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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission
FROM: Maya Teeple, Senior Planner
DATE: November 1, 2023
SUBJECT: Work Session 5: Thurston 2045

SUMMARY & DECISION POINTS

This is work session # 5 on the Thurston 2045. The Planning Commission previously reviewed this item at four work sessions on November 16, 2022, and February 15, March 15, and April 19, 2023.

- Nov. 16, 2022 – Staff provided an overview of the public participation plan, on-going public survey, and the timeline for the periodic update over the next 2 years
- Feb. 15, 2023 – Staff provided an overview of required and optional elements in the draft Scope of Work
- Mar. 15, 2023 – Staff requested a recommendation from the Planning Commission on optional elements to include in the Scope of Work.
- Apr. 19, 2023 – Overview of Phase 2 Public Outreach Plan

Tonight's work session is informational only. Staff will provide an update on public engagement and a tentative schedule for review. No decisions are needed. This is an opportunity for the Planning Commission to ask questions.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Outreach Report
- Attachment B – Tentative Schedule

Community Planning

Thurston 2045

Public Participation Report: October, 2023



Thurston County Community Planning have been asking residents what their vision for the county is. **This feedback is a first step in the multi-year review of the county's comprehensive plan.** The results of this feedback will inform the comprehensive plan update process over the next two years.

Outreach Actions

Communication	Reach	Interested Parties
4 Constant Contact Emails 1 direct email to underrepresented groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000+ email recipients 40-45% open rate 	Interested parties signed up for Community Planning updates.
Thurston 2045 Website	1000+ page views in 2023	All
Flyer (Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean)	Placed at ~40 locations across the county	All
2 Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: 993 responses 2: 270 responses to date (survey closes Dec. 31, 2023). 	All
Social Media Posts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	~15 Social Media Post each platform in three languages.	Social media users
News Release (2022)	Picked up by local newspapers and blogs.	All
Events	10 events across the county to date	Audience varies with event.
Focused presentations and listening sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 presentations to community groups. 2 listening sessions. 	Audience varies with event.

What We're Hearing: Themes



Affordable Housing



Accessible Healthcare



Safety



Healthy Environment



Rural Character

Outreach Actions Timeline

1 Late 2022-Early 2023

Survey #1 & outreach. Results informed scope of update project.

2 Mar 2023-Mar 2024

Active outreach to include listening sessions & open houses at diverse locations, surveys, and "town hall" meetings.

3 Mar-Sep 2024

Planning Commission review. Outreach to get feedback on changes & explain how to formally comment at public hearings.

4 Sep-June 2025

BoCC review & action. Outreach to explain how to formally comment at public hearings.

Thurston 2045 - Draft Timeline by Phase

Draft as of Oct. 17, 2023

Attachment B

Complete?	Est Start	Est End	Actual Start	Actual End	Tasks
PHASE 1					
	Nov. 2022	March 2023	Nov. 2022	April 2023	Phase 1 Public Outreach - Scoping
	Nov. 2022	May 2023	Nov. 2022	May 2023	Scope of Work Adopted
PHASE 2					
	Aug. 2023				Grant Application to State
	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023			RFP Issued
	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2024			Contract(s) in Effect
	Mar. 2023	May 2024			Phase 2 Public Outreach - Feedback on Changes
	Aug. 2023	May 2024			Internal - Background Research, State Law, Internal Chapter Updates
	Aug. 2023	May 2024			Internal - Draft Maps
PHASE 3					
	Mar. 2024	Sept. 2024			Phase 3 Public Outreach - Open Houses on Changes, How to Participate
	Mar. 2024	Nov. 2024			Planning Commission Review
	Sept. 2024	Oct. 2024			Planning Commission Hearing
	Sept. 2023	Dec. 2024			SEPA
PHASE 4					
	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2025			Commerce Notice
	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2025			45-Day Notice to Jurisdictions on Natural Resource Amendments
	Sept. 2024	Jun. 2025			Phase 4 Public Outreach - Open Houses on Changes, How to Participate
	Sept. 2024	Jun. 2025			BoCC Review
	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2025			BoCC Hearing
	May 2025	June 2025			Final Action (All comp plan amendments for year)
	June 2025	June 2025			Final Noticing & Appeal Period

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Planning Commission	Chapter/Topic Area	Notes
2023		
Nov. 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaser – Thurston 2045 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Outreach Summary Update on RFP, project management Schedule Overview for 2024 	
Nov. 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dept. of Commerce – Overview of Legislative Changes around Housing 	
Dec. 6, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dept. of Commerce – Overview of Legislative Changes around Climate 	<i>**tentative</i>
2024		
March 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Update Chapter 1 – Introduction Chapter 12, Chapter 13, Appendices 	<i>**follow up on items can carry over to next meeting</i>
April 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 6 – Capital Facilities Chapter 7 – Utilities 	
April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 8 – Economic Development Chapter 10 – Historic Resources 	
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 5 - Transportation 	
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 2 – Land Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUM Update Countywide Industrial Lands Study Misc. Land Use/Zoning Changes & Corrections Chapter 3 – Natural Resources 	
June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 9 – Environment, Rec, Open Space Chapter 11 – Health Climate Element 	
June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Element Follow-Up Chapter 4 – Housing 	
July 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 – Housing Development Regulations 	
July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 – Housing Development Regulations Implementation Plan Appendix 	
August 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 – Housing 	

* Dates are provided for guidance and are subject to change

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Regulations • Implementation Plan Appendix • Follow-up/Miscellaneous • Set Public Hearing (September) 	
August 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up/Miscellaneous Questions 	
September 4 Sat Option: September 7/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Public Hearing • Follow-up Work Session 	Consider Saturday Hearing on Sept. 7 or 14, 2024
September 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Public Hearing (back up) • Follow-up Work Session, • Possible Recommendation 	
October 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Work Session, • Possible Recommendation 	
October 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Work Session, • Recommendation 	
November 6	<i>(Back Up Work Session)</i>	
November 20	<i>(Back Up Work Session)</i>	

**Joint Plans for Tenino and Rainier reviewed at separate special meetings in Q2 and Q3.