

# 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update

## Visioning Event Key Takeaways

- **What do you love about Kirkland now that you think should persist 20 years into the future?**
  - Ease of movement/mobility around the city
    - Transit
    - Cross-Kirkland Corridor
    - Walkable downtown and waterfront
    - Walkability and bikeability
  - Community
    - Multi-generational
    - Respectful
  - Distinct neighborhoods
    - Anchored by retail services
    - That are diverse and welcoming
    - Diversity of businesses and non-profits
    - Great schools
  - Parks, open spaces, and trees
    - Accessible green space
  - Leadership
- **In 20 years, how do you imagine Kirkland will change?**
  - Fewer cars
    - More bike and pedestrian corridors
    - More shuttles and alternative transportation
    - Direct (transit?) service to Seattle
  - More abundant housing
    - People who work here, live here (affordability)
    - Increased housing choices
    - Increased density
  - Climate will change
    - Decreased GHG emissions
    - Zero-carbon (direct mitigation, zero carbon emissions, eliminate at source)
  - Information/education of the first peoples
  - More access to general amenities
  - More progressive revenue collection system
  - Change in demographics (possible younger people)
    - More welcoming to all groups
- **What challenges do you think Kirkland will face over the next 20 years?**
  - Climate change
    - Stress to trees and water resources
    - Loss of trees due to development and climate change
  - Income disparity
    - Lots of high paying jobs; limited people in service industry

- Retaining and attracting small businesses
  - Workforce training
  - Becoming a company town and losing economic diversity
- Dependence on cars
  - Transitioning away from cars while balancing revenues from car sales
  - Lack of robust transportation options
  - Increased traffic
- Meeting the diversity of our community (I.e. cultural events)
- Affordable office space for non-profits
- Balancing density with “small-town Kirkland”
- Housing affordability and increasing property taxes
- Political tensions
- Keeping amenities we all love
- **What ideas do you have for opportunities and strategies we can employ to address these challenges?**
  - Transportation
    - Work with King County to increase transit
    - More transit opportunities beyond cars
      - Point-to-point shuttles
      - More charging stations; support electrification
      - More CKC connections
  - Code
    - For-based code
  - Communication and Coordination
    - Work across jurisdictions and agencies
    - More diverse views
    - Focus on small businesses and business diversity
    - More efforts into events and opportunities to engage with the public
    - Listen to people that don’t live in Kirkland
  - Climate Change
    - Tap into federal/state funding to address CC
    - Work with PSE to provide more renewable energy sources
    - Water conservation
  - Miscellaneous
    - Rebuild instead of retrofitting
    - Create more efficient systems
    - Incentivize social behavior change to achieve goals
- **How can we improve the City’s vision statement?**
  - Performance measures to track progress toward vision
  - Add public safety component
  - Better define green
  - Add statement on fiscal responsibility
  - Add places to gather (more specific than existing statement)
  - Add being a leader in the region/state/nationally