**Phase 1: Scoping & Visioning**

Over 1200 People Got Involved!

**Phase 2: Focus Meeting Series**

Olympians want more:
- Involvement in how neighborhoods develop
- Transportation options (walk, bike, bus)
- “Third Places” to connect outside work & home
- City leadership in modeling sustainable practices
- Multi-generational planning

**Phase 3: Drafting**

Interdepartmental staff team developed online Comp Plan

**Phase 4: Review & Council Action**

Olympia Planning Commission is currently holding public hearings and deliberating.

**Phase 5: Implementation**

- Development Code Updates
- Sub-Area Planning
- Action Strategy & Partnership Development

Lessons Learned from the Process
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1. Coordination and clear communication among City Council, advisory bodies, staff and public is key

2. Take the time to educate

3. Major updates need visioning
4. Involve Partners Early On

5. Always make sure the public knows how to get involved, what you are asking of them, and what you will do with the information

6. Strong facilitation is needed!

7. Interdepartmental staff writing team worked well!

8. Releasing a preliminary staff draft before the hearing draft did not work so well.

9. You need strong project management and as clear a roadmap as possible

10. Don’t forget to set up a well organized paper and electronic record filing system before you get started

Questions?

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Looking Forward to Periodic Updates

WA State Planning Conference
American Planning Association – WA Chapter

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Growth Management Services

- Keeping your Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Current: A Guide to the Periodic Update Process under the Growth Management Act
- Basic and Expanded Checklists for Cities and Counties

www.commerce.wa.gov/growth

Benefits of Local Planning

Communities with a clear vision and consistent implementation of plans generally:
- Are more attractive to private investment, which in turn creates jobs
- Have a more coordinated and efficient approach to providing infrastructure and public services
- Experience an increased quality of life for their citizens

Citizens Support Planning

Source: March 2012 Harris Poll for the American Planning Association

Reduced State Support for Local Planning

Budget History for Growth Management

- Admin and TA Costs
- Grants to Local Governments
Outlook for 2013-2015

Carry-forward level budget is $4.5 million from state general fund. It would support:

- Planning grants to fund 2-3% of local government costs for updating plans and development regulations
- 30% of the technical assistance service level provided in the past

Proposal: Increase to $11 million, from a combination of fund sources