

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that OPCD prepare a work program and budget for Regional Growth Centers Planning

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) provide a work program and budget for required updates to the plans for Seattle's six regional growth centers. The work plan should include an outreach and engagement strategy to ensure equitable input into the plans. The 2022 Proposed Budget would provide \$150,000 to initiate this work.

Seattle's six urban centers (Downtown Seattle, First Hill/Capitol Hill, South Lake Union, Northgate, the University District, and Uptown) are designated as "regional growth centers" under Vision 2050, the region's plan for growth. Under the State's Growth Management Act, the City's Comprehensive Plan and Urban Centers plans are required to be consistent with Vision 2050. The City currently has plans and targets for growth for each center that respect their importance as places for significant growth of jobs and housing.

Vision 2050 requires updates to those plans by 2025, including adding policies related to social equity and climate change. OPCD intends to hire consultants to support this work. Ensuring adequate funding for this planning effort is intended to enable the department to inform their planning effort with an inclusive community engagement process.

OPCD is requested to provide a detailed work program and budget identifying the resources and schedule needed to meet the Vision 2050 requirements and ensure effective outreach and engagement to residents and other stakeholders in each of the six urban centers. The report should be sent to the Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee or successor committee by June 30, 2022.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2022