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## SEPA DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPING OF SUPPLEMENTAL EIS

**DATE ISSUED:** October 18, 2023

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**Project Name:** 2044 Kirkland Comprehensive  
Plan Update

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**Project Location/Address:** Citywide

**Proponent:** City of Kirkland

### **Project Description:**

Lead agency is the City of Kirkland.

The City of Kirkland is proposing updates to its Comprehensive Plan and Kirkland Transportation Plan (“KTP,” formerly known as the Transportation Master Plan) for the horizon year of 2044. The Comprehensive Plan update will refine and implement the community vision, goals, and policies in each element of the Comprehensive Plan. Key themes of diversity, equity, inclusion, sustainability, mobility, and affordable housing will be interwoven throughout the Plan.

The 2044 Comprehensive Plan will address Kirkland’s growth consistent with the State's Growth Management Act (GMA), along with regional, and countywide planning requirements. Growth allocated to the City of Kirkland is focused in the Greater Downtown (includes the NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea Plan) and Totem Lake Regional Growth Centers, which are well-served by transit, local retail services, and open space amenities. Land use changes under consideration include increasing development options along transit corridors, in Totem Lake industrial/commercial districts, and in and around commercial centers. The Comprehensive Plan is also anticipated to include policies that support affordable housing, along with more compact housing types such as duplexes and triplexes (in accordance with new State law and the City’s housing objectives), and that increase flexibility for neighborhood-serving retail uses. The Juanita and Kingsgate Neighborhood Plans and other neighborhood plans will also be updated.

In general, the Kirkland Transportation Plan update will reaffirm the priority of walking, biking, and transit; integrate adopted transportation-related functional plans adopted since 2015; prioritize long-range transportation projects; and expand on topics such as equity and inclusiveness, sustainability, transportation technology and innovation, micro-mobility/mobility hubs, parking and curb management. The Kirkland Transportation Plan will be used to update the Transportation, Capital Facilities and Land Use Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will likely study two alternatives including the No Action Alternative (continuation of the current Comprehensive Plan) and a Growth Action Alternative that include a change to growth levels and patterns, infrastructure investments, and service needs. The SEIS will supplement the 2015 Comprehensive Plan

Update & Totem Lake Planned Action - Final Environmental Impact Statement issued November 2015 and the NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea Plan Final SEIS issued on December 30, 2021.

A more detailed summary of the changes is available on the [www.kirklandwa.gov/K2044](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/K2044) webpage.

### **Purpose and Scope of SEIS**

The City of Kirkland believes that the 2044 Comprehensive Plan will have beneficial environmental impacts in that it seeks to shape future growth in a way that promotes housing choice, transit access, transportation mode shift, open space protection, and sustainability. However, in order to thoroughly evaluate the potential environmental effects of the Comprehensive Plan, and to provide an opportunity for additional public comment, the City has elected to prepare an SEIS pursuant to RCW [43.21C.030](#) (2)(c). Other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at the project website: [www.kirklandwa.gov/k2044](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/k2044) Comprehensive Plan (Environmental Review).

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the SEIS: Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Public Services (police protection, fire and emergency medical services, parks, and schools), and Utilities (stormwater, water, and sewer).

### **Scoping**

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. Information about providing comments on the scope of this SEIS is provided below:

### **Scoping Comment Period dates: October 18-November 17, 2023**

Provide written comments to City Contact below by. Email comments are preferred.

City Contact:

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**Responsible Official:**



October 18, 2023

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