

2017 Public Communication & Involvement Strategy Substantive EDDS Topics 2017

The City will engage with stakeholders on the following topics through a variety of methods, including emails, individual meetings and/or open houses.

Changes and Reason	Who May Be Interested or Impacted	
Curb Access Ramps		
 The EDDS needs to be consistent with state and federal guidance. This change helps the City to be consistent in requiring new ramps and allows the City to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. 	 People developing property and building or re-building street frontage People renovating buildings or doing tenant improvements 	
Pedestrian Pathways		
 Walking through large parking lots, both commercial and residential, can be unsafe if clear walking routes are not available. This change will define how safe walking routes through parking lots to access buildings are built. 	People developing or redeveloping commercial or multifamily properties	
Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)		
 A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is currently required under certain development conditions, but the TIA Guidelines are not part of the EDDS. The Guidelines have not been recently updated. This change will clarify when a TIA is required and add the TIA Guidelines to the EDDS making it easier for developers. Placing TIA requirements in the EDDS will enable the City to address offsite traffic impacts in the event a proposed project is "SEPA exempt" as part of a proposed Downtown SEPA Infill Exemption Area. 	 People developing or redeveloping property People renovating buildings or doing tenant improvements 	
Block Sizing		
 The City's Comprehensive Plan emphasizes walkability. Shorter blocks, or the distance between intersections, are an important part of making a city more walkable. The Comprehensive Plan states that the block length on arterial streets (like Harrison Avenue and Martin Way) should not exceed 500 feet. This change will reduce the maximum block length on arterials from 750 to 500 feet, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. 	People developing or redeveloping large parcels	



2017 EDDS Schedule

(As of 5/17/17)

January	Launch Annual Update
	- Post initial list of topics and 2017 Schedule on EDDS webpage
March 1	DEADLINE: Proposed topics to address in 2017 Update
March - April	Staff review of proposed topics to address
	- Develop 2017 Public Involvement & Communication Strategy
May 18	City Council Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC)
	- Review Proposed Topics with LUEC
	- Public Involvement & Communication Strategy
	- Recommendation to Full Council on Topics and Strategy
June	City Council Meeting (June 6, 13 or 20)
	- Consider Land Use Committee's Recommendation
May	Confirm on EDDS webpage Topics to be Addressed
May	Submit Environmental Checklist (SEPA) to CPD
May - June	Draft Proposed EDDS changes and post on webpage
May - August	Engage Stakeholders on Proposed EDDS topics
June	Submit proposed EDDS changes to Dept. of Commerce (60-day review)
June - August	Consider comments received and keep webpage up to date
September 21	Review specific text and drawings changes with LUEC
October	Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2017 EDDS
November	Public Hearing on Proposed 2017 EDDS
November	City Council - 1st Reading to Adopt 2017 EDDS
December	City Council - 2nd Reading and Adoption of Final 2017 EDDS
December	Notify Stakeholders of Final 2017 EDDS
December	Send Code Publishing site 2017 EDDS