

**City of Seattle**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION – 2011-2012**

Use this application to propose a change in the policies, future land use map, appendices, or other components of the adopted City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Applications are due to the Seattle City Council no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 16th** for consideration in the next annual review cycle. Any proposals received after May 16th will be considered in the review process for the following year.

(Please Print or Type)

Date: May 16, 2011

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South Lake Union, Uptown Queen Anne and Belltown.

If the application is approved for further consideration by the City Council, the applicant may be required to submit a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist.

Acceptance of this application does not guarantee final approval.

Applicant  
Signature: 

Date: 5/16/2011

Attachment A

## **REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

Please answer the following questions in text and attach them to the application. Supporting maps or graphics may be included. Please answer all questions separately and reference the question number in your answer. The Council will consider an application incomplete unless all the questions are answered. When proposing an amendment, you must show that a change to the Comprehensive Plan is required.

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed amendment and a clear statement of what the proposed amendment is intended to accomplish. Include the name(s) of the Comprehensive Plan Element(s) (Land Use, Transportation, etc) you propose to amend.

This proposal would formally recognize the Lake to Bay Loop as an Urban Trail by amending the Seattle Urban Trails System map in the Transportation Element to include the Lake to Bay Loop route, as currently planned. Resolution 31251, adopted in October 2010, expresses the city's support for the development of the Lake to Bay Loop and requests that the Loop be added to all applicable city plans and maps, including the Comprehensive Plan's Urban Trails map. A map of the planned route is attached to this application.

2. Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. If the issue is not adequately addressed, describe the need for it.

The Seattle Urban Trails System map in the current Comprehensive Plan includes part, but not all, of the Lake to Bay Loop. This amendment would revise the map to show the entire loop route, as currently planned.

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 30662 for considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The criteria are listed at the end of this application form. Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment the best means for meeting the identified public need? What other options are there for meeting the identified public need?

This amendment is the best and only means for updating the Urban Trails map to reflect the planned routing of the Lake to Bay Loop. It is consistent with the criteria in that it amends the existing Comprehensive Plan Urban Trails map to reflect current information about the route of the Lake to Bay Loop. It is practical to consider the amendment because the proposed amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and the Urban Trails map.

4. What do you anticipate will be the impacts caused by the change in text, including the geographic area affected and the issues presented? Why will the proposed change result in a net benefit to the community?

Attachment A

The Lake to Bay Loop traverses the South Lake Union and Uptown Queen Anne and Belltown neighborhoods. There is community support for the Lake to Bay Loop, and amending the map will help formalize the route and the project. Implementation of the Lake to Bay project will benefit the community by connecting neighborhoods, parks and other destinations.

5. How would the proposed change comply with the community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan? Please include any data, research, or reasoning that supports the proposed amendments.

The proposed change complies with the community vision statements, goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan in that it revises the existing Urban Trails map to reflect the Lake to Bay Loop as currently planned.

6. Is there public support for this proposed text amendments (i.e. have you conducted community meetings, etc.)? Note: The City will provide a public participation process, public notice, and environmental review for all applications.

Resolution 31251, adopted by the Council in October 2010, expresses the city's support for development of the Lake to Bay Loop and requests that the Loop be added to all applicable city plans and maps, including the Comprehensive Plan's Urban Trails map. Information about the Lake to Bay Loop was available at the opening festivities for South Lake Union Park and at other public events, and the response from the public was very positive.

# Map A for Resolution ###

## Lake to Bay Loop - Urban Trail

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-  Near Term Route Segment  
(Can be implemented within current Right of Way conditions.)
-  Longer Term Route Segment  
(Requires completion of South Lake Union to Uptown street grid re-connection, and completion of W. Thomas St. pedestrian overpass.)
- Seattle Center Route Segment  
(Seattle Center manages access and signage within its campus.)

