

## Summary of Element Work Remaining, by:

- Associated Department,
- Planning Division, and
- Status of requested Planning Commission changes

### PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT (PROS)

#### Materials to be Reviewed

- Implementation Strategies: Require Parks staff review; will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meetings.
- Other items still needing to be added to the Element:

Page (clean version)	Item
2 (& 14)	Park Facility Inventory - need to confirm with staff data
2-3	Map of Park facilities to be developed
13	Green Tukwila 20-year Stewardship Plan link needed
Implementation Strategies	Need to be correlated to policies

- PC Discussion / Modifications Requested
  - None requested

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

#### Materials to be Reviewed

- Implementation Strategies: Require ED staff review; will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meetings.
- Other items still needing to be added to the Element:

Page (clean version)	Item
p. 11	Need to add "Related Information" links: King County Countywide Planning Policies (2022) Vision 2050 (2021) Economic Development Strategy
Implementation Strategies	Need to be correlated to policies

- PC Discussion / Modifications Requested

1. Policy 3.5 (p. 9)

*Facilitate connections between employers and education and workforce development institutions, seeking to increase graduation rates and develop a highly educated and skilled local workforce. Align and prioritize workforce development efforts with Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrant and refugees; and other marginalized communities.*<sup>1</sup>

A commissioner stated that she felt the verbiage in the second sentence (above) focusing on BIPOC communities was divisive and should be struck. Ms. Eklund stated that such policy language was reflective of the Countywide Planning Policies equity emphasis.

The question was asked whether the verbiage was suggested or required? Staff stated it was required to adopt policies that are more equitable in their approach to meeting the needs of the full community, and to consider how past policies may have disadvantaged certain populations. Staff noted that the Plan will go through several layers of regional review and will be evaluated against a checklist of consistency with regional policies.

A commissioner suggested more neutral language (“historically disadvantaged community”), while another said that the language needs to be clear about the structural racism that we’re trying to address, and that while the language is uncomfortable, there may be growth in the uncomfortableness, especially if we need to align with regional policy guidance.

- Staff included this King County Countywide policy because the County will be evaluating the City’s Plan based on its conformance with the Countywide policy guidance.

**The commissioners determined that this policy will come back to the PC for further discussion.**

2. Page 13, bullet 2, following the word reaction \*(sic, should have been “regulation”), add the word ‘and infrastructure’.

There are ~~three~~ four primary ways in which the City can affect local economic activity ~~can be affected~~:

- Land use, transportation, and utility planning that determine, within the local regulation and infrastructure capacity, the space available for residential and nonresidential development;

- Changed.

3. Page 18, Other Challenges: move this comment, or address this in the transportation element:

*“Establish coordinated transit hubs throughout the City including, but not limited to, the Southcenter area, Tukwila South, Tukwila International Boulevard, Interurban Avenue South, and the Manufacturing Industrial Center that efficiently mix modes of travel and stimulate development of real estate associated with transportation facilities.”*

- Removed from text here and asked Transportation to include in that element.

4. Page 20, Policy 1.2: question about deletion of “high-tech” revise first line to read – say “*advanced technology and manufacturing*” instead.

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<sup>1</sup> King County Countywide Planning Policy K\_EC-12

Policy 1.2 Attract and retain office, research and development, ~~high tech~~ advanced manufacturing, aerospace, food manufacturing, and life sciences businesses, including those that provide services for export.<sup>1</sup>

- Changed

## UTILITIES ELEMENT

### Materials to be Reviewed

- Implementation Strategies: Require Public Works staff review; these will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meetings.

Items still needing completion in the Draft Element

Page (clean version)	Item
4 +	Numerous maps needed (Water, Sewer, Surface Water)
	Map of Electrical and Natural Gas Providers
14+	Links to Related Information

- PC Discussion / Modifications Requested
  1. Purpose text (P. 45): Keep language, *'The availability and adequacy of utility'*

### **PURPOSE**

The availability and adequacy of ~~Utility~~ utility facilities and services are closely linked to ~~the development of land, affecting whether, how and when it can be developed~~ other comprehensive plan elements and goals. The City of Tukwila provides a range of utility facilities and services and also relies on other public and private agencies to provide many of these services.

- Changed to requested.
2. Move language in Issues section (p.47): : under environmental sustainability, keep the last sentence that was stricken, 'and its contributions to human health and vitality' and move it to a different location.

Environmental Sustainability. Utility planning and operations requires compliance with federal and state laws including the Clean Water Act, NPDES, ESA, State Waste Discharge Permit, and contributes to watershed-wide restoration efforts to preserve the quality of the natural environment ~~and its contributions to human health and vitality.~~<sup>2</sup>

Residential Neighborhood and Sub-Area Vitality. City-planned utility improvements and extensions place priority on improving and sustaining residential neighborhood quality and livability. Utility investments affect neighborhood quality of life and contribute to human health and vitality and the ability to realize established visions for specific sub-areas.

- Changed as requested.

3. Moved from Natural Environment:

**Goal 4.10      The Green River levee system is constructed, maintained and certified to meet the accreditation standards of the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the City’s Shoreline Master Program.<sup>2</sup>**

Policy 4.10.1    Coordinate with King County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to inspect and maintain the City’s levee system and determine if it adequately protects the City in the face of increased flood events associated with Climate Change<sup>3</sup>

Policy 4.10.2    Restrict levee encroachments by adjacent property owners.

Policy 4.10.3    Continue to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop levee vegetation policies for the Green River levee system that enhance the ecosystem by providing shade and improving fish habitat, while at the same time protecting public safety and reducing long-term maintenance needs and costs.

Policy 4.10.4    Coordinate with the City of Kent on flood control projects and climate impact studies that affect both jurisdictions, while complying with Tukwila’s Shoreline Master Program.<sup>4</sup>

## CAPITAL FACILITIES

### Materials to be Reviewed

- Implementation Strategies: Require PW staff review; will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meetings. Implementation Strategies need to be correlated to Policies
- Other items still needing to be added to the Element:

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Multiple locations:	Graphics showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprise capital sources of funds and expenditures</li> <li>• Operations vs. Capital Spending Trend (2003-2012).</li> </ul>
~20	Links to Related Information

<sup>2</sup> Based on maps of the city it appears the Fort Dent levee is located north of I-405 and additional levees are located south of I-405. Referring to it as the Green River levee system will prevent confusion.

<sup>3</sup> While the levee system is currently adequate seasonal flooding is projected to increase in both frequency and severity. Ensuring that this system is in line with future flooding predictions will ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

<sup>4</sup> Any proposed projects should consider how those projects may be impacted by climate change.

	Policies moved from Natural Environment to Capital Facilities
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- PC Discussion / Modifications Requested

1. P. 81 (GMA text): Text should be changed from “those facilities” (location shown above in yellow) back to “the community”.

**Growth Management Act Capital Facility Planning Requirements**

This element of the Comprehensive Plan presents the goals and policies for Tukwila’s Capital Facilities. Capital Facilities Planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires an inventory of public facilities and their capacities; establishment of a minimum acceptable level of service for **the community**; a list of needed capital projects to serve growth and that maintain the adopted standards; a realistic financing plan; and stipulation that adjustment of the Plan will occur if funding is inadequate or if growth requires previously unanticipated expansion.

- Changed

2. Page 84, ‘second paragraph, last three words “and mitigation payments” Staff should the research if this is still correct (or should this language be moved to another chapter?)

In addition to City ~~general~~ General revenues, projects in this program are paid for with grants, real estate excise tax, motor vehicle excise tax, parking tax, developer funds, local improvement district funds, and impact fees ~~and mitigation payments~~.

- Language to be removed.

3. Page 84, Clarification regarding Fire Improvements Program: Staff should clarify if the city is still responsible for capital facilities for the RFA – requested clarification whether we collect the fees, and they (the RFA) are responsible for building the capital facilities.

- The Fire Improvements Program Fund is designed for major capital fire and aid equipment and fire stations, and is established to account for revenues from the fire impact fee.

- Staff received this comment from Finance:

*Question: Do we still provide capital facilities for fire facilities since the RFA was approved?*

*Answer: “No. Capital facilities will become the responsibility of the RFA. With the exception of fire stations that are not currently in use by the RFA. We have 3 older stations that are either vacant or are being used for other purposes. Those remain our responsibility until we sell them.”*

This response may not fully address the commission’s question, and the text may still need refinement – staff will coordinate with Finance again regarding the Fire Improvement Fund.

4. Policy 1.1, general policies: A question was asked about where the City’s relationship with the RFA would fall in the list of beneficial capital options – is it a contracted service (although we have annexed into the RFA)? What about sewer and water districts that have districts from whom the

City receives services – are those contracted services? The Commission asked staff to do some research to figure out the accurate way to describe these relationships, relative to Policy 1.1.

General Policies

- ~~14~~Policy 1.1 The City shall use non-capital and regionally-shared capital options to meet its public facility needs when there are financial or ~~space~~ economies of scale to be gained. Such options include:
- Contracted services, such as King County Animal Control;
  - Cooperative programs with other public entities, such as Valley Communications for dispatch services and South County Correctional Entity for jail services, and Cascade Water Alliance for water supply;
  - Demand ~~Management~~ management strategies; and
  - Rent or lease options.

- Staff have not yet been able to have this discussion with Finance. More information to come.

**SHORELINE ELEMENT**

**Materials to be Reviewed**

- Implementation Strategies: Require Department of Ecology review; will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meeting. Implementation Strategies need to be correlated to Policies
- Other items still needing to be added to the Element: No Items
- PC Discussion: The City is largely unable to make any changes to the Shoreline Element without conducting an extensive update process involving the Washington Department of Ecology. Any necessary changes in the Element will be completed at a later time when there is more staff capacity.

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT**

**Materials to be Reviewed**

- Implementation Strategies: The strategies need review by the various affected City departments; once reviewed, they will be forwarded to the PC at an upcoming meeting.
- Other items still needing to be added to the Element:

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Multiple locations:	Updated graphics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Species</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>
~36-37	Links to Related Information

- PC Discussion / Modifications Requested
1. Goal 2, p. 104 - why was the word “watercourses” removed?

**GOAL 4.22** An educated public that understands the importance of protecting and enhancing the functions and values of environmentally critical ~~environmentally critical sensitive~~ areas, including fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, ~~wildlife and fish habitat in the City's natural areas,~~ wetlands, floodplains, watercourses and the Green/Duwamish River, and actively ~~and~~ assists in their stewardship.

- Word reinstated.