

Planning Commission Briefing



NE 85th Station Area Plan – Phase 2 Update

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Tonight's Agenda

- **Phase 1 Adoption Review**
 - **Phase 2 Overview**
 - **Planning Commission Role and Phase 2 Work Plan**
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Station Area – 2044 Vision

The Station Area is a thriving, transit-oriented, new walkable district with high tech and family wage jobs, plentiful affordable housing, sustainable buildings, park amenities, and commercial and retail services.





Phase 1 Adoption

Why Plan for the NE 85th Station Area?

The Station Area Plan was directed by the City Council in 2019 to leverage the once in a generation regional BRT transit investment... and proactively plan for potential growth over the next 20+ years (adopted resolution R-5356).

The planning objective is to maximize transit-oriented development, and create the most:

- Opportunity and Inclusion
- Value for the City
- Community Benefits including affordable housing, improved sustainability benefits, park and mobility improvements, and solutions for school capacity
- and Quality of Life for all



Phase 1 Adoption: What has been decided already in planning process?

On June 28, 2022 Council adopted:

- **Station Area Plan**
(Resolution R-5547)
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendments**
(Ordinance O-4800)
- **Phase 1 Parcel Rezones** (Ordinance O-4801)
- **Phase 1 Zoning Code Amendments / FBC**
(Ordinance O-4802)
- **Municipal Code Amendments & Design Guidelines**
(Ordinance O-4803)



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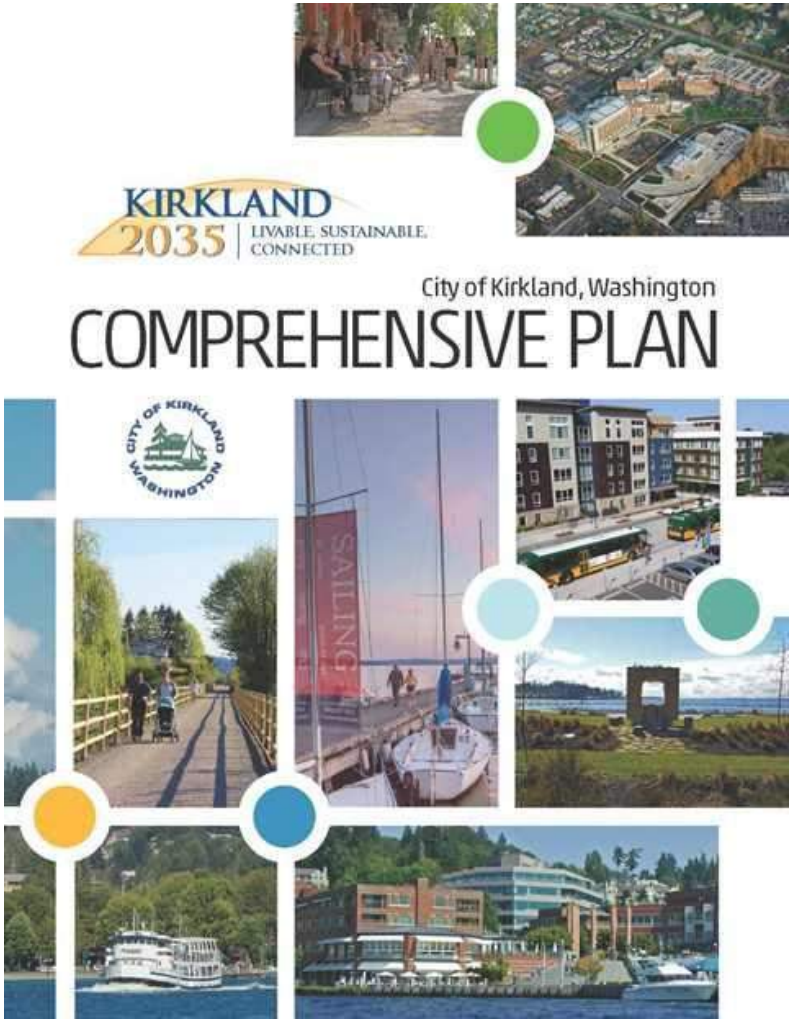
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Comprehensive Plan Amendments

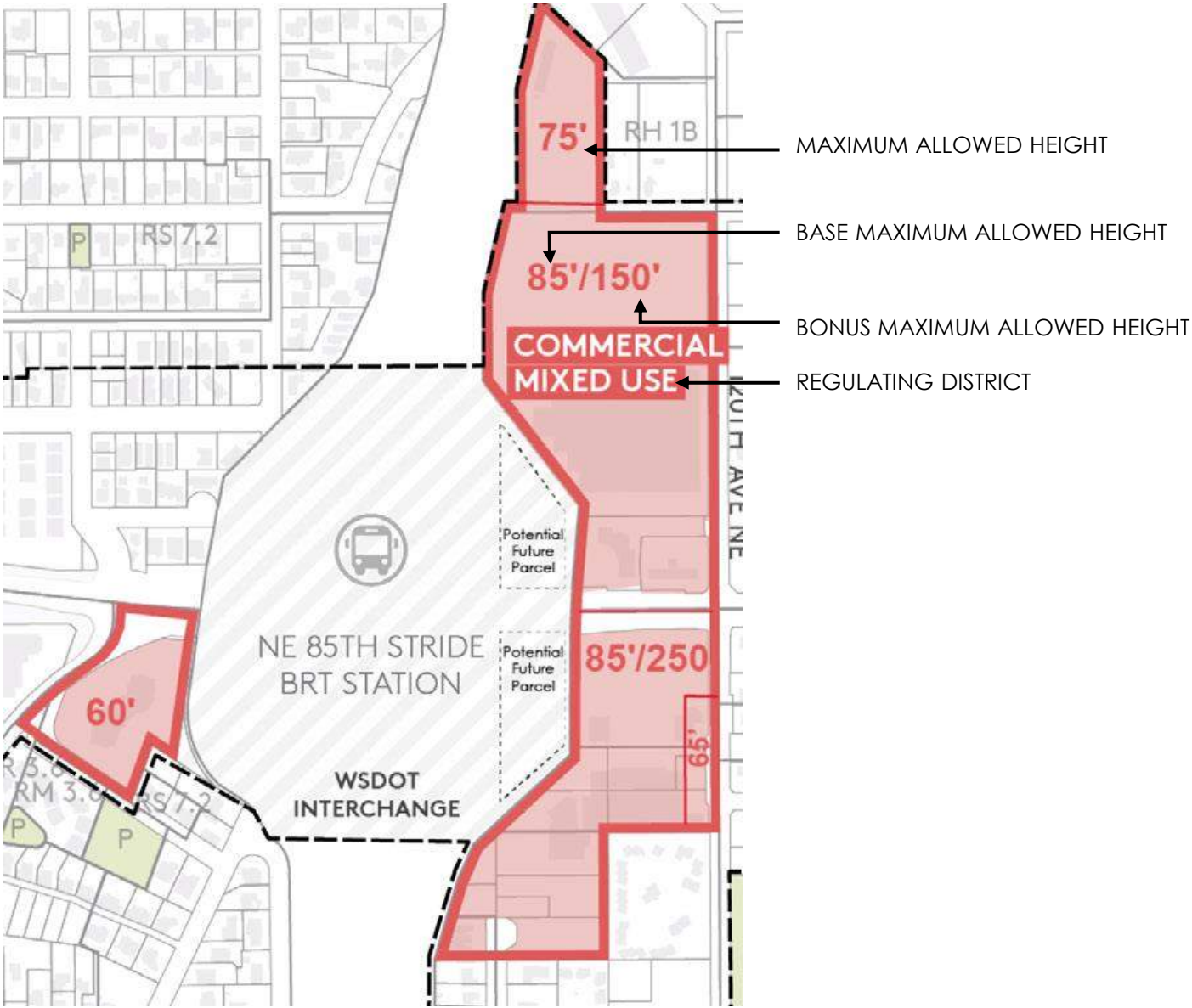
- New Station Area Chapter added to establish goals and policies for future growth
- Addresses Station Area relationships to Neighborhood Plans
- Includes goals and policies for Housing, Economic Development, Natural Environment & Sustainability, Parks & Open Space, Transportation, Urban Design, Public Services, Schools, and Implementation.
- Establishes Subarea household and employment growth capacities for horizon year of 2044

2044 Growth Capacity	
Total Households	8,152
Total Employment (Jobs)	22,751



Phase 1 Parcel Rezones

Commercial Mixed Use Regulating District only



CMU Rezones for Phase I

Phase 1 Form-based Code

Commercial Mixed-use District and Districtwide Standards

New Base Requirements for rezone parcels

Urban Design

- Frontage standards to support pedestrian-scaled, active environments
- Transition standards

Mobility

- Enhanced street improvement standards to support walking and rolling
- New bike parking requirements and lower minimum required vehicular parking ratios

Sustainability

- High Performance Building Standards
- Renewable Energy Production
- Green Factor

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PHASE 1 FORM-BASED CODE

INCENTIVE ZONING PROGRAM

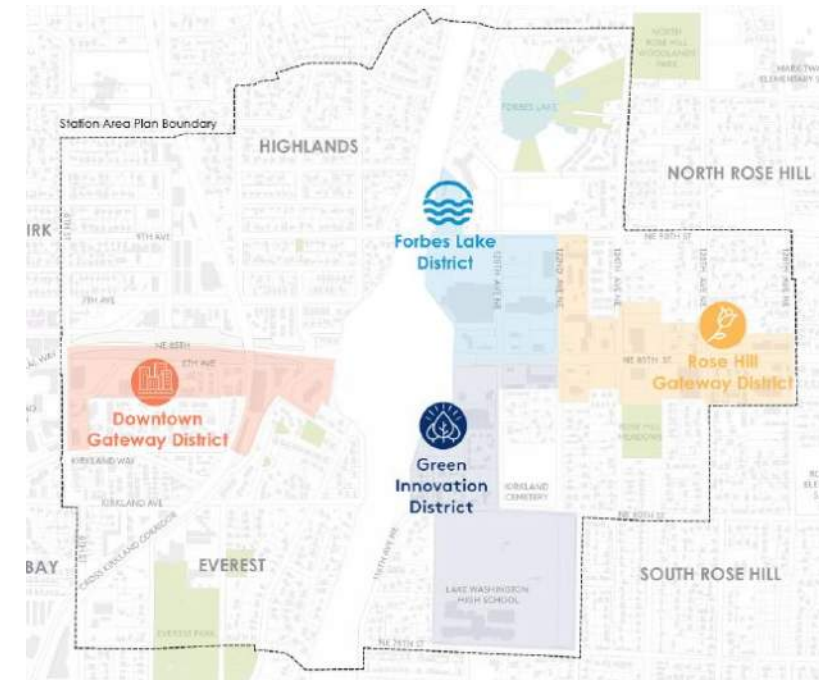
Phase 1 Structure: Policy-weighted, variety of amenities required

An applicant must provide incentive amenities from at least two different categories in order to receive incentive capacity. No more than 75% of the requested incentive capacity may be achieved through provision of amenities in a single category. Applicants may choose to provide amenities from more than two amenity categories.

					Amenity Provided per 20,000sf of IZ bonus space
List of Eligible Amenities	Measure of Exchange Rate	Policy Weighted Bonus Ratio			Bonus Ratio (priority)
		Priority Rank	Priority Weight	Bonus Ratio (priority)	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING					
Commercial development contribution	Voluntary fee per SF of incentive bonus space	1	1.50	\$16.67	\$333,333
MOBILITY / TRANSPORTATION					
Enhanced Mid-block Green Connections	Bonus SF per SF of enhanced connections	3	1.00	5.0	4,000 sf
PARKS / OPEN SPACE					
<u>Public Open Space (outdoor)</u>	Bonus SF for each SF of improved public space	2	1.25	7.5	2,667 sf
<u>Public Community Space (indoor)</u>	Bonus SF for each SF of improved public space	2	1.25	8.8	2,286 sf
SUSTAINABILITY					
Enhanced Performance Buildings	Bonus SF per \$1,000 invested	3	1.00	40.0	\$500,000
Ecology and Habitat (GF score above 0.75)	Bonus SF for each SF of enhanced ecology/habitat land	3	1.00	1.4	14,286 sf
Innovation Investments: Energy and Decarbonization	Bonus SF per \$1,000 invested	3	1.00	40.0	\$500,000
SCHOOLS, EDUCATION, AND CHILDCARE					
ECE/Day Care Operation Space	Bonus SF for each SF of ECE/Day Care space	2	1.25	12.5	1,600 sf
School Operation Space	Bonus SF for each SF of school space	2	1.25	12.5	1,600 sf
OTHER APPLICANT PROPOSED AMENITIES					
Flexible Amenity Options	TBD	3	1.00	40.0	\$500,000

Draft Design Guidelines

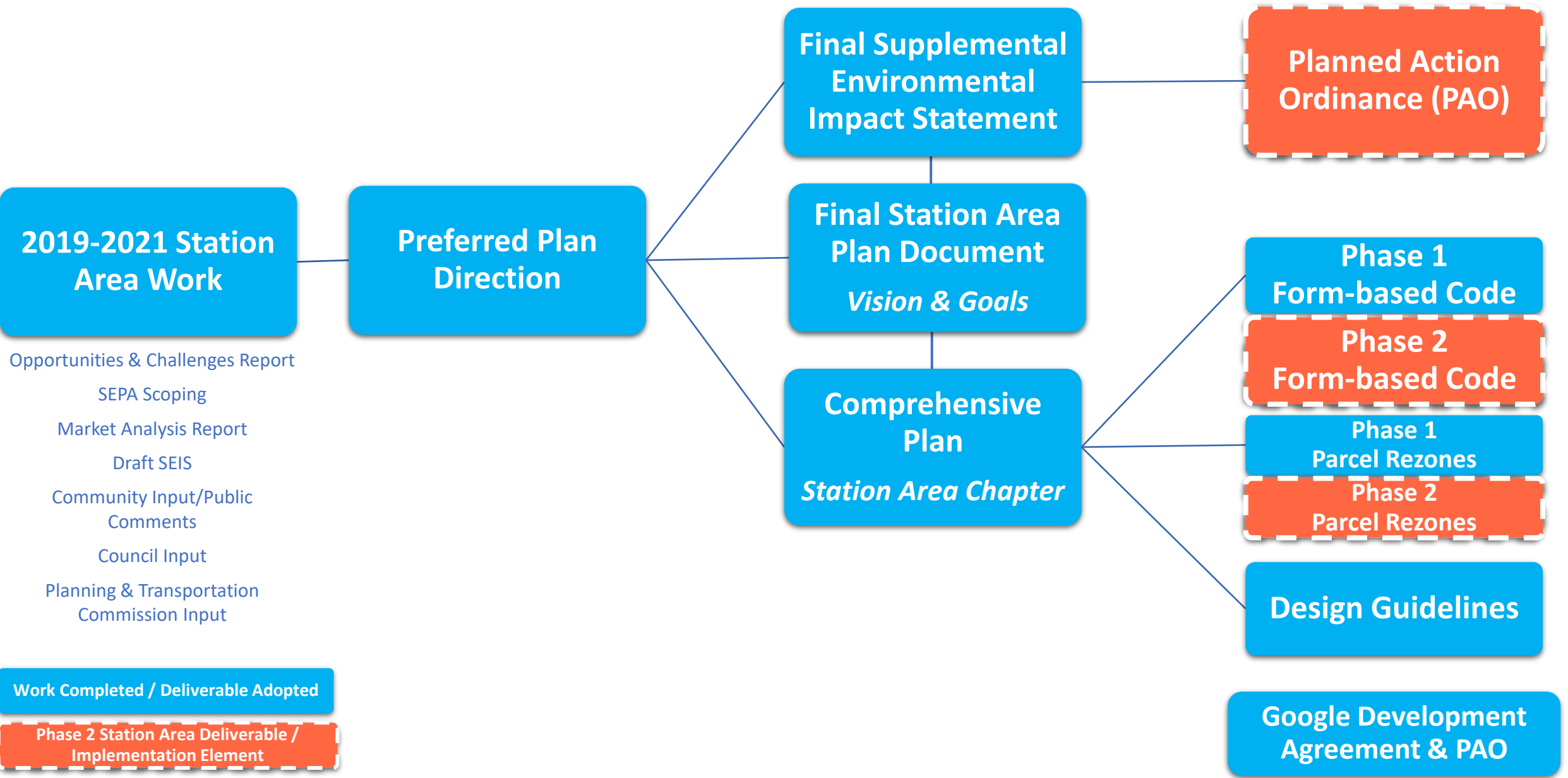
- Review by the Design Review Board will be required for new buildings greater than one (1) story in height or greater than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- **Site Planning** guidelines include:
 - Streetscape
 - Public Spaces (plazas, courtyards, terraces, gardens)
 - Pedestrian Connections & Wayfinding
 - Lighting
 - Screening of Trash & Service Areas
 - Signs
 - Landscaping
- **Building Design** guidelines include:
 - Orientation to Street
 - Massing/Articulation
 - Parking Garages
 - Blank Wall Treatments
 - High-Quality Design
- Draft also includes specific **guidelines by character sub-district**



Catalyst Project Implementation: Google Office Campus

- Development Agreement (DA) with Google adopted by Council on July 19, 2022
 - Topic areas:
 - Entitlement approvals and SEPA
 - Vesting to development standards
 - Alternatives to Form-based code
 - Community benefits and amenities
 - Parking, roadways, and transportation improvements
 - Impact fees and concurrency
 - Community benefit incentive payment; extension of term; other provisions
- Planned Action Ordinance for Lee Johnson site adopted by Council on September 6, 2022
 - Includes specific mitigation measures for future development, largely by referencing adopted DA, and submittal requirements for development applications

Station Area Deliverables Workflow



PHASE 2 OVERVIEW



Phase 2 Adoption: What still needs to be decided in planning process?

- Station Area Planned Action Ordinance
- Form-based Code (KZC amendments) for perimeter districts

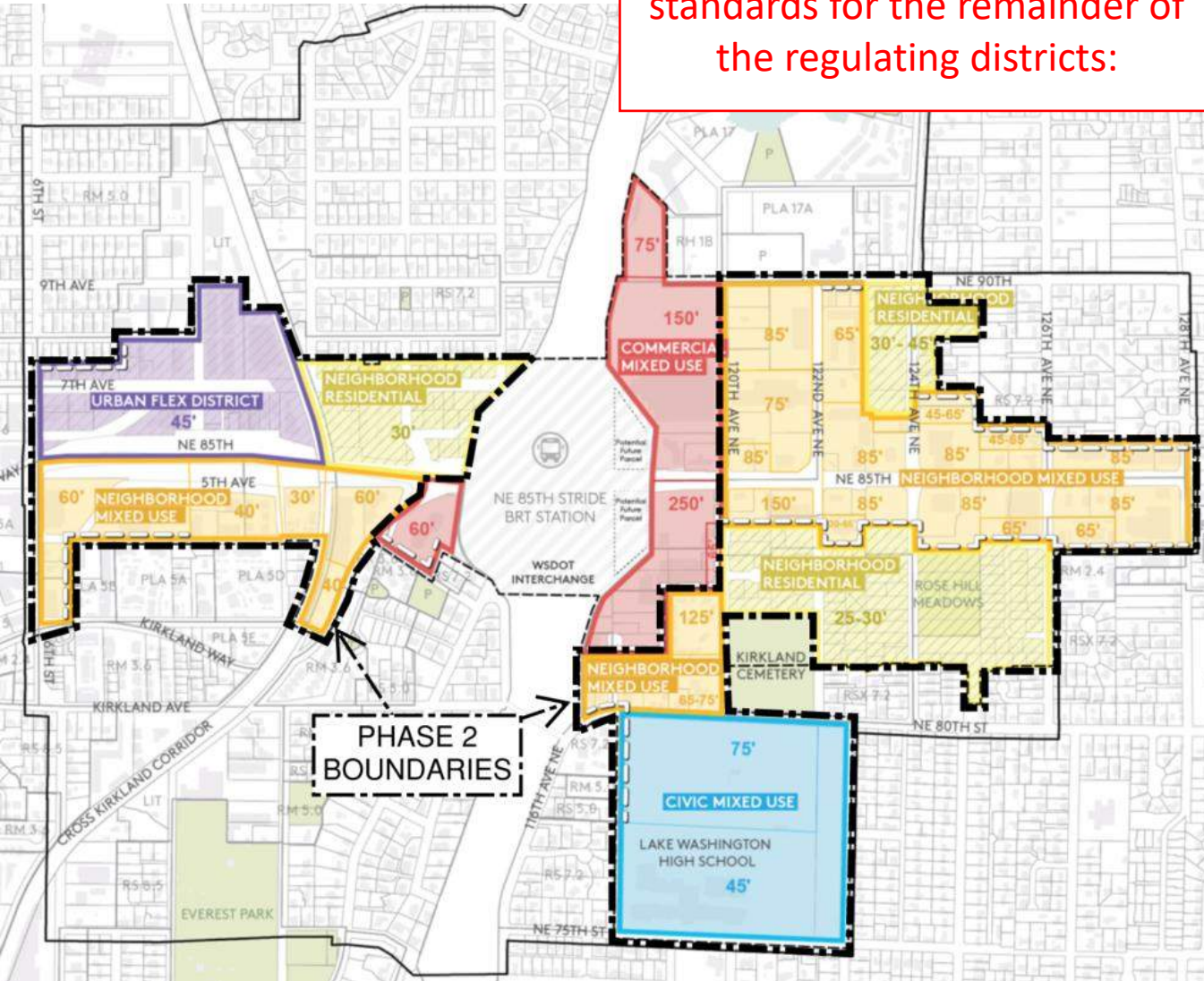


Station Area Planned Action Ordinance (PAO)

- Will cover full Station Area outside of Lee Johnson site
- Culmination of environmental review process under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
 - PAO does not contain environmental analysis beyond that completed in FSEIS and Addendum
- Includes specific mitigation measures for future development, based on FSEIS findings
- Streamlines environmental review of future development applications
 - Provides certainty about required mitigations
 - City's review of applications will include a consistency review and determination to ensure development does not exceed the development and impact thresholds established in PAO

Phase 2 Form-based Code (KZC Amendments)

Phase 2 will include regulating standards for the remainder of the regulating districts:



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What is different about Phase 2 districts?

The regulating districts that are a subject of Phase 2 are distinct from the Phase 1 district (Commercial Mixed-use)

- **Allowed Uses:** Phase 2 districts will allow residential uses that are prohibited in the CMU district.
- **Development Capacity:** Phase 2 districts will generally allow less density and have lower heights than the CMU district.
 - Capacity for new development to provide community benefits (beyond new base requirements) through an incentive zoning program will be less than that on CMU properties.
- **Specific Character of Districts:**
 - Civic Mixed-use district encompasses Lake Washington High School.
 - Urban Flex district includes portions of the Norkirk light industrial area with existing uses that are expected to continue.
 - Neighborhood Residential and Urban Flex District proposed changes to development capacity (i.e., allowed maximum height) is minimal (and on many properties no increase to allowed height is proposed).
 - Neighborhood Mixed Use allow for a combination of residential and commercial uses at a moderate development capacity.

Council Policy Direction for Phase 2

To guide development of the Phase 2 FBC and IZ program, Council provided staff with general direction on September 20, 2022:

1. Affordable housing should be a priority for Phase 2 Zoning.
2. Staff should provide more information about the tradeoffs associated with possible prioritization of the below affordable housing options:
 - Providing units at deeper levels of affordability
 - Providing more affordable units at current affordability level (e.g., increasing inclusionary requirement for new development above 10%)
 - Providing affordable units with higher bedroom counts (2+) that would be suitable for families and larger households.
3. The structure of the Phase 2 FBC and IZ program should ensure that there is a mix of residential and commercial services in the Station Area.
4. Staff should provide more information about the tradeoffs between including affordable housing requirements (beyond existing inclusionary requirement) in the base or incentive requirements.
5. Other community benefits (e.g., open space and parks) are also important. In addition, there should be outreach to the development community to understand how the draft IZ program is likely to be utilized.



Planning Commission Role & Phase 2 Work Plan

Planning Commission Role

In Phase 2, Planning Commission will advise City Council on the Form-based Code by:

- Providing staff with feedback on proposed FBC amendments,
- Holding a public hearing, and receiving testimony, for Phase 2 amendments, and,
- Making a recommendation to Council on the proposed amendments.

Council will take final action on the proposed amendments.

To prepare Planning Commission and the community for the public hearing, staff will:

- Complete and release a full draft of the Phase 2 draft FBC in early October (will be based on input from Phase 1, and the adopted goals and policies for the Station Area),
- Hold two, focused, study sessions (open to the public) with Planning Commission to review the FBC, and,
- Conduct outreach and hold an Open House to help the community learn more about the FBC.

Next Steps

- October 13, 2022: *Planning Commission study sessions – draft FBC Part 1*
- October 27, 2022: *Planning Commission study sessions – draft FBC Part 2*
- October 2022: *Community Open House*
- November 10, 2022 (tentative): *Planning Commission public hearing - Zoning Code amendments (Phase 2 FBC)*
- November 2022 (tentative): *City Council public hearing – Planned Action Ordinance*
- December 13, 2022 (tentative): *City Council consideration of Phase 2 adoption (FBC and PAO)*

Questions for Planning Commission:

- What FBC topics do you need to understand better?
- What components of the Phase 2 FBC will require the most Commission discussion?

Questions for staff?

