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1	Process for Review	No	N/A	N/A	
2	Organization	Yes: (3) Improve public access	Yes	Entire Plan	More 'Plain Talk;" Shorter document with less redundancy; New web-based format
3	Timeline/Schedule	No	N/A	N/A	
4	Population Estimates	Yes: (4) Update background information; (5) Incorporate other related planning efforts; (9) Misc. list of issues-Land Use	Yes	Stated in Olympia's Vision Chapter; Affects whole plan.	Population and employment forecasts in the July Draft are based on data from the 2007 Buildable Lands Report, the most recent official data available. TRPC approved a new County-wide projection earlier this year. They are currently preparing allocations for the jurisdictions and UGA. TRPC will approve new allocations by the end of this year, at which time the numbers will be updated in the draft.
5	Transportation Comments	Yes: (9) Misc. list of issues-Transportation	Yes.	Transportation: PT4.21 re: street connections; GT9 & GT10 and related policies re: street capacity; GT16 and related policies re: bus corridors; PT29.10 re: electric vehicles	

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6	Economy	No	Yes - see comments	Economy: PE4.6 re: contaminated lots in downtown; Edits to GE4, PE4.1 and PE4.3 re: public infrastructure.	Because updating the economy chapter was not part of the original scope followed by staff, few changes were made. However, based on public feedback from the focus meetings, one new policy was added regarding contaminated lots in the downtown, and a few goals and policies were edited to include focus on "environmental" and "social" benefits of public infrastructure, in addition to "economic" benefits.
7	Sub-area Planning/Neigh. Issues	Yes: (7) Revise the Public Involvement chapter; (9) Misc. list of issues-Land Use	Yes.	Public Participation and Partners chapter re-written, and GP4 and related policies re: sub-area planning process added; Land Use & Urban Design: GL20 and related policies + map	The City and the Neighborhood Coalition signed an Memorandum of Understanding, which states the NC will be involved in shaping the sub-area planning process after adoption of the Comp Plan Update.

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8	Urban Forestry/Green Space	Yes: (9) Misc. list of issues-Environment.	Yes.	Natural Environment: PN2.1 re: land preservation; PN2.6 re: wildlife habitat; PN3.2 re: tree canopy; PN3.4 re: urban forest; PN3.6 re: tree growing conditions	Greater urban forestry emphasis on environmental benefits and tree canopy citywide. A more cohesive and planned approach to land preservation.
9	Urban Corridors/Carlyon/Gv Stevens/Wdwood/Harrison	No	No	Land Use & Urban Design; Transportation	The Governor Stevens, Wildwood and Carlyon neighborhoods have been in the Urban Corridor since 1994.
10	Density/Corridors/Acreage	Yes: (9) Misc. list of issues-Housing	No	Land Use & Urban Design; Transportation	
11	Downtown Planning (open space, heights, views)	Yes: (9) Misc. list of issues-Land Use	Yes	Land Use & Urban Design	Downtown Plan moved to separate, mandated "Master Plan," which is proposed to be a separate document. A process and timeline for the Downtown Master Plan is not determined.
12	Form-based Codes	No	No		

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13	Ken Lake/West Brook/Park Heights/Steep Slopes/Low-impact Dev.	No, however in July 2012, the City Council approved inclusion of Ken Lake issues as part of the scope of the periodic update.	Yes	Land Use & Urban Design: (1) Future Land Use Map revised to change area southwest of intersection at Kaiser Road and Highway 101 from Light Industry to General Commercial; (2) PL13.3 re: extreme clustering; (3) Natural Environment: PN1.7 re: hillside development regulations; (4) Transportation: Appendix A - street connection between Park Drive and Kaiser Road.	
14	West Olympia	Yes: (9) Misc list of issues, under Land Use, Housing, Transportation	Various changes may impact West Olympia	<i>Entire Plan</i>	West Olympia might also be addressed as part of the sub-area planning process.
15	Street Connectivity (Decatur, Fern, Parkside, Log Cabin)	Yes: (9) Misc. list of issues-Transportation	Yes	Transportation: PT4.21 re: street connections	Specific sites for street connections to the right are listed in the Transportation Appendix and are not new, but general policy about connection PT4.21 is.
16	Views, View Corridors, Heights (economy, prioritization)	No	Yes	Land Use & Urban Design: PL6.10 re: new emphasis on view protection; PL6.9 re: preserving and enhancing water vistas	The list of views included in PL6.10 are examples of potential views to protect. Specific views need to be selected, and the process for such is undetermined.

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17	Urban Agriculture (food production, water quality)	No, however it was added to the Scope by City Council in 2011.	Yes	Land Use & Urban Design: PL17.4 re: support for local food production	
18	Sustainability Thread/Emphasis	Yes. Scope includes (1) Update the Plan's vision statement to reflect new concepts of sustainability.	Yes	Olympia's Vision: GO1 & PO1.1 re: citywide emphasis on Olympia as model sustainable city	The chapter Olympia's Vision intends to define and capture the Citywide goal of sustainability and many goals and policies throughout the Plan are consistent with the philosophy and practice of sustainability.
19	Natural Hazards (Heat, Air, Flood, Fire, Drought, Liquefaction)	No	Yes	Land Use & Urban Design: PL1.5 regarding development standards to address risks, such as geologically hazardous areas.	Proposed change based on public comment.

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20	Adaption, Climate Change	Yes. (1) Scope includes update the Plan's vision statement to address climate change. (2) Misc list of issues - Environment includes Develop climate change policies to address sea level rise and greenhouse gas emissions.	Yes	Olympia's Vision: Values & Vision statements. Natural Environment: GN8, PN8.1, PN8.2, PN8.3 & PN8.5 re: reducing greenhouse gas emissions; PN8.6 re: plan to adapt to climate change; PN4.4 re: protect Olympia from sea level rise; PN1.8 & PN1.9 re: low impact development; PN1.11 re: design of public projects; PN2.7 re: maintenance and operations that reduce the City's environmental impact; PN3.2 and PN3.4 re: benefits of tree preservation; Transportation and Land Use Chapters also have urban density/ multi-modal transportation policies that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	
21	Water Uses, Transportation	No	No	N/A	Marine waters are outside the City's jurisdiction.



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22	Critical Areas/PNW Marine Ecosystem	Yes. Misc list of issues Environment includes (1) Promote environmental restoration and public access of waterfront and (2) Protect and restore marine waters, particularly in terms of near-shore habitat and water quality.	Yes	Natural Environment: (1) PN1.2 re: coordination of critical areas ordinance and stormwater requirements; (2) GN10 & PN10.1 re: reducing threat from toxic materials	GMA requires the City review and update its Critical Areas Ordinance as part of the periodic update prior to the 2016 deadline.
23	Governance, City/Port Relationship/ Jurisdiction	Yes. (1) Downtown's relationship to the Port and Capitol Campus was to be addressed during the focus meetings; (2) Scope's misc list of issues includes remove the Port of Olympia land use plan.	Yes, the Port of Olympia Plan was removed.	Land Use & Urban Design	A link to the Port Plan is included in the 'For More Information' section of the Land Use Chapter.

