

Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan

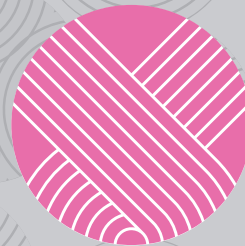
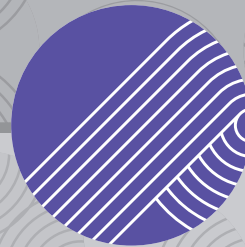
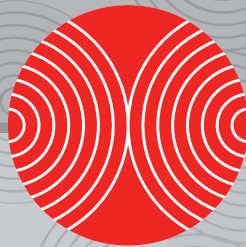
Final Environmental Impact Statement

FOR PUBLIC AND AGENCY REVIEW

November 18, 2024



Picture it. Plan it. Build it.





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Subject: Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement

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 previously completed a programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the comprehensive plan and published the DEIS for public and agency review on October 15, 2024. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) responds to comments to the DEIS and provides corrections and additional information where relevant in each of the EIS chapters.

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 analyzed the potential impacts of three different alternatives for future growth through the year 2044 and identified mitigation measures to address potential impacts. The results of this analysis are also included in this FEIS.

- **Alternative 1—No Action Alternative:** This alternative provided 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 assumed 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 assumed 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.

Either Alternative 2 or Alternative 3 could occur in the future under the City’s current land use and zoning provisions. The EIS (encompassing this FEIS and the previously published DEIS) serves as a tool to 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. Thank you for your interest in the Shoreline 2044 Comprehensive Plan and the EIS.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bauer, Director
City of Shoreline Planning & Community Development

FACT SHEET



Fact Sheet

Project Name

Shoreline 2044—Comprehensive Plan—Picture It! Plan It! Build It! (Periodic Update for 2024-2044)

Project Location

Shoreline city limits – See Figure 1.1 in Chapter 1.

Project Description

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FEIS Date of Issuance

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Purpose of the FEIS

The FEIS responds to comments received in the DEIS (see Chapter 10) and provides updated information for and corrections to the DEIS, in all chapters. The FEIS, together with the DEIS, are both documents of reference for the 2044 Comprehensive Plan, concurrently going through the formal review and adoption process.

DEIS Date of Issuance, Comment Period, and Public Hearing

The DEIS was published on October 15, 2024, and a 30-day comment period through November 14, 2024 was provided for the public, agencies, tribes, and other interested parties. The City held a public hearing on October 24, 2024 on the DEIS. Comments received on the DEIS are responded to in Chapter 10 of this FEIS.

Required Permits and Approvals

Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan will undergo thorough evaluation at multiple administrative tiers, including state, regional, county, and local levels. The Washington State Department of Commerce and other relevant state entities will conduct a 60-day review. The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) will assess the plan's alignment with VISION 2050 and its eligibility for transportation certification. King County will review the plan for adherence to the King County Countywide Planning Policies. The City of Shoreline's Planning Commission will review the plan and provide recommendations to the City Council, the City Council holds the authority for final adoption.

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Leland Consulting Group supported work on the Housing and Economic Development related plan elements and related data, analyses, and content from that work is presented in this FEIS. Various content and data are referenced from plans, studies, and reports previously prepared by others for the City of Shoreline, as cited throughout the FEIS, including work by Fehr and Peers in Chapter 7 Transportation.