

Commission Discussion: 2024 Comp Plan Update

Seattle
2035

Comprehensive Plan

Managing Growth to Become an
Equitable and Sustainable City
2015-2035

November 2020



Review of past process

- The last update started in 2014/2015
- Commissioners advocated for more language about racial equity in the Plan
- In the update before that, “a sustainable Seattle” was the focus of the comp Plan

Drivers for this update

- The need to eliminate racial inequities in order to have strong and resilient communities (building back from COVID-19)
- The need to respond to
 - The climate crisis
 - The affordable housing crisis
- Leveraging large public investments (for example ST3 light rail expansion)

Relevant SPC work

Evolving Seattle's Growth Strategy (3 focus areas, racial equity embedded in each):

- "*Housing Affordability*. With Seattle rapidly becoming unaffordable to all but the highest earners, the next growth strategy must ensure Seattle welcomes people of all incomes."
- "*Climate Crisis*. Slowing, mitigating, and adapting to the impacts of climate change must be the foundation for decisions about our transportation networks and land use patterns."
- "*Livability*. Seattle will continue to get denser as we grow. The City cannot be a passive bystander but must take an active role in ensuring that our neighborhoods become even more livable-- and not less."

Relevant SPC work

Racially Equitable and Resilient Recovery, key areas:

- Work in collaboration with BIPOC communities to create a planning process that shares power with communities
- Advance housing choices and security in response to COVID-19 while expanding homeownership opportunities for BIPOC communities
- Maintain the critical transit network and ensure City rights-of-way meets safety and open-space needs for BIPOC communities
- Ensure public spaces work for everyone by centering and implementing BIPOC visions for the public realm
- Invest equitably in healthy and climate-resilient communities

Plan Elements

- Growth Strategy
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Arts & Culture
- Community Well-Bering
- Community Engagement
- Container Port
- Shoreline Areas

Possible themes

Overarching themes/big ideas that have been discussed so far:

- a. Holistic sustainability (environmental and social sustainability, consistent with what we've done in the past and meeting the moment)
- b. Reparations / Anti-racist Comp Plan
- c. Climate Justice