

**SCOPE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 22, 2010

1. Update the Plan as necessary to **conform to Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements**. To date only the new Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and population and growth forecast updates have been identified as mandatory requirements. Other required planning work may include an update of the Capital Facilities Plan, regional coordination with neighboring jurisdictions and development regulation amendments.
2. **Update the Plan's vision statement** to reflect new concepts of sustainability, and to address climate change and other emerging issues and to reflect current interests and priorities.
3. **Improve public access to the Plan** by eliminating redundancy, editing for readability and reorganizing the document to improve accessibility and ensure that it is adapted to internet searching and display.
4. **Update the background information** of the Plan. At minimum this would include GMA-required information plus improvements in presentation. For readability, detailed data might be moved to an appendix.
5. **Incorporate other related planning efforts**. This task would infuse the Plan with key pieces of in-progress, recently adopted or other relevant planning documents of the City and other agencies.
6. **Revise or delete specific goals** as identified in the Commission's 2009 evaluation.
7. **Revise the Public Involvement chapter**; especially with respect to utilization of new technology to inform and receive input from the public.
8. **Provide an opportunity for the public to assist in prioritizing issues and challenges associated with four topics of special interest:**
  - The future of the downtown area, including relationship to capitol campus and the port;
  - Neighborhood planning as a process and tool for empowering residents and businesses;
  - A re-evaluation of the high density corridors as envisioned in the regional and city plans, including adjacent lands and consideration of the need for a West Olympia small area plan; and
  - Environmental stewardship in all applicable respects.
9. **Address the miscellaneous list of issues** described below. These items are worthy of consideration, but some do not fall readily into the four focus areas. These issues include the following:

- Land Use
  - Accommodating the region’s fair share of population based on the state Office of Financial Management projection figures and the most recent TRPC regional distribution,
  - Preserve elements that create a “small town atmosphere,”
  - Remove the Port of Olympia Peninsula land use plan,
  - Outline structure of neighborhood plans that will better integrate different areas of the community,
  - Develop an area plan for the commercial business area generally in the vicinity of Cooper Point Road, and Harrison Avenue on the west side of Olympia,
  - Strengthen the relationship between land use, housing and jobs,
  - Incorporate measures from the Downtown Strategies plan, and
  - Review land use designations on key properties and in the downtown area.
- Housing
  - Pursue measures to attract mixed-use, high density housing proximate to high-density corridor and in commercial areas on Olympia’s Westside,
  - Consider measures to attract new residents to downtown,
  - Encourage development of market-rate housing in the downtown, and
  - Pursue a jobs/housing match for downtown.
- Transportation
  - Focus on multi-modal transportation strategies including support for Intercity Transit,
  - Incorporate mobility strategy policy areas such as network connectivity, land use and transportation integration, and revising concurrency measurement to incorporate transit,
  - Update information to include Intercity Transit’s long-range plans, and
  - Update project lists, traffic model data and maps.
- Environment
  - Develop climate change policies to address sea level rise and greenhouse gas emissions,
  - Consider specific strategies to address sea level rise in downtown areas,
  - Promote environment restoration and public access of waterfront,
  - Ensure that water supply is sufficient and conservation measures are in place,
  - Incorporate Shoreline Master Program policies into the plan,
  - Protect and restore marine waters, particularly in terms of near-shore habitat and water quality, and
  - Update urban forestry goals and policies to more accurately reflect current technology and science and incorporate into the environment chapter.
- Public Safety
  - Explain the role and work of Code Enforcement program.

10. **Add an action plan** or implementation strategy with performance measures as an element of or supplement to the Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of establishing this ‘scope of the update’ was to identify the ten items above as the key issues that should be addressed with the City’s limited resources and ensure that those issues are adequately evaluated. If during the update process new issues warranting the City’s attention come to light that either the Commission or the staff deem be worthy of consideration, such would be presented to the Council for possible addition to the scope of the Plan update.