



Olympia Planning Commission

Work Plan Items for Consideration April 2023 – March 2024

Date: 1/9/23

Proposal Submitted By: Tracey Carlos

1. Title of Proposal:

Equity in Planning

2. Description of Proposal:

We talk about wanting to be equitable, but what does that actually mean in terms of planning? Look at where the American Planning Association is focusing in equitable planning and what would possibly work in Olympia

3. Work Item Type:

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Informational briefing

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Planning Commission-led item – I would need to do research but am willing to lead unless this work is already being done by staff

4. Related Comprehensive Plan goal and/or policy:

5. Why should this item be added to the work plan? How might it relate to other proposed items on the work plan?

Equity is an area city council is very focused on and it would help for the planning commission to better understand what it means whenever we are deliberating

6. Any additional input or considerations (e.g. timing of briefing, suggested speaker, etc.)?



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Date: 1/3/2023 **Proposal Submitted By:** Candi Millar

Title of Proposal: Status of sidewalk network – ongoing and scheduled projects and funding options

Brief Description of Proposal:

The Planning Commission recognized a disconnect between the Comprehensive Plan's emphasis on walkability and the dearth of sidewalk projects in the 2023 – 2029 Capital Facilities Plan. The Commission received some information on how that disconnect was being addressed but could benefit from a comprehensive briefing on sidewalk projects and funding prior to the next CFP review.

Work Item Type:

- ☒ Informational briefing (existing topic/project)
- ☐ Informational briefing (new topic)
- ☐ Planning Commission-led item

Please Explain:

Public Works Transportation planning should present a comprehensive briefing on ongoing and proposed sidewalk programs and funding strategies.

- ☒ Will require staff time (i.e. there is a budget implication because, for example, the item will require analysis, review, discussion, and/or a recommendation to Council)

Please Explain:



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Action Plan Focus Area: more information on the Action Plan can be found on the City's website: <http://olympiawa.gov/city-government/codes-plans-and-standards/action-plan.aspx>

- ☒ Community, Health and Safety
- ☒ Downtown
- ☒ Economy
- ☒ Neighborhoods
- ☒ Environment

Related Comprehensive Plan goal and/or policy: Use this link to access the Comprehensive Plan: <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Olympia/?OlympiaNT.html>

See recent Commission's letter to City Council w.r.t. CFP

Why should this item be taken up in the work plan? How might it relate to other proposed work items on the work plan?

This item would be helpful to understand the City's intention on developing a comprehensive sidewalk network as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan and CFP.

From: [Joyce Phillips](#)
To: ckelpforest@gmail.com; [David Ginther](#)
Subject: RE: Planning Commission Work Plan
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2023 1:29:00 PM

Hello, Cynthia.

David Ginther forwarded your email to me as we are both working with the Planning Commission and I am helping with the work plan item. I will forward your email below with the other topics proposed for consideration in the Planning Commission work plan. The Commission will begin consideration of topics at its meeting on Monday, January 9th, but is not expected to make any final decisions on its proposed work plan until it's January 23 or February 6 meeting. Please let me know if you have any additional comments you'd like me to provide to the Commission or if you have any follow up questions. Thank you!

Joyce

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From: ckelpforest@gmail.com <ckelpforest@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 5:42 PM
To: David Ginther <dginther@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: Planning Commission Work Plan

David,

I can't tell where the issue of speeding through neighborhood's might be addressed in the upcoming Work Plan. Can you help me?

Thank you,
Cynthia Stonick

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Date: 12/28/2022
Proposal Submitted By: Larry Dzieza, CNA Chair

1. Title of Proposal: Reform of City Policies Regarding Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance

2. Description of Proposal: The Commission will hold meetings to align and update the approach the city is currently taking to building and maintaining sidewalks to recognize the centrality of sidewalks and paths have in addressing neighborhood needs for non-automobile alternatives. Climate change, increased density and equity present a need to review the current and staff recognized failure of existing sidewalk and pathway policies.

Meetings should include city financial and capital staff and seek input from neighborhoods and community interests concerned with mobility.

3. Work Item Type:

Informational briefing
Planning Commission-led item X

4. Related Comprehensive Plan goal and/or policy:

- Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)
- Comprehensive Plan:
“a walkable, accessible, vibrant city” with “complete streets that move people, not just cars.” With goals that relate to transportation and the environment (particularly the climate) to:
“Reduce the pollution and energy consumption of transportation by promoting the use of electric vehicles and expanding accessible and inviting alternatives that reduce vehicle miles traveled, including transit, walking and cycling (see also GT25).” (PN8.5) and

“All streets are safe and inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists. Streets are designed to be human scale, but also can accommodate motor vehicles, and encourage safe driving.” (GT1)
- Follow-up on the Planning Commission’s October 3, 2022 letter to the Council on the CFP

5. Why should this item be added to the work plan? How might it relate to other proposed items on the work plan?
High level of community interest.

6. Any additional input or considerations (e.g. timing of briefing, suggested speaker, etc.)?
Briefings from other cities that have alternatives to meeting the sidewalk and pathways needs.