



Land Use & Environment Committee

Consideration of the Land Use and Environment Committee 2025 Work Plan Recommendation

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the recommended Land Use and Environment Committee 2025 Work Plan recommendation and forward to the City Council for approval.

Report

Issue:

Whether approve the recommended Land Use and Environment Committee 2025 Work Plan recommendation and forward to the City Council for approval.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

The Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC) annually sets a plan of work items to consider that year, and recommended approval of a Work Plan to City Council at their January 16, 2025 meeting. Following that meeting, the City Council discussed their 2025 Work Plan during the annual retreat, and the LUEC requested additional time to review the LUEC Work Plan to ensure better alignment with the City Council Work Plan.

Climate Analysis:

This is a high-level summary of all the agenda items on the LUEC 2025 Work Plan. A more detailed analysis will be completed for each of the agenda items when they come before the LUEC.

Many of the agenda items in the proposed Work Plan include actions intended to specifically support climate action strategies. Many of the items focus on the transportation and land use sector by seeking and promoting ways for the City to accommodate future growth in denser land use patterns. Such patterns increase opportunities for residents to live closer to jobs and services, promoting non-automobile travel modes such as walking, biking and transit. These patterns also reduce urban sprawl, preserving forest and agriculture outside the current city boundaries.

Equity Analysis:

This is a high-level summary of all the agenda items on the 2025 LUEC Work Plan. A more detailed analysis will be completed for each of the agenda items when they come before the LUEC.

Proposed agenda items will generally benefit existing and new community members and businesses with increased property values, greater stability in rental housing, opportunities to be closer to jobs and services with concurrent opportunities for reduced transportation costs, increased housing supply and variety, new programs to enhance homes' energy efficiency and decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

Some community members may be burdened by additional construction near their home, likely increases in property taxes, and potentially more occupied on-street parking.

There are existing income, race, and homeowner/renter disparities between neighborhoods that could be exacerbated by some of the agenda items. To avoid this, intentional examination of these possibilities must be included, as well as specific actions to prevent or reverse those disparities.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The agenda items on the Committee's work plan are typically of interest to neighborhoods and the community.

Financial Impact:

Staff work on all items on the draft LUEC 2025 Work Plan is included in the City's adopted 2025 budget. Individual work program items may have additional financial impacts that will be identified during LUEC consideration of those items.

Options:

1. Move to approve the recommended Land Use and Environment Committee 2025 Work Plan recommendation and forward to the City Council for approval.
2. Do not move to approve the recommended Land Use and Environment Committee 2025 Work Plan recommendation and forward to the City Council for approval.
3. Take other action.

Attachments:

Draft Work Plan