

City of Shoreline Utilities: DRAFT Goals and Policies for Planning Commission Review
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Existing Element	Existing Goal/Policy Number	Existing Goal/Policy	Shoreline Lens Analysis for Existing Goals and Policies			Existing Complies with State, Regional, County Requirements	Proposed Element / Policy Number	Proposed Goal/Policy	New Complies with State, Regional, County Requirements	Reason for Change	Planning Commission Comments, Questions, and Suggestions
			Climate	Housing	Equity & Social Justice						
		Goals									
Utilities	Goal U I	Facilitate, support, and/or provide citywide utility services that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consistent, reliable, and equitable; • technologically innovative, environmentally sensitive, and energy efficient; • sited with consideration for location and aesthetic; and • financially sustainable. 	Supporting	N/A	Supporting		Goal U I	Facilitate, support, and/or provide citywide utility services that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consistent, reliable, and equitable; • technologically innovative, environmentally sensitive, and energy efficient; • sited with consideration for location, aesthetic, public health and safety, and climate change; and • financially sustainable. 	MPP-PS-1	Updated to align more with MPP-PS-1	
Utilities	Goal U II	Facilitate the provision of appropriate, reliable utility services, whether through City-owned and operated services, or other providers.	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPP-PF-3	Goal U II	Facilitate the provision of appropriate, reliable utility services, whether through City-owned and operated services, or other providers.	CPP-PF-3	No change	
Utilities	Goal U III	Acquire Seattle Public Utilities water system in Shoreline.	N/A	N/A	N/A		Goal U III	Acquire Seattle Public Utilities water system in Shoreline.		No change	
							Goal U IV	Coordinate with utility providers to ensure utility planning and capital improvement plans consider the City's anticipated growth and the Land Use Element of this plan, with particular focus in high activity areas and Countywide Centers.		New, to ensure infrastructure is in place to support anticipated growth.	
		Policies									

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Utilities	U1	Coordinate with utility providers to ensure that the utility services are provided at reasonable rates citywide, and that those services meet service levels identified or recommended in the Capital Facilities Element.	N/A	N/A	Supporting	MPP-PS-2, CPP-PF-2	U1	Coordinate with utility providers to ensure that the utility services are provided equitably and at reasonable rates citywide, and that those services meet service levels identified or recommended in the Capital Facilities Element.	MPP-PS-2, CPP-PF-2	Updated to align more with MPP-PS-2 and CPP-PF-2
Utilities	U2	Pursue alternative service provision options that may be more effective at providing services to our residents, including acquiring portions of the Seattle Public Utility water system, and examining options with regard to the expiration of the Shoreline Water District franchise (scheduled for 2027).	N/A	N/A	N/A		U2	Continue to explore alternative service provision options for future water service provision in Shoreline, including examining future options in the Seattle Public Utilities and North City Water District service areas.		Updated per direction from city leadership
Utilities	U3	Encourage and assist the timely provision of the full range of utilities within Shoreline in order to serve existing businesses, including home businesses, and promote economic development.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U3	Encourage and assist the timely provision of the full range of utilities within Shoreline in order to serve existing businesses, including home businesses, and promote economic development.		No change
Utilities	U4	Support the timely expansion, maintenance, operation, and replacement of utility infrastructure in order to meet anticipated demand for growth identified in the Land Use Element.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U4	Advocate for the timely expansion, maintenance, operation, and replacement of utility infrastructure in order to meet anticipated demand for growth identified in the Land Use Element.		Language strengthened
		Consistency and Coordination								
Utilities	U5	Coordinate with other jurisdictions and governmental entities in the planning and implementation of multi-	N/A	N/A	N/A		U5	Coordinate with other jurisdictions and governmental entities in the planning and implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements.		No change

		jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements.									
		Mitigation and Efficiency									
Utilities	U6	Encourage the design, siting, construction, operation, and relocation or closure of all utility systems in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is cost effective; • minimizes and mitigates impacts on adjacent land uses; • is environmentally sensitive; and • is appropriate to the location and need. 	Supporting	N/A	N/A		U6	Encourage the design, siting, construction, operation, and relocation or closure of all utility systems in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is cost effective; • minimizes and mitigates impacts on adjacent land uses; • is environmentally sensitive; and • is appropriate to the location and need. 		No change	
Utilities	U7	Encourage the co-location or joint use of trenches, conduits, or poles so that utilities may encourage expansion, maintenance, undergrounding, and upgrading facilities with the least amount of disruption to the community or of service delivery.	Supporting	N/A	N/A		U7	Encourage the co-location or joint use of trenches, conduits, or poles so that utilities may encourage expansion, maintenance, undergrounding, and upgrading facilities with the least amount of disruption to the community, environment, or of service delivery.		Edited to include environmental benefit of co-locating utilities	
		Solid Waste									
Utilities	U8	Monitor solid waste collection providers for adequacy of service and compliance with service contracts.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U8	Monitor solid waste collection providers for adequacy of service and compliance with service contracts.		No change	
Utilities	U9	Support recycling and waste reduction efforts throughout the community.	Supporting	N/A	N/A	MPP-PS-8, CPP-PF-14	U9	Support recycling, composting, and waste reduction efforts throughout the community.	MPP-PS-8, CPP-PF-14	No change	
		Electricity									
Utilities	U10	Where found to be safe and appropriate, promote recreational use of utility corridors, such as trails, sport courts, and similar facilities.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U10	Where found to be safe and appropriate, promote recreational use of utility corridors, such as trails, sport courts, and similar facilities.		No change	

Utilities	U11	Work with electric utility providers to limit trimming of trees and other vegetation to that which is necessary for the safety and maintenance of transmission facilities where feasible.	Supporting	N/A	Supporting		U11	Work with electric utility providers to limit trimming of trees and other vegetation to that which is necessary for the safety and maintenance of transmission facilities.		Removed "where feasible"	
Utilities	U12	Promote the undergrounding of new and existing electric distribution lines, where physically and financially feasible, as streets are improved and/or areas are redeveloped, based on coordination with local utilities.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U12	Promote the undergrounding of new and existing electric distribution lines, where physically and financially feasible, as streets are improved and/or areas are redeveloped, based on coordination with local utilities.		No change	
							U13	When located adjacent to overhead utilities, encourage planting of vegetation and trees that will be a compatible size to limit the need for future topping and trimming.		New to support maintenance and preservation of trees.	
							U14	Increase the electrification of space and water heating for new and existing buildings.		New	
Telecommunications											
Utilities	U13	Minimize impacts of telecommunication facilities and towers on the community.	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Utilities	U20	Protect community aesthetics by planning for well-sited and well-designed wireless service facilities that fit unobtrusively with the environment.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U15	Minimize impacts of telecommunication facilities and towers on surrounding uses and protect community aesthetics by planning for well-sited and well-designed wireless facilities.		Merged with U 20.	
Utilities	U14	Promote the undergrounding of telecommunication lines in coordination with the undergrounding of other	N/A	N/A	N/A		U16	Promote the undergrounding of telecommunication lines in coordination with the undergrounding of other utilities and capital facility systems.		No change	

		utilities and capital facility systems.									
Utilities	U15	Support the provision of high-quality cable and satellite service throughout the community.	N/A	N/A	Supporting			Support the provision of reliable, high-quality cable and satellite service throughout the community, promoting equitable access for households of all income levels, and increasing the service area on the western side of the city.	CPP-PF-17	Updated to better align with CPP-PF-17; Merged with U19.	
Utilities	U19	Facilitate access to reliable wireless communications services throughout the city, including increasing the service area on the western side of the city.	N/A	N/A	Supporting	U17					
Utilities	U16	Promote opportunities for distance learning and telecommuting to implement economic development and climate initiatives, such as encouraging more home-based businesses that provide jobs without increased traffic.	Supporting	N/A	N/A		U18	Promote opportunities for distance learning and telecommuting to implement economic development and climate initiatives, such as encouraging more home-based businesses that provide jobs without increased traffic.		No change	
Utilities	U17	Encourage and work with telecommunication providers to develop networks which employ technologies that increase interconnectivity between different networks.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U19	Encourage and work with telecommunication providers to develop networks which employ technologies that increase interconnectivity between different networks.		No change	
Utilities	U18	Work with utility companies and public institutions to develop a full range of community information services available to citizens and businesses through the telecommunication network.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U20	Work with utility companies and public institutions to develop a full range of community information services available to citizens and businesses through the telecommunication network.		No change	
		Wireless Communications Facilities									
Utilities	U21	Manage the placement of all communication antennas, antenna support structures, buildings, and associated equipment to promote	N/A	N/A	N/A		U21	Manage the placement of all communication antennas, antenna support structures, buildings, and associated equipment to promote		No change	

		efficient service delivery and avoid unnecessary proliferation.						efficient service delivery and avoid unnecessary proliferation.			
		Natural Gas									
Utilities	U22	Coordinate with natural gas utilities for improvements and expansion throughout the community, and support the eventual provision of full coverage of natural gas services.	N/A	N/A	N/A		U22	Coordinate with natural gas utilities for ongoing maintenance and improvements of existing natural gas service throughout the community.		Language updated to be geared toward maintenance and improvements to existing services.	
		New									
							U23	Support service providers' climate change mitigation efforts.	MPP-PS-19, MPP-PS-20, MPP-PS-21	New to support MPP-PS-19, MPP-PS-20, and MPP-PS-21	
							U24	Support conservation efforts by service providers.	MPP-PS-4	New to support MPP-PS-4	
							U25	Promote low-carbon, renewable, and alternative energy resources and energy conservation.	MPP-PS-13, MPP-PS-14, MPP-PS-15, CPP-PF-16	New to support MPP-PS-13, MPP-PS-14, MPP-PS-15, and CPP-PF-16	
							U26	Encourage human services near transit facilities to allow convenient access for all Shoreline residents. Call-out: To see more about human services see the Community Development Element.	MPP-PS-18	New to support MPP-PS-18; Added call-out	
							U27	Provide access to sustainable, safe, high-quality water and adequate water supplies for emergencies.	MPP-PS-22, CPP-PF-5, CPP-PF-6, CPP-PF-7, CPP-PF-9	New to support MPP-PS-22, CPP-PF-5, CPP-PF-6, CPP-PF-7, and CPP-PF-9	
							U28	Support the growth of distributed energy resources managed by property owners.		New, idea from PSE model policies	

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							U29	Support service providers' evaluation of the potential for renewable, recoverable natural gas in existing systems.		New, idea from PSE model policies	
							U30	Continue hosting annual utility coordination meeting.		New – highly beneficial practice	