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SUBJECT: 2024 Update to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan
DATE: March 8, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

At the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee meeting on March 8, 2023, Comprehensive Planning staff will provide an introductory presentation regarding the upcoming update to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, including a general timeline, phases, and scope considerations.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan, [One Tacoma](#), is the City's official statement concerning its vision for future growth and development. It identifies goals, policies, and strategies for maintaining the health, welfare, and quality of life of Tacoma's residents. The Comprehensive Plan is comprised of numerous individual elements, including elements addressing such important issues as urban form, design and development, environment and watershed health, parks and recreation, housing, economic development, and transportation and infrastructure.

ISSUE:

The City of Tacoma amends its Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis as permitted by state law. In addition to these regular amendments, the [Growth Management Act](#) (GMA) requires counties and cities to periodically conduct a thorough review of their plans and regulations to bring them in line with any relevant changes in the GMA, and to accommodate updated growth targets. [RCW 36.70A.130](#) establishes the review procedures and schedule for Comprehensive Plan amendments and periodic review. Tacoma last completed a periodic update in 2015 and is mandated to undertake and complete another periodic update by the end of 2024. In addition, the City of Tacoma is the designated "Metropolitan City" for Pierce County and is allocated, through [Vision 2050](#) and the [Countywide Planning Policies](#), to accommodate a significant share of the region's population and employment growth. The Puget Sound Regional Council evaluates and certifies local comprehensive plans for consistency with the multi-county planning policies (see the [Plan Review Manual](#), page 27). The Comprehensive Plan update will include a review and update to ensure consistency with the goals and policies of Vision 2050.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only pertaining to the upcoming process and timeline for the Comprehensive Plan update.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only.