



**Legislative Department
Seattle City Council
Memorandum**

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To: Richard Conlin, Chair
Tim Burgess, Vice Chair
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Planning, Land Use and Sustainability (PLUS) Committee

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Subject: Draft 2012 PLUS Committee Work Program

Introduction:

Resolution 31349, which was adopted on January 9, 2012, created the current Council committees including the Planning, Land Use and Sustainability (PLUS) Committee. PLUS has a varied portfolio that deals with subject matters that are generally prospective in nature including, comprehensive land use planning, regulation of future development, emergency preparedness, and food security, to name a few.

Duties of the PLUS Committee as established by Resolution 31349 include:

To provide policy oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to planning, land use, and urban sustainability, including comprehensive planning, zoning, design, land use regulations, and neighborhood planning; to urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, industrial development districts, food policy, and tree protection; and to emergency preparedness, management, and response.

This memo sets out the draft PLUS work program.

The Council work program, which includes the work programs for each committee is adopted annually by resolution. The resolution establishing the 2012 Council work program will likely be adopted in early February.

Draft PLUS Work Program

PLANNING, LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE	
RICHARD CONLIN, CHAIR	
Issue	Description
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	
Industrial Development District/Eco-Industrial District	Monitor the establishment of an Industrial Development District (IDD), per OED work plan, and facilitate approval of necessary legislation to implement IDD pilot projects.
FOOD POLICY	
Food System Interdepartmental Team	Represent the Council on the Food System Interdepartmental Team.
Incorporating Local Food Planning into Neighborhood Planning	Monitor development of planning tools to help neighborhoods incorporate planning for local and healthy food into the neighborhood planning process. These tools should implement recommendations from the Seattle Food System Policy Plan, appropriately applicable work from the American Planning Association on local food planning, work currently underway at Seattle King County Public Health Department on neighborhood based health initiatives, as well as any additional applicable recommendations and resources. Review potential implementation of a pilot program.
Local Food Action Initiative	Continue implementation of the Initiative, including recommendations from the Regional Food Policy Council. Assist in the review and development of the Seattle Food Policy Plan implementation strategies. Review next phase of land use issues to further foster urban agriculture. Consider Seattle Comprehensive Plan amendments related to food policy and work to align the City's policies with King County's policies related to the Comp Plan. And monitor contracts with the Puget Sound Regional Council.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	
Emergency Management	
City-wide Emergency Preparedness and Mitigation Strategy	Monitor implementation of city and regional Emergency Response and Disaster Mitigation plans.
Community Based Emergency Management	Identify strategies to increase community & neighborhood participation in Emergency Preparedness and build on the neighborhood emergency preparedness models developed.

Legislative Department Preparedness Plan	Update and track implementation of the Legislative Department's emergency preparedness plan. Draft any further legislation or rule changes needed to implement the plan.
Resilient City Strategy	Initiate and implement policies that maximize Seattle's social and economic recovery and minimize impacts of disasters.
Recovery Planning	Monitor development of a post-disaster recovery plan. Attend stakeholders meetings and participate in identification of policy issues and options.
TREES	
Public Tree Planting and Education	Evaluate OSE's development of options for administering community-oriented tree planting and education programs. If needed, prepare budget proposals or legislation to implement recommendations from the response.
Urban Forest Management	Review ongoing urban forestry initiatives and assist in related Committee decisions. Review or develop tree-related legislation emerging from the Urban Forest Management Plan including interim tree protection regulations. Develop Council issues, priorities and initiatives. Monitor progress the Urban Forest Commission.
LAND USE	
Comprehensive Planning, Neighborhood Planning and Other Policies	
Comprehensive Plan amendments	Review proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan based on the policy docket adopted in 2011. Monitor development of amendments and procedures proposed to accomplish the 7-year update to the Comprehensive Plan, and review policy options related to facilitation of transit oriented development in light rail, bus rapid transit, and other station area.
DPD Budget	Track budget implementation and review any supplementary budget requests. Review quarterly response to SLI 63-1-A-1, which calls for regular updates on work program development in DPD's planning division. Review the report to Council on options for upgrading the Hansen permit software system requested by SLI 65-1-A-1.
Legislation Amending or Proposing New Regulations	
Broad / Aurora / Denny Triangle Zoning	Review legislation amending zone designations and regulations for Broad / Aurora / Denny Triangle.

Capitol Hill Transit Oriented Development	Review potential term sheet for a development agreement with SoundTransit that establishes development standards for the Broadway station site. If agreement is reached with SoundTransit, review legislation adopting a the development agreement. If agreement is not reached, help develop and review regulatory alternatives for the site and vicinity.
Design Guidelines	Review proposed revisions to City-wide design guidelines and any proposed changes to the Design Review Program.
Elliott / 15th Avenue Corridor	Monitor an evaluation of and planning for transit oriented development along the Elliott / 15th Avenue Bus Rapid Transit corridor.
Essential Public Facilities	Update procedures for review of essential public facilities to conform to State law.
Greenwood Rezone	Review a proposed legislative rezone in the Greenwood Urban Village.
Incentive Zoning	Participate in an inventory and review of the City's regulatory incentive and bonus programs. Review legislation consolidating and simplifying existing programs. Review policy options for prioritizing bonus programs.
Industrial Zoning, Phase 3	Monitor and review potential regulatory changes in industrial areas including the Georgetown neighborhood and SODO light rail station area.
Land Use Code Technical Amendments and Procedural Changes	Review and adopt technical amendments to the Land Use Code and procedural changes including re-adoption of the Official Land Use Map, development of internal procedures for Type III and Type V land use decisions, and amendments correcting errors and making improvements to Land Use Code procedures for Type IV and V decisions.
Living Building Challenge	Review legislation amending the living building pilot program to provide additional flexibility in design approaches for achieving a self-sufficient green building.
Regulatory Reform	Review legislation amending the Land Use Code to simplify regulations related to home-based businesses, accessory dwelling units, street-level commercial uses, and other use regulations that may constrain entrepreneurship and new development.
Misc. Legislation	Review unprogrammed land use legislation related to emergent issues identified by the Council and the Department of Planning and Development. Legislation could include amendments clarifying or correcting the text of the Land Use Code or amendments to address minor policy changes.
Neighborhood Plan Updates Round 1: Othello, North Rainier, and North Beacon Plan Implementation	Review legislation implementing the updates to the Othello, North Rainier, and North Beacon Neighborhood Plans.

Neighborhood Plan Updates Round 2: Broadview / Bitter Lake / Haller Lake, Rainier Beach, and 2013 update areas	Monitor updates to the Broadview / Bitter Lake / Haller Lake neighborhood plans and review potential Comprehensive Plan amendments. Identify opportunities for 2013 plan updates in transit corridors, urban centers and other geographies well-served by transit.
Northgate rezone strategy	Monitor development of and review proposals for Land Use Code changes affecting the Northgate Urban Center Northcore subarea and the area including the King County Transit Center.
Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan Rezones	Review legislative rezones proposed in the updated Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan and neighborhood plan implementation matrix. Monitor further implementation steps identified in Resolution 31347.
SEPA Public Notice	Prepare and review legislation to require that notice be published when certain SEPA determinations are made by City departments.
Shoreline Overlay	Review legislation amending the Shoreline Overlay District.
South Lake Union Zoning	Review legislation modifying zone designations and establishing development regulations for the South Lake Union Urban Center. Monitor economic analyses and negotiations with King County and the Puget Sound Regional Council and review potential legislation implementing a Landscape Conservation and Local Financing Tool (LCLIP) program in South Lake Union. Monitor and review development of a list capital and major maintenance projects that could be funded by the LCLIP program.
University Community Urban Center	Monitor planning for transit oriented development in the vicinity of the Brooklyn light rail station and other planning activities that may lead to regulatory changes proposed for the University Community Urban Center.
Unreinforced Masonry Buildings	Review regulatory options and outreach strategies for encouraging or requiring seismic retrofits of unreinforced masonry buildings.
Oversight of Boards, Commissions and Departments and Monitoring of Regional Planning Issues	
Enforcement Complaint Response Times	Review DPD quarterly reports on enforcement complaint response time.
Permit Review Times	Review DPD quarterly reports on turnaround times for permit review.
Regional Growth Committees	Growth Management Planning Council of King County and Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board.
Project Specific Action (Type IV and V Decisions)	
Modifications for City Facilities (Type V)	Review applications by city departments for modifications and waivers to development standards for city facilities.

Subdivisions	Review Full Subdivision Ordinances.
Type IV and Other QJ Actions	Review contract rezone petitions, landmarks appeals and other quasi-judicial land use matters. Update the Quasi-judicial Notebook as needed and serve as a resource for ad hoc questions about quasi-judicial process.
OSE	
Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)	Monitor work plan progress, including: conservation grants and electric vehicle programs. Coordinate policy framework for green house gas emission reductions related to urban form with the Transportation and Energy Committee chairs.
SUSTAINABILITY	
Sustainability Issues	
Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Projects	Monitor development and implementation of programs funded by the Federal Government (via Public Health Seattle/King County) to increase access to healthy foods for seniors, children in child care centers and after school programs, individuals in low-income neighborhoods, etc. The Human Services Department, the Office of Economic Development and the Department of Planning and Development each received funding and are implementing programs in the City and County.
Vision Duwamish	Advance the Vision Duwamish Plan and leverage the Superfund cleanup opportunity to improve the residential communities adjacent to the Duwamish River. Stimulate ecologically responsible industry in order to create jobs, amenities, environmental restoration and community vitality in the Duwamish valley.
Pike Place Market PDA	Monitor relevant Pike Place Market PDA activities not related to the Pike Place Market Levy.
EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OVERSIGHT ASSIGNMENTS	
Boards and Commissions - Oversight and/or Appointment Authority	Monitor and make recommendations on appointments as needed for City of Seattle Planning Commission, Construction Codes Advisory Board, Design Commission, Design Review Board, International District Special Review Board, Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority, Seattle Chinatown-International District PDA Council, Urban Forestry Commission.
External Committees - Council Participation	Participate as a member or alternate of the following regional committees: Board of Health – Seattle King County, Board of Health – Seattle King County, Growth Management Planning Council of King County (GMPCKC), GMPCKC Executive Committee, National League of Cities, PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, Regional Food Policy Council, Sound Transit Board, WRIA 9. ALT: King County Regional Water Quality Committee