

Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan

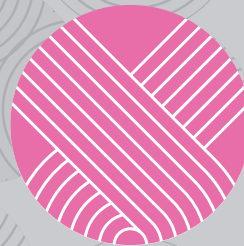
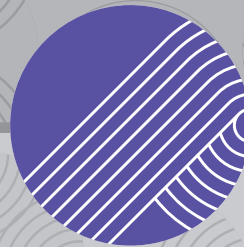
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

FOR PUBLIC AND AGENCY REVIEW

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Dear Reader,

As required by the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), the City of Shoreline is updating its comprehensive plan with the intent to create a new plan that guides growth in Shoreline for the next 20 years—the Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan—Picture It! Plan It! Build It! The City has completed a programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the comprehensive plan, which is being published for public and agency review.

As the City updates its comprehensive plan to accommodate growth targets allocated by King County in alignment with the GMA and county-wide planning policies for increased housing units and jobs, the City is required pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, Chapter 43.21C RCW (SEPA), to study the potential environmental impacts related to growth and provide an understanding of what mitigation measures (actions, projects, and improvements) may be needed to support that growth. The DEIS analyzes the potential impacts of three different alternatives for future growth through the year 2044 and identifies mitigation measures to address potential impacts:

- **Alternative 1—No Action Alternative:** This alternative provides a basis of understanding what the implications of not taking action may be—in this case, not updating the comprehensive plan. The City does not intend to pursue this course, but SEPA requires study of a “No Action” alternative.
- **Alternative 2—Moderate Pace of Growth:** This alternative assumes that the level of growth that occurs over the next 20 years would be consistent with the growth targets allocated to Shoreline by King County.
- **Alternative 3—More Rapid Pace of Growth:** This alternative assumes that the same level of growth analyzed under Alternative 2 would occur more rapidly – such as in 10 years, rather than 20, and that the same level of mitigation, projects, and improvements would be needed, but within a shorter timeframe to serve that growth.

Two important purposes of the SEPA process include: identifying potential impacts and related mitigation measures and providing the opportunity for public and agency review and comment. The DEIS functions as a tool to help guide decision-making related to adoption of the comprehensive plan and related environmental, land use, housing, community design, transportation, public services, and utilities considerations. Please see the **Fact Sheet** for more information on how to get involved in the planning process. Thank you for your interest in the Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update and the DEIS.

Sincerely,

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