

2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Planning Commission Initial Review of Chapters

May 10, 2022

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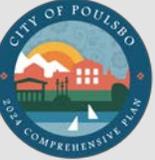
Visioning



A Changing Small City

- **Growing Population:** From 2016-2021 – 3.17% Average Annual Growth Rate
- **Aging Population:** Since 2010, median age has increased 16% from 38.4 to 44.6
- **More Diverse:** Since 2010, persons who identify as two or more races increased by 135%
- **Additional Renters:** Since 2010, renter-occupied housing units increased by 82%
- **More Jobs:** From 2010-2019, 16.33% increase in total jobs
- **Aging Workforce:** From 2010-2019, workers over the age of 55 increased by 42%
- **Commuting Further:** From 2010-2019, 80% increase in those traveling over 50 miles for work

Chapter 1: Introduction



- The Introduction Chapter provides the vision statement, guiding principles, and community key goals. In addition, the chapter outlines the planning context, public engagement, and organization of the document.
- We will be reviewing the vision statement, guiding principles, and community key goals tonight. The other sections of the chapter will be reviewed and revised further in the update process.
- The vision statement and guiding principles were drafted for the 2009 comprehensive plan update following an extensive community engagement process.
- The language was “refreshed” for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Climate Change and Resiliency

NE-8 Policies and actions to address climate change:

Kitsap CPPs

- a. The County and the Cities should continue support to **focus growth in urban areas**, centers, and high-capacity transit areas located near transit options and proximity to jobs.
- b. The County and the Cities should update land use regulations, where appropriate, to allow **electric vehicle infrastructure** and businesses that promote climate change goals consistent with state requirements.
- c. The County and the Cities should establish and/or support programs to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions** and to increase energy conservation and alternative/clean energy among both public and private entities.
- d. The County and the Cities should provide continued support for using natural systems to reduce carbon in the atmosphere by establishing programs and policies that maintain and **increase forests and vegetative cover**.
- e. The County and the Cities should plan for and consider impacts from climate change including **sea-level rise**, flooding, wildfire hazards, and **urban heat** on both existing and new development.
- f. The County and the Cities should recognize state and regional targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as they update local plans and regulations.

LOCAL ACTIONS

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Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change: Cities and counties will **incorporate emissions reduction policies** and actions that contribute meaningfully toward regional greenhouse gas emission goals, along with equitable **climate resiliency measures**, in their comprehensive planning. Strategies include land uses that reduce vehicle miles traveled and promote **transit, biking, and walking** consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, developing and implementing **climate friendly building codes**, investments in multimodal transportation choices, and steps to encourage a transition to **cleaner transportation and energy systems**.

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Resilience: Cities and counties will update land use plans for climate adaptation and resilience. Critical areas will be updated based on climate impacts from **sea level rise**, flooding, wildfire hazards, **urban heat**, and other hazards. The comprehensive plans will identify mitigation measures addressing these hazards including multimodal emergency and evacuation routes and prioritizing mitigation of climate impacts on highly impacted communities and **vulnerable populations**.

Social Equity

D-5 Equity: Services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities is important. It ensures all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life. Policies focused on equity are contained throughout the Countywide Planning Policies.

Kitsap CPPs

- a. Support PSRC in the development of a Regional Equity Strategy that will provide tools, resources, and guidance to integrate this issue into planning processes.
- b. Planning for parks/open space, future growth, housing, transportation, public facilities, and services, and where uses are located, all have an impact on our community. As comprehensive plans are updated, the County and Cities should consider how these

decisions **impact historically underserved communities and coordinate on ways to address for those impacts together.**

Equity

All people have the means to attain the resources and opportunities that improve their quality of life and enable them to reach full potential. Communities of color, historically marginalized communities, and those affected by poverty are engaged in decision-making processes, planning, and policy-making.

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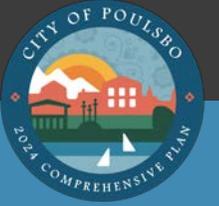
Promote equity and access to opportunity in economic development policies and programs. Expand employment opportunity to improve the region's shared economic future.

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Implement transportation programs and projects that provide access to opportunities while preventing or mitigating negative impacts to people of color, people with low incomes, and people with special transportation needs.

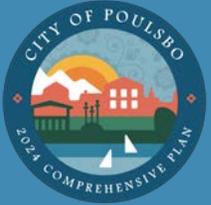
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Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities.



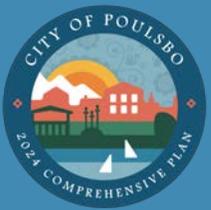
Vision Statement

Poulsbo is a vibrant community distinguished by its unique location on the shore of Liberty Bay, access to natural beauty and urban amenities, and historic, small-town quaint character. Situated at the crossroads of Puget Sound, Poulsbo is a locally based economy with a strong sense of community and heritage, where civic groups, local government, families, and neighbors work collaboratively to continually maintain and improve high quality of life.



Guiding Principles

Respect Poulsbo's identity, including the historic downtown and existing neighborhoods and districts, while allowing new areas to develop.



Guiding Principles

Improve and sustain the beauty and health of the surrounding natural environment.



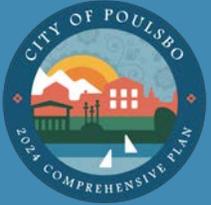
Guiding Principles

Develop an economically sustainable balance of services, amenities, and infrastructure



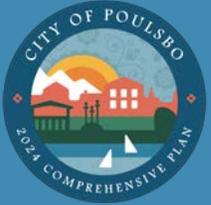
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Promote community interaction by supporting gathering places, open spaces, and parks and recreation.



Guiding Principles

Support community members of all ages in their efforts to promote active lifestyle choices.



Guiding Principles

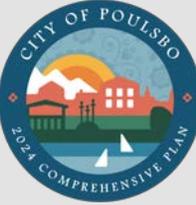
Connect the City, neighborhoods, and neighbors through complete streets designed to provide safe mobility for all users.



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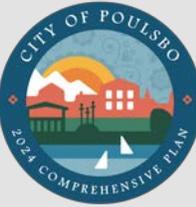
Establish processes that engage citizens and community partners and implement policies that reflect the desires and concerns of community members.

Key Goals – Land Use



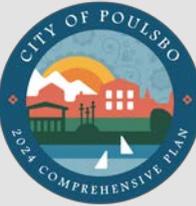
- Achieve a mix of commercial land uses that serve the needs of the City’s residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Plan for residential development that compliments the built environment and the city’s neighborhoods, while we change and grow.
- Plan and provide for public utilities and infrastructure to support the geographic and population growth of the city.
- Plan for mixed-use to encourage proximity and diversity in living and working options and decrease transportation challenges.

Key Goals – Community Character



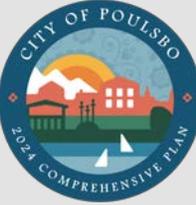
- Improve quality of life and create places where both adults and youth can live, work, learn, shop and play.
- Maintain the positive identifiable images and features that make Poulsbo memorable.
- Encourage community cohesion by providing a range of spaces and places for civic functions, such as public meetings, ceremonial events, and community festivals.
- Provide a well-designed, pedestrian friendly, and community oriented downtown center.
- Respect the character of the City's downtown, waterfront, and residential areas, while allowing for new development, expansion, and renovation that considers the scale and character of the area.
- Accommodate infill development and redevelopment that enhances the quality of city neighborhoods and business areas.

Key Goals – Transportation



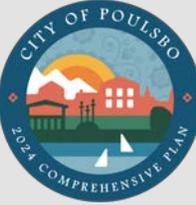
- Emphasize development of complete streets that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation.
- Develop standards to improve the function, safety, and appearance of the city's street system.
- Maintain a consistent level of service on the city's street system that is appropriate for existing and future growth to improve traffic flow.
- Participate in efforts to enhance the City's connectivity to the region, including telecommuting.

Key Goals – Natural Environment



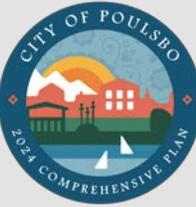
- Support standards that maintain or improve environmental quality.
- Preserve the City’s natural systems to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to maintain the integrity of the natural environment.
- Support regulation of activities in sensitive and hazardous areas to ensure high environmental quality and to avoid risks actual damage to life and property.
- Coordinate implementation of regulation and preservation efforts through the Comprehensive Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, Shoreline Master Program, and other applicable City plans and regulations.

Key Goals – Capital Facilities



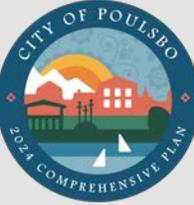
- Proactively plan and invest for critical public facilities, such as water, storm water, sanitary sewers, streets, sidewalks, bike paths, parks, and other necessary infrastructure to meet the needs of existing population and future growth.
- Ensure that public facilities and services necessary to support development is adequate and available at the time of new development, without decreasing the adopted level of service.
- Provide the necessary public facilities identified through the Capital Facilities Plans within the City's ability to fund or within the City's authority to require others to pay, or fundable through strategic partnerships.

Key Goals – Housing



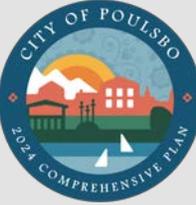
- Achieve a mix of housing types to meet the needs of owners and renters at various income levels and ages.
- Achieve a mix of housing types and densities while maintaining healthy neighborhoods and guide new housing development into appropriate areas.

Key Goals – Parks, Recreation and Open Space



- Develop active and passive parks, recreation programs and facilities, and an open space system that benefits citizens of all ages, incomes, and physical abilities.
- Establish, maintain, and preserve a network of trails, safe walkways, and open spaces throughout the Poulsbo community.
- Provide opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreational activities and team sports in City parks.

Key Goals – Economic Development



- Guide and enhance Poulsbo’s positive economic climate that attracts and supports business retention, expansion, and recruitment.
- Attract businesses and foster local entrepreneurship that serves Poulsbo residents, the greater North Kitsap community, and our valued tourists.
- Support the provision and expansion of education at all levels and training opportunities, to maintain and enhance a skilled workforce.
- Support economic development initiatives for Poulsbo residents to have access to family wage jobs, and employers have access to a talented workforce to assist in retaining and growing their businesses.
- Provide sufficient infrastructure and public facilities appropriate to support economic development.
- Encourage business activity that takes advantage of technology and promotes alternatives to commuting, including the increasing trend to work from home.
- Support a healthy and beautiful environment, vibrant and thriving community and high quality of life for all Poulsbo residents and businesses.



PROJECT DOCUMENTS

FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- Comprehensive Planning Road Map
- Kitsap County Buildable Lands Report
- Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies
- Commercial Land Market Analysis
- Housing Action Plan
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan
- Urban Paths of Poulsbo
- Best Available Science Report (coming soon)

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION KICK-OFF - FEB 23, 2022



JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION GROWTH TARGET MEETINGS - MARCH 22, 2022



INTRODUCTION (CHAPTER 1) UPDATE - MAY 2022



Reminder



Upcoming Schedule

(subject to change)

2022 Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Review Schedule

Tasks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Joint PC/CC Kick Off Meeting		█										
Joint PC/CC Growth Target Meeting			█									
PC Initial Review of Introduction Chapter					★							
PC Initial Review of Community Character Chapter					█	█						
PC Initial Review of PROS Chapter						█						
PC Initial Review of Natural Environment Chapter						█	█					
PC Initial Review of Economic Development Chapter							█					
Joint PC/CC Land Use Scenarios Meeting									█			
PC Initial Review of Housing Chapter										█	█	

NOTE: This is just your initial look at these chapters.

Foster resilience by planning for community responses to unavoidable natural and man-made disturbances.

Ensure all residents, regardless of age, mode, or ability, can find safe comfortable ways to travel through the city, and welcoming destinations when they arrive.

Plan, develop, implement, and maintain high-quality capital infrastructure and services that reflect the needs of a growing community.

Foster community cohesiveness, communications, and cooperation, and maintain neighborhoods that offer a variety of housing options that are diverse, safe, accessible, and well designed.

Reduce risk and improve the ability of individuals, communities, economic systems, and the natural and built environments to withstand, recover from, and adapt to changes from natural hazards, human-made disasters, climate change, and economic shifts.

WHAT IS A COMPLETE STREET?

"A Complete Streets approach integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of our transportation networks."



ACTIVE SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks should be smooth, wide, feel safe, and have appropriate transitions to the street, making them easy to walk or use a wheelchair on

DEDICATED BIKE LANES

Simple pavement markings creating a dedicated bike lane make both motorist and bicycle movement more predictable, and therefore safer for both. They may increase the likelihood of casual riders using bicycles for transportation

ACTIVE ROADWAY

One lane of car traffic going in each direction with a two-way-left-turn-lane (TWLTL) in the center would reduce the amount of car crashes on Government Street by providing turning vehicles a refuge from through traffic, while keeping through traffic moving more efficiently

SAFE CROSSWALKS

Clearly marked crosswalks allow pedestrians and wheelchair users to cross streets safely, while making sure cars know where to expect them

PLANTING STRIP

Street trees and landscaping slow speeding traffic, improve the aesthetics of the roadway, provide shade, and create a buffer between cars and people, making a more inviting environment for pedestrians.

GREEN SPACES

Parks and public green spaces create a destination, encouraging community interaction and providing a rest from the surrounding urban environment