



CITY OF TUKWILA 2025-26

# BUDGET

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



*The City of opportunity, the community of choice.*

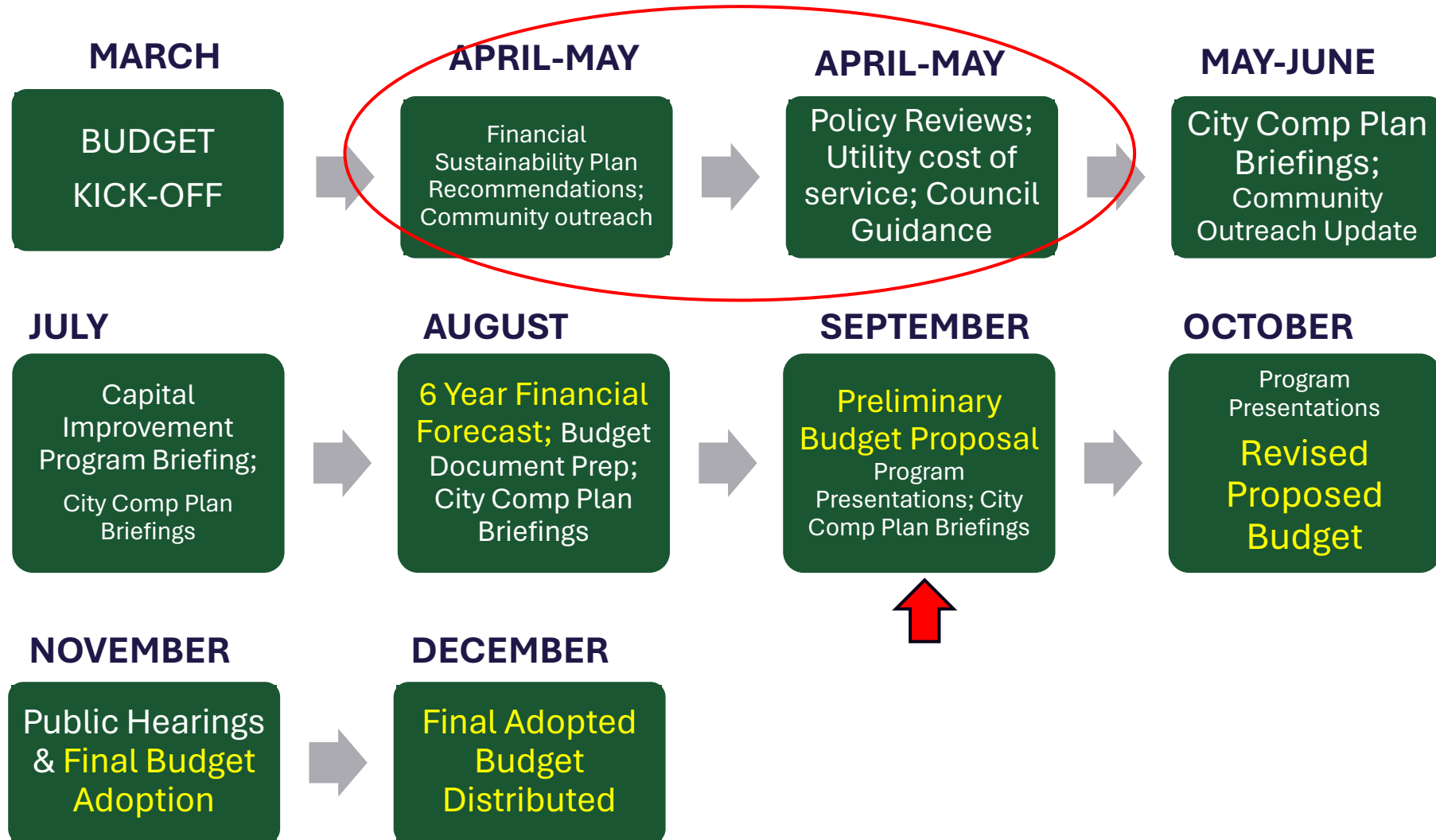
# BIENNIAL BUDGET COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2025-2026



THIS BUDGET PRESENTATION INCLUDES:

- Budget Process & Roles
- Budget Community Outreach
- Priority Based Budgeting
- Balancing Act Budget Tool

# Key Milestones



# Budget Development Roles



## **Mayor**

Sets Priorities and Goals

## **Council**

Reflects values and priorities of the community

## **Staff**

Informs and develops the budget

## **Community**

Financial Sustainability Committee

Boards/Commissions

Community Members

# Budget Outreach



## Commission/Committee Meetings

### Website

- Link to Balancing Act Tool
- Link to ETC Statistical Survey
- Simple language messaging

### Survey

- Community Survey (ETC Institute)
- Statistically valid sample

### Balancing Act Tool

- Simulation
- Prioritization

### Council Town Hall

## Engage Community Leaders (Ambassadors) – Jo Anderson

- Provide compensation for their involvement

### Tabletop Displays

- TCC location
- City Hall
- Budget pamphlet
- (Work with Jo Anderson to build out)

### Same level of service as today

### Restore Service Levels

- Fill vacant positions

**What do you want to see funded?**

# Foundations of Priority Based Budgeting



- Prioritize services
- It allows for the evaluation of individual programs and services rather than an entire department.
- Do the important things well
- Question past patterns of spending
- Know the true cost of doing business
- Provide transparency of community priorities
- Provide transparency of service impact
- Demand accountability for results
- Evaluating programs based on their influence in achieving the Strategic Goals

# Priority Based Budgeting Categories



**Aligned & Innovative  
Services**



**Strategic & Responsive  
Engagement**



**Connected & Vital  
Infrastructure**



**Accessible  
Mobility Networks**



**Healthy & Sustainable  
Community**



**Integrated  
Operations**



**Safety &  
Resiliency**

# Priority Categories



## Aligned & Innovative Services

"All the City's teams have enough people, tools, training, and help to do their jobs well and get things done right."

- Professional Development & Training
- Accounts Payable
- Police Support Operations
- Technology Mobility Services
- Payroll & Benefit Administration
- TIS Service Desk

## Strategic & Responsive Engagement

"Tukwila wants everyone in the community to feel included. They promise to talk openly and make sure everyone can easily get the information and help they need."

- Public Record Req & Record Management
- Court Case Management
- Council Agenda/Meeting Functions
- Council Legislative Support

## Connected & Vital Infrastructure

"Tukwila makes sure there's enough money and people to take care of the city's water, rainwater, and sewer systems. They want to make sure everyone in the city, including homes and businesses, always has clean and safe water."

- Projects & Capital Improvements Management
- Fire Hydrants
- Pump Station Monitoring & Maintenance
- Utility Billing

## Accessible Mobility Networks

"Tukwila spends money to make sure it's easy and safe for everyone to get around the city. They fix and build roads, sidewalks, and paths so people can walk and drive safely."

- Snow & Ice Control
- Street Lighting
- Traffic Control Devices
- Trail Maintenance



# Priority Categories Continued



## Healthy & Sustainable Community

"Tukwila wants its community and businesses to do well. They help make sure everyone has what they need, support fun things to do, and cheer on new and exciting businesses."

- Parks Maintenance
- Preschool Services and Program
- Tourism Marketing
- Wellness & Adult Services & Programs

## Integrated Operations

"Tukwila is equipped with the necessary tools and support to effectively oversee the city's finances, operations, technology, and infrastructure."

- Investment & Cash Management
- Long-Range Financial Planning Model
- Police Professional Standards

## Safety & Resiliency

"Tukwila offers resources for emergency management and law enforcement. The city implements programs that facilitate access to desired services for its residents."

- Employee Health & Safety
- Police Patrol Services
- Risk Management
- School Zone Safety Cameras

# BALANCING ACT TOOL



<https://tukwilabudgetprioritiessurvey.org/>

[Simulations - Balancing Act \(abalancingact.com\)](https://abalancingact.com)

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