

Draft EIS Summary Sheet



What is an EIS?

An **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** is an informational document that provides the City, public, and other agencies with environmental information to be considered in the comprehensive plan update process. **The EIS can be used to mitigate potential impacts.**

An EIS describes:

- Existing conditions in the city
- Growth Alternatives Studies and analysis of potential impacts that may occur, including significant adverse impacts, if any
- Mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate adverse impacts
- Potential significant, unavoidable, and adverse impacts

The growth alternatives analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement study specific futures of Shoreline in more detail to identify possible impacts to these features, and the improvements needed to address those impacts. Key features analyzed are: transportation, utilities, and public services improvements.

What are the potential impacts and mitigation measures?

Included in this summary is a high level description of the potential impacts and mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIS on the Natural Environment, Land Use, Built Form, and Housing, Transportation, and Utilities and Public Services. To see more, please see the full Draft EIS documents online at www.shorelinewa.gov/shoreline2044.

Natural Environment

Potential Impacts

Ongoing growth and development in Shoreline has the potential to introduce impacts to the natural environment under all alternatives. With the implementation of protections (described in the Mitigation Measures section in Chapter 6 of the DEIS), impacts to the natural environment would be sufficiently addressed.

Mitigation

As future development projects occur, impacts would be addressed on a project-by-project basis through city, state, and federal environmental requirements. Critical areas are buffered from development through code requirements. A variety of other mitigation measures are already in place to address and minimize potential impacts.

Land Use Patterns, Built Form, and Housing

Potential Impacts

Increased growth and change would occur under all alternatives. The most notable impacts will be to the transition in scale. Just as Shoreline has changed dramatically over the past twenty years, the next twenty years also would bring significant changes.

Under all alternatives, as new development and redevelopment occurs across the city some inconsistencies in built form may occur over time until the zoning builds out. However, the City has implemented transitional zoning designations and provisions related to allowed heights, setbacks, landscaping, and other requirements that would help to transition between more intensive uses and less intensive uses. It also important to note that built conditions would be realized over time, incrementally.

Mitigation

To mitigate the impacts of projected growth, the City would continue to require adherence to design standards and development regulations. These design standards and development regulations would ensure continuity between varying land use intensities. Allowed heights, uses, integrated public spaces along frontages and parcel edges, streetscapes, setback requirements, and landscaping are all elements that can help ease the transition of development intensities.

Transportation

Potential Impacts

Growth under the alternatives would result in the need and demand for improvements to Shoreline's multimodal transportation system. Over 100 specific transportation projects have been identified (described in the Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures section in Chapter 7 of the DEIS), which if addressed, would provide a safer and more connected multimodal system.

Mitigation

Transportation projects are grouped into the following categories: Intersection (I) and Multimodal Corridor (MMC), Unimproved Right-of-Way (R), Trail Along the Rail (TAR), Trail Connection (T), Bridge Project (B), Shared-Use Mobility Hubs (SUM).

Public Services & Utilities

Potential Impacts

Impacts are considered significant if they result in:

- Increased demand for public services that cannot be accommodated through regular planning and staffing programs and processes.
- Insufficient capacity to serve expected population based on standard levels of service metrics as applicable under each area of service.

Mitigation

The City of Shoreline will be monitoring growth closely on an annual basis in the coming years to **determine how plans, capital improvements, transportation improvements, services, programs, and other pieces may need to be adjusted to respond to growth.** Public services are primarily funded through property tax revenues and capital budgeting. With population increases, additional revenues are generated to support increases in services. Shoreline's biennial budget is the City's plan for allocating resources to a variety of programs necessary to keep the community safe, enhance the quality of life, and maintain and develop quality facilities, parks, roads and storm drainage systems.

Plans to address the needs of Public Services and Utilities

Sewer System / Wastewater Services & Facilities: City of Shoreline 2021

Comprehensive Sewer Plan

- Repair and update identified lift stations as defined in the Capital Improvement Plan

Water System Services & Facilities: North City Water's 2019 Water System Plan

- Equipment replacement and maintenance
- Pressure zone improvements, main replacements
- New booster pump station to increase fire flows
- Continued monitoring of water quality

Surface and Stormwater Management: City of Shoreline's 2024 Storm and Surface Water Master Plan

Utilization of low impact development techniques, best management practices, and environmental code requirements will ensure the City can achieve goals of minimizing flooding, promoting fish habitat, enhancing surface water and stream health, and supporting the health and safety of all residents now and into the future.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Arts: City of Shoreline's 2024 PROSA Master Plan

Implementation of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Arts Master Plan to provided needed park space and associated improvements to support growth.

Potential impacts and mitigation measures continued...

Power and Communications:

- The City would continue to maintain service agreements as applicable with service providers. These services are supported by customer charges across the service areas.
- Given that power and communications services are customer funded and service providers proactively plan infrastructure to serve future growth, it is anticipated that service levels would be able to keep pace with demand based on population growth under any of the alternatives studied. However continued coordination and communications with power and communications providers will occur to confirm capacities and service levels are maintained.

The city is requesting comments from the public, agencies, tribes, and all interested parties on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Public comments on the DEIS are being accepted from October 15, 2024 through November 14, 2024.

Comments on the DEIS are due by 5:00pm on November 14th.

Public comments on the Draft EIS will be responded to in the Final EIS issued following close of the public and agency comment period.

How to Comment

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Tips for effective public comment

- **Be specific** - include page numbers to help us accurately track your comments.
- **Keep each comment brief** for maximum impact.
- **Use simple and direct language.**
- **Use examples** from your own life or community to illustrate your points.
- **Cite data** to back up your points, if available.

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