



Action Plan Update | Spring 2017

What is the Action Plan?

After an award-winning Comprehensive Plan update called *Imagine Olympia*, the Olympia City Council wanted to ensure the newly adopted 20-year community vision is alive and at the forefront for how we grow and develop. So in July 2016, Council approved our community's first Action Plan. The Action Plan is a "road map" for moving the Comprehensive Plan vision forward with a set of indicators to track and report on progress. To view the Action Plan online, visit: www.olympiawa.gov/takeaction.

What's Happening with the Action Plan in 2017?

First annual Action Plan Progress Report to launch in early April. The report will highlight just some of 2016's major projects or programs that helped moved us closer to our Comprehensive Plan vision. The report will also highlight what actions are underway in 2017, and share data for several of our community indicators.

City Council sets Action Plan priorities for 2017. At their January retreat, Councilmembers identified three priority areas from the Action Plan to focus on in 2017:

- Early education and quality childcare;
- Homelessness and affordable housing; and
- Emergency response and sheltering.

These topics are in addition to those actions already underway in 2017. City staff is reaching out to other government, non-profit, and community organizations to learn more about these topics and explore possible future partnerships and updates to the Action Plan.

2017 Update Cycle: March-May. Each year there will be an opportunity to update the Action Plan. Updates will focus mainly on incorporating changes to strategies or actions from:

- Newly adopted or updated plans, such as the nearly completed Downtown Strategy;
- City Council, City staff, and Advisory Committees and Commissions;
- Community partner organizations, such as the Olympia School District, Intercity Transit, or Port of Olympia; and
- Community members.



After seeking public input and developing a set of recommended updates, staff will forward those to the Planning Commission for consideration in April. The Planning Commission will then forward their recommended updates to City Council for consideration in early May.

Action Plan Online Survey to Launch in March. Look for a City survey to launch in March for an opportunity for all community members to provide input into this year's updates to the Action Plan. Input will be sought on current projects and programs that carry out the Comprehensive Plan and Council's priority areas.

More Data Coming to the Action Plan Dashboard. The Action Plan community indicators help us track our progress in achieving our vision and test if our strategies and actions are "moving the needle." In 2017, City staff will continue to gather and report on data for the 31 community indicators in the Action Plan. This may involve reaching out to community partners, such as the Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC), for some data and distributing a community survey.

City Departments to Align Performance Measures with the Community Indicators.

A pilot project underway in the City's Public Works Department is working to show employees how their daily responsibilities carry out the Action Plan on-the-ground. The pilot is also taking a fresh look at Public Works' performance measures and how they support "moving the needle" on the Action Plan community indicators.

To learn more and view the **Action Plan** online, visit: www.olympia.wa.gov/takeaction.

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