



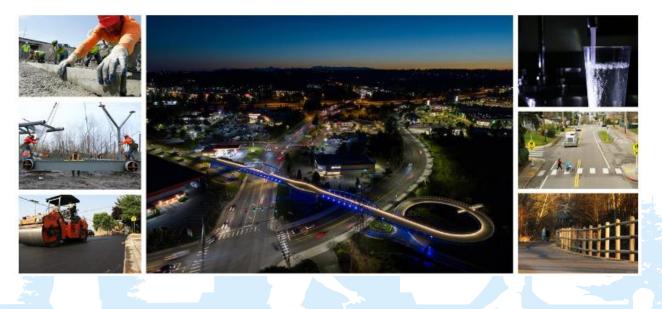


- Sets the goals and policies for capital facility planning (6-years) for the City
- Capital facilities are City-owned structures, improvements, pieces of equipment, or other fixed assets (including land) with a useful life greater than 10-years and cost \$50,000 or greater (except for land)
- The Element contains a list of capital projects with estimated costs and methods of financing

Capital Facilities Study Issues

Required/Administrative

- Update policies to more closely align the element with the Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element; and
- Update to incorporate long-range capital and transportation projects.



Next Steps



- Draft goals & policies will be available for review in Q1 of 2024
- Draft Utilities, Public Services, and Capital Facilities Elements will return to Planning Commission for policy review in April 2024

Discussion



<u>Question #1</u>: Does the Planning Commission have any questions on the regulatory requirements or existing Utilities, Public Services, or Capital Facilities goals and policies (from the 2015 update)?

Question #2: Does the Planning Commission have any questions or comments about the study issues?





