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SUBJECT: Planning Work Program 2022-2024
DATE: June 8, 2022

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

As the Planning Commission begins to develop its Annual Report for 2021-2022 and Work Program for 2022-2024, Planning and Development Services staff will introduce the subject to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (Committee), focusing on the work program portion. The Committee's initial recommendations will be incorporated into the Commission's report. Attached to facilitate the Committee's discussion is the current Work Program for 2021-2023 that was approved by the Commission on August 4, 2021, reviewed and concurred with by the Committee on September 1, 2021, and submitted to the City Council on September 16, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The Tacoma Municipal Code, Section 13.02.040.L, requires the Planning Commission to "develop the work program for the coming year in consultation with the City Council and provide an annual report to the City Council regarding accomplishments and the status of planning efforts undertaken in the previous year." The Commission will be developing a report that highlights its accomplishments between July 2021 and June 2022 and outlines projects to be carried out or initiated during the timeline of July 2022 through June 2024 or beyond. In the past, the Commission would complete the report before submitting it to the Committee for review and feedback. This year, staff recommends engaging the Committee earlier in the Commission's thought process.

After briefing the Committee on June 8, 2022, staff will work with the Commission to complete the report in July 2022, for the Committee's final review and concurrence in August 2022. Staff also plans to provide a mid-year check in with the Committee on the implementation of the Commission's work program during Winter-Spring of 2023.

ISSUE:

This is an informational briefing. Issues pertaining to the planning work program may be identified and discussed during the briefing.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatives to projects and prioritization of projects may be identified and discussed during the briefing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impacts of projects may be identified and discussed during the briefing.



RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is requested to provide initial recommendations and guidance for the Planning Commission's consideration in developing its annual report and work program.

ATTACHMENT:

- Planning Commission Work Program for 2021-2023 (approved on August 4, 2021)



Final Planning Commission Work Program (2021-2023)

Planning Commission Recommendation - *August 4, 2021*

City Council IPS Committee Concurrence - *September 1, 2021*

Expected Completion in 2021

Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations

Expected Adoption October 2021

Tideflats Interim Regulations – 6-month Extension

Expected Adoption October 2021

Home In Tacoma Project – Phase 1

Expected Adoption Nov-Dec 2021

20-minute Neighborhood Baseline Analysis

Neighborhood Planning Program – Scoping

2022 Annual Amendment – Analysis and Outreach:

- “NewCold” Land Use Designation Change
- “South Sound Christian Schools” Land Use Designation Change
- “South Tacoma Economic Green Zone” (the STGPD code update component)
- Minor Plan and Code Amendments (including some housing related code amendments per Home In Tacoma Project, Res. #40794, and/or Director’s Rules 01, 02, and 03)

Expected Work Program for 2022 *(preliminary)*

2022 Annual Amendment – Recommendations to Council for Adoption

Tideflats Interim Regulations – 6-month Extension *(if needed)*

Tideflats Subarea Plan – Planned EIS Alternatives, Recommendation to Council

Home In Tacoma Project – Phase 2: Implementation of anticipated City Council adoption of Home In Tacoma Project – Phase 1, Phase 2 is likely to include zoning, standards, affordability, anti-displacement, infrastructure, and programmatic components

College Park Historic District – Review LPC Recommendations and Make Recommendations to Council

Review of Storage Container Restrictions (Resolution No. 40794)

Housing – Equity and Anti-racism Policy Development *(Housing Equity Taskforce, jointly with Human Rights Commission)*

Urban Design Studio – Development/Creation and coordination with Home In Tacoma Project design standards development

Neighborhood Planning Program – Development/Creation and initiation of one or more specific neighborhood planning efforts (locations and scope TBD)

Public Notice and Engagement – Comprehensive Review

GMA 2024 Periodic Update – Scoping and Assessment:

- *One Tacoma Plan* Update, Integration, and Implementation, such as:
 - ✓ Downtown Plan
 - ✓ Historic Preservation Plan
 - ✓ Transportation Master Plan
 - ✓ Other elements
- Regulatory/Program Update, Review, and Implementation, such as:
 - ✓ Code Cleanup
 - ✓ Open Space Corridors – Phase 2 (Geohazard Areas)
 - ✓ Institutional Zoning Review
 - ✓ Commercial Zoning Update – Revised Commercial Zoning Framework, FLUM implementation, Area-wide Rezones, and development standards
 - ✓ Environmental Action Plan
 - ✓ Climate Change Resolution
 - ✓ Watershed-level Environmental Planning (in coordination with Environmental Services)
 - ✓ Impact Fees

Expected Work Program for 2023 (*very preliminary*)

GMA 2024 Periodic Update – Analysis and Community Outreach

2024 Annual Amendment – Scoping and Assessment

- Private Applications (potentially)
- Minor Plan and Code Amendments

Home In Tacoma Project – Ongoing implementation efforts

Tideflats Subarea Plan – Potential adoption

Urban Design Studio – Continued development, implementation and refinement

Neighborhood Planning Program – Continued implementation and new neighborhood planning efforts

Pacific Avenue Corridor Plan (*tied to Pacific Ave. BRT*)

On-going Planning Issues

- Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program
- Joint Meetings of the Planning Commission with appropriate groups (e.g., the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Transportation Commission, and Community Council)
- Transportation Master Plan Implementation, in coordination with the Transportation Commission (e.g. impact fees study, transportation network planning, streetscape design guidance, signature trails development, etc.)
- Light Rail Expansion projects (including the Hilltop Links to Opportunity Program, ST3 Tacoma Dome Link Extension, Tacoma Link Extension, etc.)
- Pierce Transit Long-Range Plan, BRT Expansion Plan and Pacific Avenue BRT Project

- Historic Preservation, in coordination with the Landmarks Preservation Commission (e.g. Historic TDR, Home In Tacoma Project, integration of Historic Preservation Plan with *One Tacoma* Comprehensive Plan, preservation incentive tools, educational programs, etc.)
- Subarea Plan Implementation – North Downtown, South Downtown, Hilltop and Tacoma Mall Neighborhood
- Residential Infill Pilot Program – Implementation and project reviews
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Council Reporting
- Citizen Participation and Public Outreach Enhancements
- Proactive Equity/Social Justice/Anti-Racism integration in policies and programs
- Schuster Corridor Trail
- Cushman/Adams Substation Reuse Study
- Fossil Fuel Tracking and Council Reporting

Regional and Cross-Jurisdictional Issues

- Regional Transportation Issues, in coordination with the Transportation Commission (e.g. Tacoma LINK and Central LINK Light Rail Expansions, Pierce Transit Long-Range Plan and BRT Project)
- PSRC Regional Centers Framework Update, Vision 2050 implementation, GMA review
- PCRC County-Wide Planning Policies, County-level Centers Update, Population Allocations, Buildable Lands, Annexations and Pre-Annexation Planning

Emerging and Deferred Issues

- Corridor Plans (includes TOD corridor planning)
- Mixed-Use Centers Implementation Programming (Action Strategies/Master Plans)
- Mixed-Use Centers Core/Pedestrian Street Review
- Parking Update (RPA, refinements along light rail, Mixed-Use Centers, design, etc.)
- Potential Local Historic Districts – coordinated with LPC (College Park, Stadium, etc.)
- Urban Forestry Implementation (landscaping, tree-preservation, open space, etc.) (*coordinated with Environmental Services*)
- Street Typology and Designation System Review
- Post-Pandemic Emerging Land Use Trends/Shifts
- Form-based Residential Standards (lot coverage, FAR, etc.) (*possibly with Home In Tacoma Project*)
- Tribal Planning Coordination
- Sign Code Update
- Pre-Annexation Planning (Browns Point/Dash Point, Parkland/Spanaway)
- Greenhouse Gas standards and review
- Station-Area Planning (such as Portland Avenue/I-5 area)
- 19th Street Corridor Plan and/or Four Corners Subarea Plan
- Self-Storage Code Amendments (zoning and standards)
- View Sensitive District – comprehensive review