City of Shelton Comprehensive Plan Update

The Washington State Growth Management Act (or “GMA”) is a state law that requires county and local governments to manage growth. All Cities and Counties must be in compliance with the requirements of the GMA to be eligible for grants and loans from certain state infrastructure programs. While the City of Shelton already has a Comprehensive Plan to manage its growth, the GMA requires that plans be reviewed periodically to better reflect current conditions.

What is the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Why Should I Care About It? In its most simple terms, a Comprehensive Plan is a “roadmap”, of sorts, that helps guide the City’s future growth, while protecting our natural resources and refining our community character. The City has many choices regarding the specific content of the Comprehensive Plan and the Development Regulations (primarily zoning) that implement the plan. That is why we are reaching out to YOU to provide input and assistance in the plan update so you can help us shape the future of Shelton!

How do I get involved?

- **Attend a workshop or open house.** Dates and times for upcoming workshops and open houses are provided on the right. If you plan to attend the April 11th walking tour and workshop, please RSVP.

- **Provide input at City Commission meetings.** The comprehensive Plan Update will include several reviews of draft documents before the City Commission. The City website, [http://www.ci.shelton.wa.us](http://www.ci.shelton.wa.us) provides a link to commission meetings agendas.

- **Keep informed.** Contact Steve Goins, Shelton’s Director of Community and Economic Development at sgoins@ci.shelton.wa.us and provide your name and e-mail address so that you can be notified directly of all drafts, meetings, and other items relating to this process.

Downtown Visioning

The City of Shelton is partnering with the Shelton/Mason County Chamber of Commerce to complete a Downtown Vision Plan which will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to help revitalize and energize our historic downtown. The Visioning process is anticipated to result in a community based vision and action plan for downtown that builds on previous planning efforts and capital projects to support multimodal access throughout the area while enticing additional economic development opportunities for businesses in the downtown core.

Key Dates

**Spring/Summer 2015**

**Downtown Visioning Process**

Saturday April 11, 2015: A Walking Tour will commence from the Civic Center at 10:00. Stay for lunch and the presentation and workshop from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The lunch, presentation and workshop will be held at the Colonial House, 222 Pine Street, Shelton. **Please RSVP to info@sheltonchamber.org or by calling the Chamber office at (360) 426-2021 to ensure your seat.**

Thursday May 7, 2015 (time to be determined) Community Workshop at the Colonial House located at 222 Pine Street, Shelton. Workshop designed to assist in developing a specific vision and set of goals for the Downtown. The workshop will attempt to identify unique local opportunities based on our community character.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

Thursday May 28, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Community Open House at the Shelton Civic Center located at 525 West Cota Street. Community Open House to provide an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update, including anticipated schedule and key objectives as well as an opportunity for us to hear from you about your expectations and concerns regarding the process.

Get Involved!