What is Seattle's Comprehensive Plan?

Our Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year vision and road map for Seattle's future. It guides important City decisions about where jobs will locate and people will live, how we integrate our transportation systems with development, and where investment in utilities, sidewalks and open spaces will be needed. Our current Plan identifies 24 urban villages, in addition to six urban centers and two manufacturing / industrial centers. Focusing growth in these places makes it more predictable and efficient for the City to provide important support services.

How Will the EIS Inform the Comprehensive Plan Update?

We are beginning work on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will assess how the location and form of growth over the next 20 years could result in different benefits and impacts. The EIS will include analysis of transportation, housing affordability, and numerous other environmental elements.

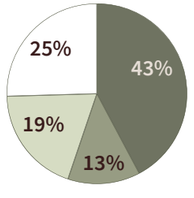
For planning purposes, the Growth Management Planning Council of King County has allocated 70,000 households and 115,000 new jobs to Seattle. In order to plan for this projected growth, the EIS will analyze three alternatives each of which assume the same amount of growth, but vary in how the housing and jobs would be distributed.

We want to hear from you … what should the EIS planning alternatives be? The EIS will provide key information and analysis to shape the final plan update and ensure all the issues are considered.

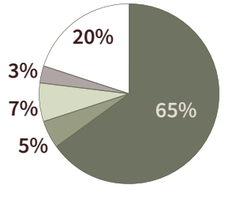
How has Seattle grown since the Comprehensive Plan was first adopted?

We have grown by more than 59,000 households and 56,000 jobs since the Plan was adopted in 1994. The charts below show how growth has been distributed over the past twenty years. The colors correspond to the map that shows the location of the urban centers and villages.

household growth distribution



job growth distribution



How do I get involved?

Come to the EIS Scoping Meeting & Open House

Let us know if we are studying the right alternatives and if we are considering all the impacts we should.

Monday, March 24, 2014, 5–7pm
Bertha Knight Landes Room, City Hall
600 4th Ave

There will be additional open houses to take your comments in April. Check our website at 2035.seattle.gov for more information.

Submit Your Comments on the Planning Alternatives and the scope of the EIS by April 21, 2014.

2035@seattle.gov

Join the Conversation

Choose how you would like to stay connected, get information and updates about Seattle 2035:

Listserv – join the Seattle 2035 listserv
Twitter – follow us @Seattle2035
Facebook – like us www.facebook.com/SEA2035
Web – visit us 2035.seattle.gov
Email – 2035@seattle.gov

Seattle 2035 Timeline

2014

March/April	June	Oct	Dec
Draft Alternatives	Key Directions	Draft EIS	Draft Plan

2015

Jan	Feb	June
Final EIS	Mayor's Recommended Plan	Council adopts Plan

On the web
2035.seattle.org

City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development

March 2014

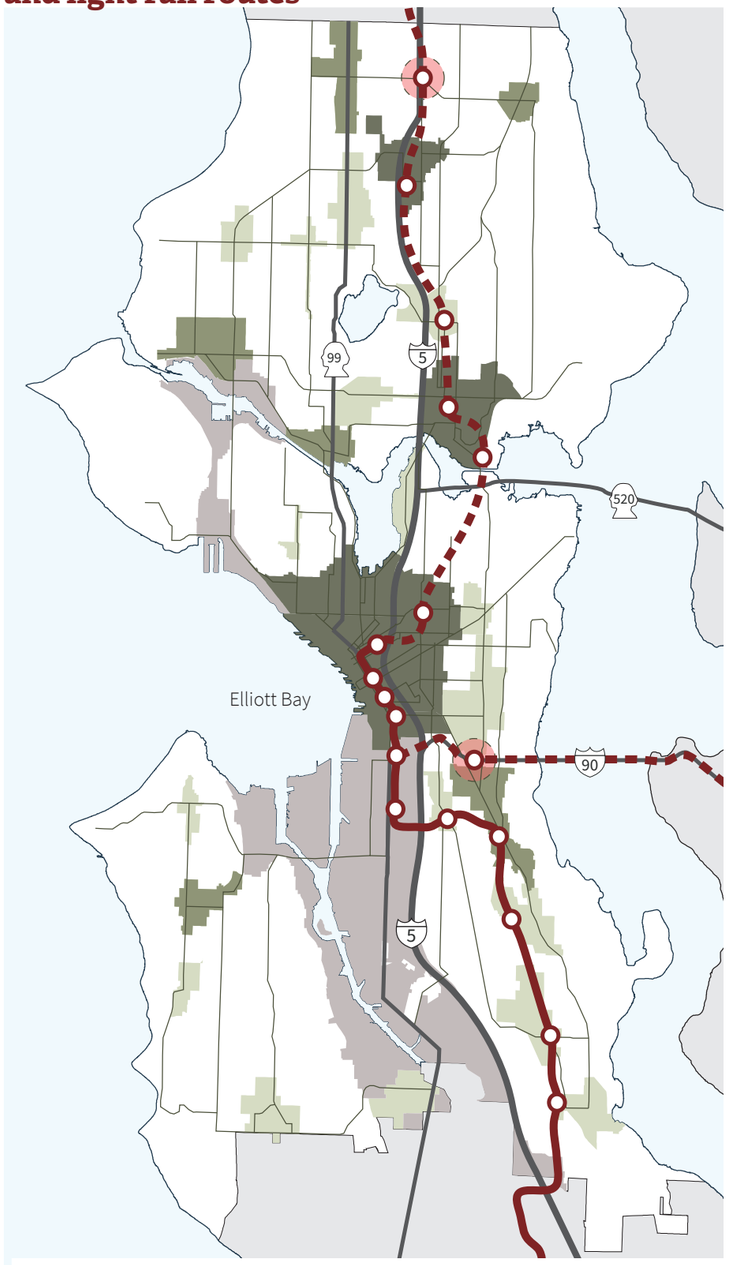
Seattle 2035
YOUR CITY, YOUR FUTURE

Planning Alternatives for Discussion

Comprehensive Plan Update
Open House & EIS Scoping Meeting
March 24

AN UPDATE TO SEATTLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Seattle's urban centers, urban villages, and light rail routes

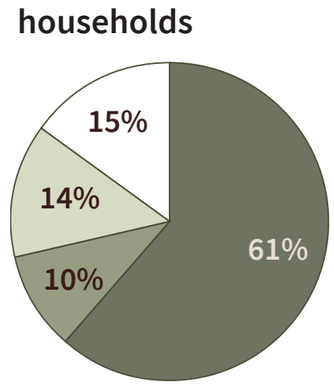


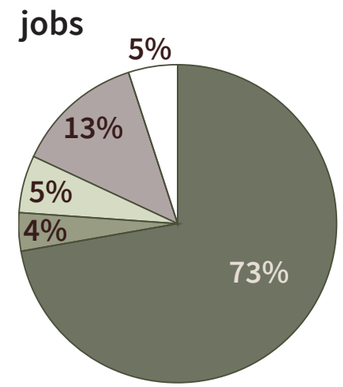
Planning Alternatives for Study in the Environmental Impact Statement

Alternative 1: Urban Center Focus

Most growth would be encouraged in our urban centers: Northgate, University District, Downtown, Uptown, South Lake Union, and Capitol/First Hill.

- More households and jobs would go in these locations than over the past 20 years.
- Most new households and jobs would be located in buildings 6 or more stories tall.
- Would help advance the regional growth strategy.

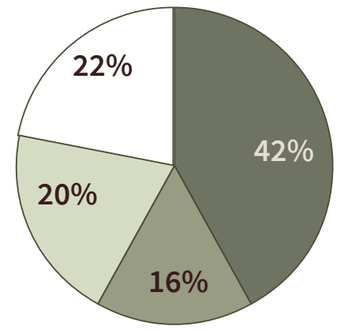


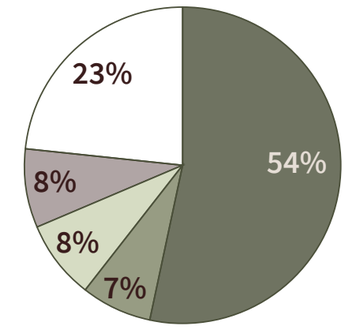


Alternative 2: Urban Village Focus

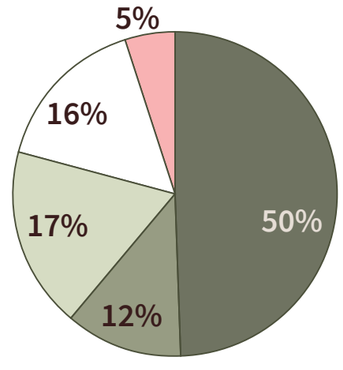
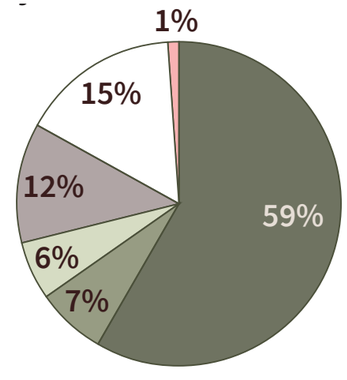
More growth would be encouraged in urban villages, such as Columbia City, Lake City, Crown Hill, Morgan Junction, Fremont, and Eastlake.

- Closest to how household growth has been over past 20 years, but more jobs would go to villages.
- Many new households and jobs would be in mixed-use buildings and apartments about 4-6 stories tall.
- Would help strengthen neighborhood business districts.





Alternative 3: Transit Focus

Growth would be encouraged around our existing and planned light rail stations in the Rainier Valley, Capitol Hill, the University District, Roosevelt, and Northgate.

- New urban villages would be located around the I-90 and NE 130th Street stations.
- Some village boundaries around light rail stations would expand.
- Taller buildings would accommodate households and jobs in urban centers while smaller buildings would be in other locations.
- Would take advantage of regional transit investments.