

A photograph of the Seattle skyline at sunset, with the city lights and the Space Needle visible against a colorful sky of orange, pink, and blue. The water of the harbor is in the foreground.

# Managing Growth to Become an Equitable City 2015-2035

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Mayor's Recommended Plan

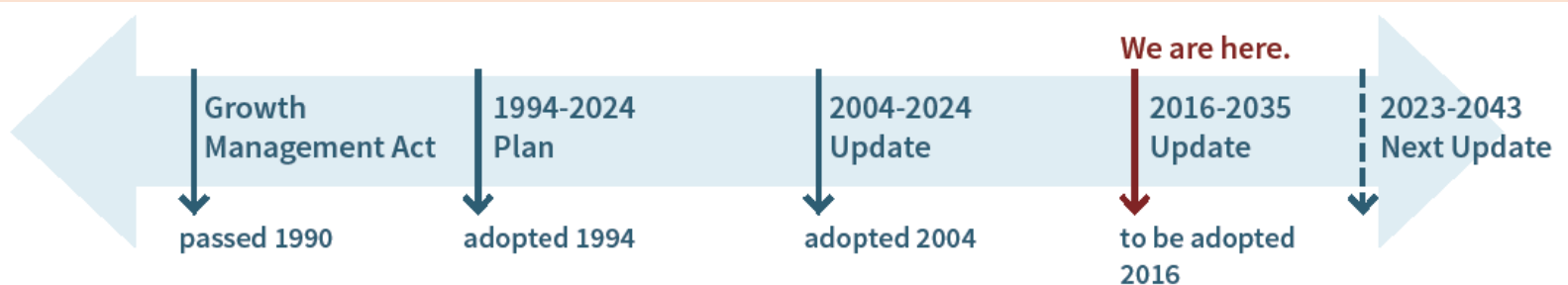
**An Overview**

# Council Review of Plan

Comp Plan Topic	Council Committee	Date
Growth Strategy and Land Use	PLUZ	June 7
Transportation	Sustainability and Transportation	June 21
Housing and Neighborhood Planning	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance	July 6
Community Well-Being	Human Services and Public Health	July 13
Schools and Growth	Education, Equity and Governance	July 20
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	Parks	July 21
Environment, Utilities	Energy and Environment	July 26

# Planning Context

- Comp Plan is policy document
- Vision for how we will manage growth over the next 20 years
- Growth Projections
- Urban Village Strategy



# What's in the Plan

## **Growth Strategy**

*(previously Urban Village)*

## **Land Use**

## **Transportation**

## **Housing**

## **Capital Facilities**

## **Utilities**

## **Economic Development**

## **Environment**

## **Parks and Open Space**

## **Arts and Culture**

*(previously Cultural Resources)*

## **Community Well-Being**

*(previously Human Development)*

## **Neighborhood Planning**

*(previously Neighborhood Planning A)*

## **Container Port**

*(no changes)*

## **Shoreline Areas**

*(no changes)*

## **Neighborhood Plans**

*(previously Neighborhood Planning B, no changes)*

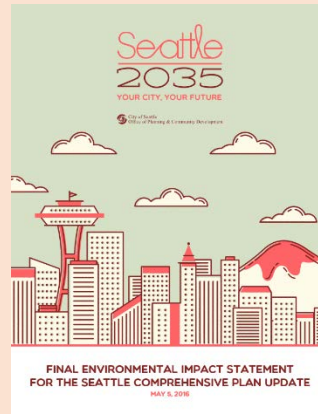
# Background Studies



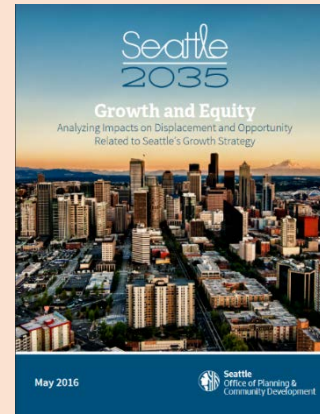
Background Report



Development Capacity Report



Draft & Final EIS



Draft & Final Equity Analysis



Equitable Development Implementation Plan

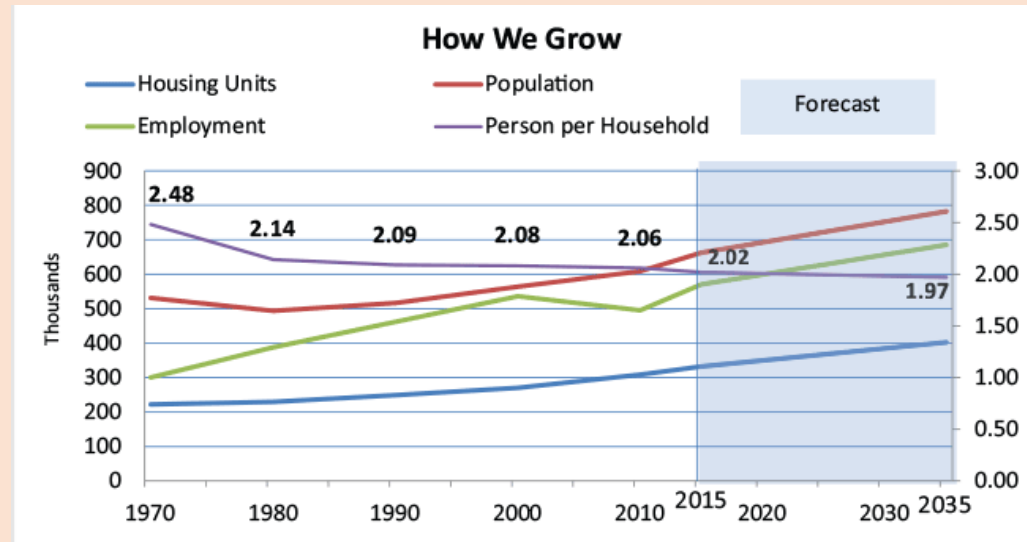
## Also:

- 10-minute Walkshed Mapping
- Indicator and Urban Village Studies



# Changes in Seattle since the last major update

- Added 51,000 housing units and 58,000 jobs since 2004
- Expanded transit (light rail and more bus hours)
- Ride sharing
- City's commitment to be carbon neutral
- Updated Vision 2040 and Countywide Planning Policies
- New growth assumptions
- Affordable housing crisis
- City's increased emphasis on race and social equity



# Goals for the update

- Emphasize equity
- Build on transit investments
- Make the Plan more accessible
- Engage the public







# Making the Plan more accessible

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Citywide Planning	Neighborhood Plans	Appendices
Introduction 2	Admiral	Growth Strategy 405
Growth Strategy 20	Aurora-Licton	Land Use 409
Land Use (and Future Land Use Map) 37	Ballard/Interbay Northend Manufacturing/Industrial Center	Transportation 420
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Neighborhood Planning 158	Fremont	
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Glossary 184	Green Lake	
	Greenwood/Phinney Ridge	
	Morgan Junction	
	North Beacon Hill	
	North Neighborhoods (Lake City)	
	North Rainier	
	Northgate	
	Othello	
	Pike/Pine	
	Queen Anne (Uptown)	
	Rainier Beach	
	Roosevelt	
	South Lake Union	
	South Park	
	University Community	
	Wallingford	
	West Seattle Junction	
	Westwood/Highland Park	

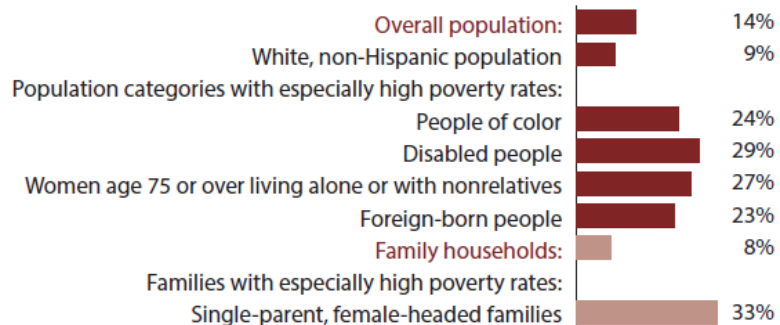
- Format for online navigation
- Eliminate duplication and obsolete policies
- Plain language, more readable discussions
- One goal per section
- Glossary

# Changes in the Plan - Equity

- Renamed Core Value – Race and Social Equity
- Data points in nearly every element
- Policy emphasis – over 100 policies provide direction about how the City will address race and social equity in 6 themes

## Poverty in Seattle

Percentage with incomes below poverty level



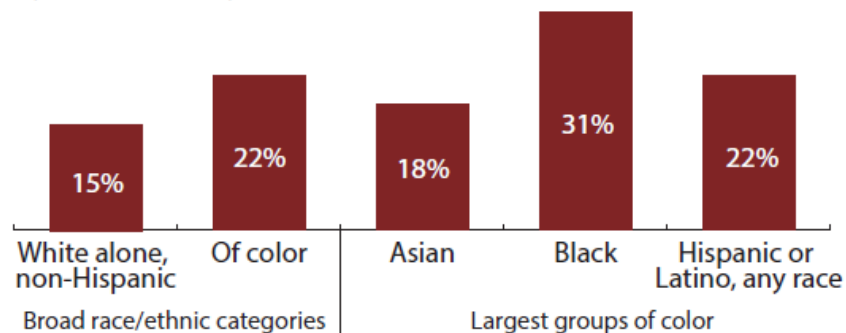
Source: 2011–2013 ACS, US Census Bureau.

Notes: Some people (for example, people living in college dormitories and people who are institutionalized) are not included in poverty rate calculations.

## Share of Seattle Households

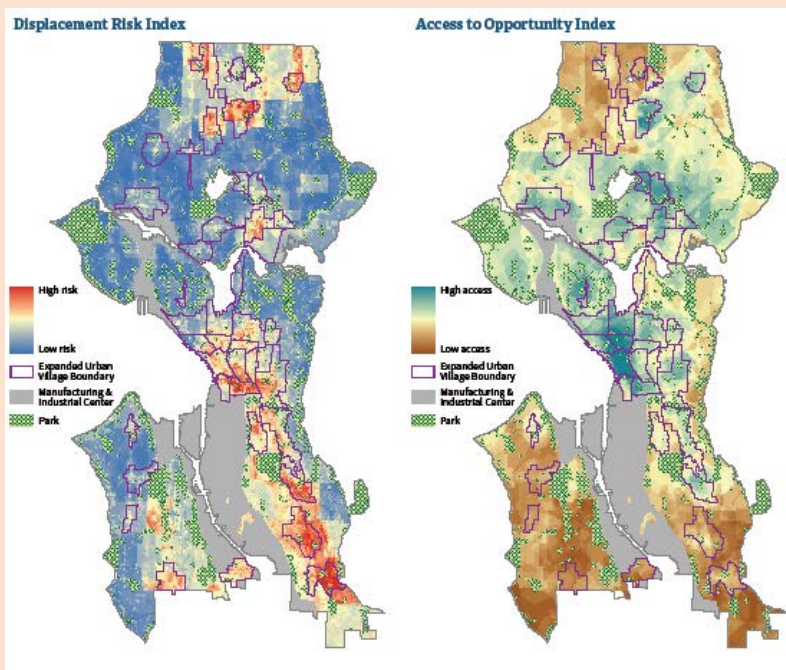
Who Are Severely Housing-Cost Burdened

by Race/Ethnicity of Person who Owns or Rents a Home



Source: 2006–2010 ACS CHAS special tabulation, US Census Bureau

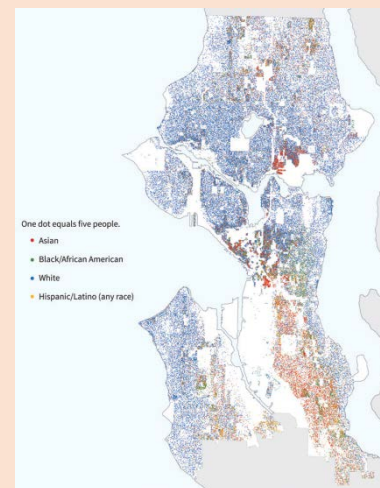
# Equity Themes



- Prioritize public investments to meet the needs of marginalized populations.
- Analyze City decisions through a race and social equity lens.
- Stabilize communities to reduce displacement pressures.
- Create economic mobility for all to participate in Seattle's prosperity.
- Provide more affordable housing choices throughout the city.
- Engage marginalized populations in decisions that affect their communities.

# What's new in the Introduction

- “Social equity” to “race and social equity”
- Diversity Map
- More data: poverty, housing units built, population pyramids
- Clearer connections to regional and functional plans
- Indicators



# How HALA is integrated into the Plan

- New housing policies about mandatory programs
- Urban village boundary expansions - finalize with HALA outreach
- Future Land Use Map change - supports rezones within UVs
- Land use policies encourage more housing choice





# Changes in the Plan – Growth Strategy

- Formerly Urban Village Element and Urban Design Element
- Walkshed around villages well-served by transit
- Consider potential new village @ 130<sup>th</sup>
- Define village growth by rate, rather than by targets
- Lower growth rate for villages with high displacement risk/low access to opportunities





# Changes in the Plan - Transportation

- New section on safety
- New multi-modal method for measuring level of service
- New maps showing priority locations for transit, bike and pedestrian improvements

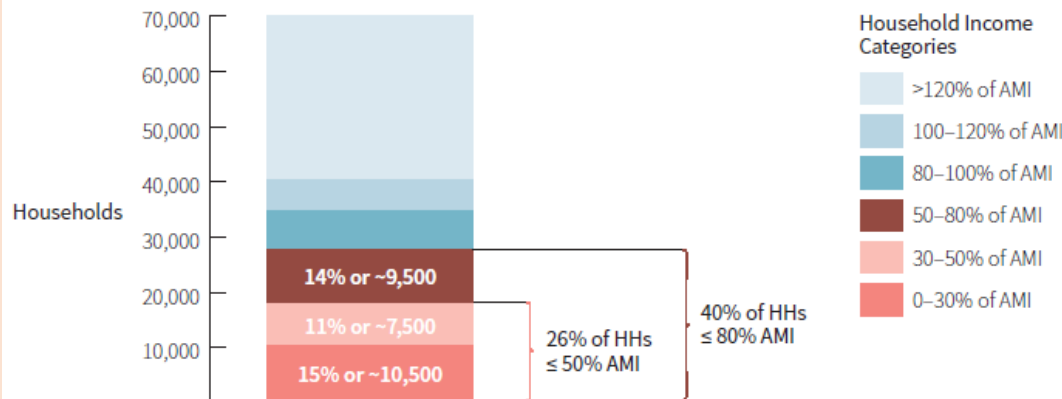


# Changes in the Plan - Housing

- Affordable housing goals no longer directed by Countywide Planning Policies
- Detailed needs assessment in Appendix
- Commitment to Fair Housing Act
- More choices of housing types in single-family zones within urban villages

**Housing Appendix Figure A-33**

Estimated Household Growth by Income Level



# Changes in the Plan – NEW Parks and Open Space Element

- Contains broad principles for how City should provide and develop its open spaces
- Removes numeric goals for open space
- Recognizes open spaces beyond those owned by the City





# Changes in the Plan - Neighborhood Planning

- Removed details about neighborhood planning process
- Focus on key principles
- No change to neighborhood plans themselves



# Changes based on Public Comment

- EIS
  - Added a 4<sup>th</sup> alternative in Draft EIS
  - Added a 5<sup>th</sup> alternative in the Final EIS
  - Examined impacts of higher level of growth in Final EIS
- Added a community engagement section to the Plan
- Replaced transportation level of service standard
- Importance of native vegetation
- Recognized need to address older adults with park activities and social/civic engagement