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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE & REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Proposal: Bremerton 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Proponent/Lead Agency: Bremerton Department of Community Development

Location: City of Bremerton

Deadline for Comments: Friday January 27, 2023

Description of Proposal:

The proposal is to perform the periodic update of the Bremerton Comprehensive Plan as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year vision and roadmap for Bremerton's future. The plan guides City decisions on where to locate new jobs and residences, how to improve our transportation system, and where to make capital investments such as utilities, sidewalks, and parks. Our Comprehensive Plan is the framework for most of Bremerton's big-picture decisions on how to grow.

The periodic update is an opportunity for the City to update the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to address:

- Recent population and employment growth targets
- Changes in the community
- Existing policies
- Potential new policies
- Confirm that local, state, and federal requirements are met

For this periodic update, key focus areas are anticipated to include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Locations where projected population density increases will occur
- Housing affordability
- Climate change
- Equity and displacement

The periodic update must be completed by December 2024.

Determination:

The Bremerton Department of Community Development has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

The EIS is a document that will provide information about the Comprehensive Plan Update to all interested groups and individuals. The EIS will include information on potential alternatives, existing environmental conditions, potential significant environmental impacts, and potential measures to mitigate impacts. The process of developing the EIS will provide opportunities for the public, agencies, and Tribal Governments to participate in developing and analyzing information. Preparation of the EIS is anticipated to assist with the development of the Comprehensive Plan Update and the decision-making process.

EIS Alternatives:

The EIS will evaluate a no-action alternative and three different planning alternatives. The three alternatives will evaluate geographical areas will absorb forecasted population growth, those alternatives include: 1) Existing Centers (*Downtown, Wheaton Way, Charleston, etc.*) and other existing higher density zones, 2) the Low Density Residential zone, 3) A city-wide increase to density in all zones.

EIS Elements of the Environment:

The lead agency has identified the following areas for potential discussion in the EIS:

- Earth (eg, soils, erosion)
- Air quality/Climate
- Water resources
- Plants and animals
- Environmental health
- Land and shoreline use
- Historical and cultural preservation
- Plans and policies
- Population/Employment
- Housing
- Transportation
- Public services and utilities

EIS Scoping:

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

*****The deadline for scoping comments is Friday January 27, 2023**

Scoping comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Via email at: compplan@ci.bremerton.wa.us
- Via mail at:
 Department of Community Development
 345 6th Street, Suite 100
 Bremerton, WA 98337
- Provide verbal comments to the Planning Commission at a meeting scheduled for Monday January 23, 2023

Further Information:

The City maintains a website for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. The website includes a variety of information about the project, including ways to get involved. The website can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.bremertonwa.gov/1300/Comprehensive-Plan-Update---Bremerton204>

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