



# City of Shoreline's Vision for the Future

## **Introducing the Draft City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan Update**

The City of Shoreline's Draft Comprehensive Plan Update establishes your vision for Shoreline's future! The City Council, Planning Commission, and City Departments will use the Plan to guide their decisions about development and growth in the City over the next 20 years.

The City's original Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1998 in response to the requirements of the state's Growth Management Act (GMA). Using input from citizens, experts, and the Planning Commission, City staff have proposed revisions to Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. This update builds off of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan and responds to the state's requirement that each city in King County take action to review, and if needed, revise its comprehensive plan by December 2004.

## **Public Review Process**

The City has held two public open houses and several Planning Commission workgroup sessions to identify issues to be addressed. This draft version of the Plan is the result of the public review process to date.

Continued help from Shoreline's citizens is needed to identify issues that need further review or investigation.

### **How to Comment**

Comment forms describing how to comment on the Draft Plan are available -

- on the City Web site -  
<http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/masterplan/>
- at City Hall, 17544 Midvale Ave. N., or
- by calling (206) 542-4499 and providing your contact information



The City staff will review all comments received and present them to the Planning Commission for consideration. The draft Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission at a public hearing, where the public will have another opportunity to comment. The timing of the public hearing process will be driven by the amount of additional research required to respond to comments on the first Draft. The City Council review and adoption process will follow the Planning Commission's recommendation.

### **How to Read the Plan**

The draft Comprehensive Plan is composed of three main sections - Introduction, Goals & Policies, and Supporting Analysis.

- **Section I - Introduction.** This section includes a description of the comprehensive planning process, the City's vision statements, framework goals, and a description of the public participation opportunities during Plan development. It also includes the City's public participation policies, a community profile, and a brief history of Shoreline.
- **Section II - Comprehensive Plan Elements - Goals & Policies.** The Goals & Policies are the heart of the Comprehensive Plan. They are organized by the following elements: land use, housing, transportation, capital facilities, utilities, parks, recreation and cultural services, economic development, and community design. The Goals & Policies of the Land Use Element, together with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, represent the basis for assumptions in all other elements of the Plan.
- **Section III - Comprehensive Plan Elements - Supporting Analysis.** This section provides the foundation for the Goals & Policies and includes inventories of background data, needs assessments or analyses, and the identification of issues. This section also includes a list of potential capital projects to implement the goals of the Plan.



## Changes to the Comprehensive Plan

Major revisions to the Plan contained in this update include document formatting and organization changes, new data and analysis, and updated goals and policies. *No changes to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations Map are proposed in this Comprehensive Plan update.*

- **New Format and Elements.** The goals and policies have been separated from the background analysis for each element. The change will enable elected officials, City staff, developers, and the public to more clearly distinguish between the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies and the analyses upon which they are based. Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan Update consolidated the Plan's original twelve elements into nine. The Essential Public Facilities and Environment elements have been integrated into the Land Use Element to improve consistency. The Citizen Participation Element has been integrated into the Introduction section.
- **New Data and Analysis Incorporated.**
  - The Land Use Element has been updated to include 2000 Census data and population allocations developed with the King County Growth Management Planning Council.
  - The Housing Element has been updated to include current data on housing type, age of housing, household size, and average housing prices and rents within the City.
  - The Transportation Element has been updated to include new information about street classifications, "green streets," level of service standards, roadway improvement projects, and bicycle & pedestrian needs.
  - The Capital Facilities Element has been updated to include a list of potential capital projects to implement the Plan's goals. This list will serve to develop a 20-year capital facilities plan.
  - The Utilities Element has been updated to include current information about utility providers.
  - The Economic Development Element has been updated to include current data on demographics and population in the City's market area, household income characteristics within the City,



employment by sector comparisons, tax base information and existing retail, office, and residential market conditions.

- The Community Design Element has been updated to include information about the City's gateway program.
- **Proposed Goals and Policies Updates.** A separate companion document to the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update titled, "*Proposed Goals & Policies Updates - Matrices*," has been prepared. These matrices show the suggested updates to the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies that have been recommended to date. The matrix below describes how to read the matrices.

Item #	Existing Goal/Policy	Workgroup Comments	Staff/Consultant Comments
For tracking purposes, each goal and policy in the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update has been assigned an item #.	The City's existing Comprehensive Goals & Policies are shown here.	Updates that were proposed at the Planning Commission workgroup meetings are shown here in <del>strikeout</del> (indicating deletion of text) and <u>underline</u> (indicating addition of text) format. The reasoning behind the change is stated here as well.	Additional updates to the goals and policies from the City staff and consultant team are located here in <del>strikeout</del> (indicating deletion of text) and <u>underline</u> (indicating addition of text) format. The reasoning behind the change is stated here as well.

Section II of the draft Plan, *Goals & Policies*, shows all proposed changes documented in the matrices in plain text (without the ~~strikeout~~ or underlining) to make the proposed updates easier to read. You will notice that numbering of the goals and policies is not always sequential in the draft Plan. This is due to the reorganization of some of the goals and policies and the proposed addition of new policies. For tracking purposes, the existing numbering for all goals and policies has been retained. Once the Plan has gone through the public review process, the goals and policies will be renumbered sequentially.