

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$545,000 GF and 1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1 to OPCD for the Comprehensive Plan update and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$545,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(545,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(545,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$545,000 GF and 1.0 FTE term-limited Strategic Advisor 1 position to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) to support the next major update to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan and would place a proviso on a portion of OPCD's funds.

Of the funds allocated to OPCD, approximately \$125,000 is intended to support outreach and engagement, \$100,000 is intended to be used to update the City's historic resources surveys, and \$320,000 is intended to support the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzes (1) at least one growth alternative that provides additional housing capacity and housing type diversity in neighborhood residential areas; (2) at least one growth alternative that addresses exclusionary zoning and supports the development of 15-minute neighborhoods, including a mix of residential and non-residential land uses and densities that support equitable multi-modal local access to

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everyday needs in locations across the city, both inside and outside of urban villages; and (3) at least one growth alternative that uses other strategies to minimize the displacement of low-income residents and Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities. The increased funding is intended to support the analysis of a range of alternatives and zoning changes to implement the preferred alternative. The areas of study 1-3 identified above could be combined into one alternative or studied separately. In developing the EIS scope, OPCD should consider other actions to increase residential building capacity, such as those listed in RCW 36.70A.600.

In the 2021 budget, OPCD received \$100,000 for outreach and engagement and \$30,000 for development of the EIS. The 2022 Proposed Budget includes an additional \$50,000 for outreach and engagement and \$300,000 total for the EIS work. The Mayor's 2022 Proposed Budget assumes an additional \$95,000 would be budgeted for 2023, resulting in a total of \$425,000 for the EIS and \$150,000 for outreach and engagement over three years.

This amendment would increase funding between the 2021 and 2022 budgets to \$275,000 for outreach and engagement, \$650,000 for the EIS, and \$100,000 for historic resources surveys to support the environmental review. Additional funding may be needed in 2023 and 2024 to complete the EIS and undertake additional outreach and engagement and public education prior to Council adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan.

Term-limited position authority is provided in order to allow OPCD to hire staff to support this work, such as (1) staff to support outreach, engagement, and public education to disseminate information and collect feedback about potential land use changes and make the proposed policy changes easily understood through the use of accessible language, particularly to communities that have historically been left out of conversations about growth and development; or (2) staff to provide capacity at OPCD for developing implementing regulations that could be considered by the City concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan major update. This term-limited authority would end at the end of 2024.

A proviso would be added to some of the EIS funding for OPCD. The proviso would read:

"Of the appropriation in the 2022 budget for the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD)'s Planning Budget Summary Level (BO-PC-X2P00), \$300,000 is appropriated to be used solely for the purpose of retaining a consultant or consultants to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), if it is determined by OPCD that an EIS is warranted based on the probable environmental impacts of the next major Comprehensive Plan update. If required, OPCD shall contract for consultant assistance to prepare an EIS. The appropriation may not be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent unless the Chair of the Council's Land Use and Neighborhoods committee, or the successor committee with purview over the Office of Planning and Community Development, files a certification with the City Clerk that OPCD has briefed the committee on the conformance of any EIS scope with this proviso.

If OPCD determines that an EIS is necessary for the next major update, the EIS must include, but is not limited to:

1. At least one growth alternative that provides additional housing capacity and housing type diversity in neighborhood residential areas.
2. At least one growth alternative that addresses exclusionary zoning and supports the development of 15-minute neighborhoods, including a mix of residential and non-residential land uses and densities that support equitable multi-modal local access to everyday needs in locations across the city, both inside and outside of urban villages.

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3. At least one growth alternative that uses other strategies to minimize displacement of low-income residents and communities of color.

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Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for major Comprehensive Plan Update		0	0	OPCD - PC000	OPCD - BO-PC-X2P00 - Planning and Community Development	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$545,000
2	Pocket Adjustments	StratAdvsr1,General Govt	1	1	OPCD - PC000	OPCD - BO-PC-X2P00 - Planning and Community Development	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0