

Seattle Planning Commission

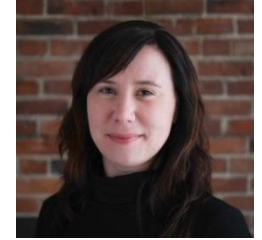
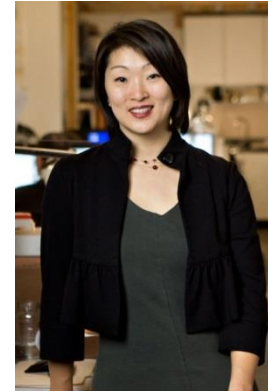
Introduction to Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee

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Role of Commission

- A 16 member, **independent** volunteer body that advises the Mayor, City Council and City Departments on citywide planning goals, policies, and plans. Provides independent and **objective** advice on land-use and zoning, transportation and housing issues.
- Additional roles and functions
 - Make decision making processes and tools more effective
 - Review state of City's planning functions and activities
 - Stewards of the Comprehensive Plan

Seattle Planning Commissioners



Committee Structure

Executive

Grace Kim	Chair
Kara Martin	Vice Chair
David Shelton	LUT Co-Chair
Spencer Williams	LUT Co-Chair
Tim Parham	H&N Co-Chair
Michael Austin	H&N Co-Chair

Land Use & Transportation

David Shelton, Co-Chair
Spencer Williams, Co-Chair
Lauren Craig
Molly Esteve
JakeMcKinstry
Marj Press
Patti Wilma

Housing & Neighborhoods

Tim Parham, Co-Chair
Michael Austin, Co-Chair
Sandra Fried
Yolanda Ho
Grace Kim
Amalia Leighton
Kara Martin

Major Update to Comprehensive Plan – Seattle 2035

- Adoption planned for 2016
- Commission “Stewards of the Comp Plan”
- SPC Review through a lens of equity
- Importance of readability and accessibility
- Greater flexibility in Single Family areas
- Not all Urban Villages are the same

Housing Seattle & Family-Sized

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Recent reports from the Planning Commission have highlighted the need for affordable housing.



Housing Seattle

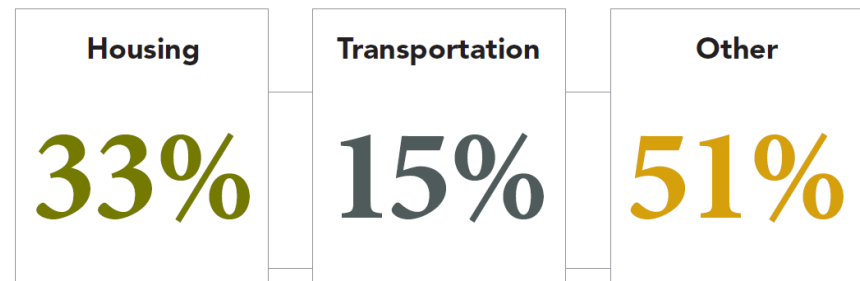


Family-Sized Housing

**An Essential Ingredient to Attract and Retain
Families with Children in Seattle**

Transit Access and Affordability

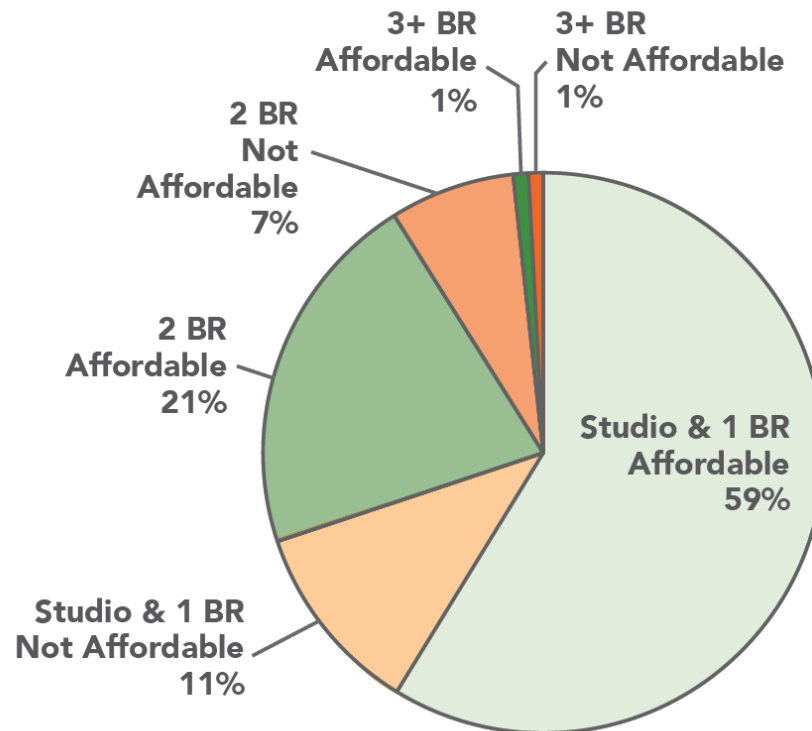
Access to frequent transit in urban villages and along most arterials is important affordability consideration.



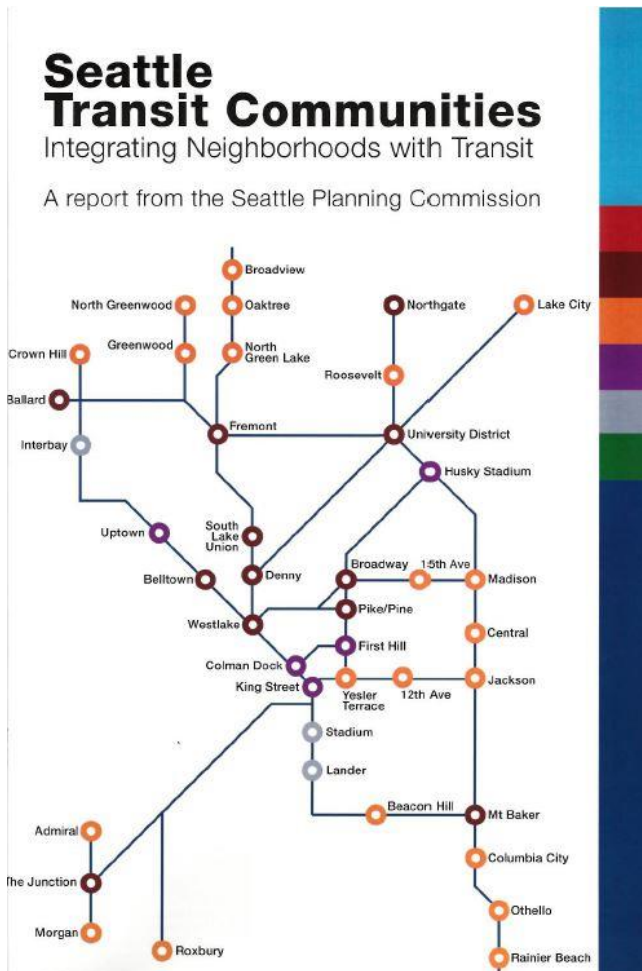
Average annual expenditures in the
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area for
2009-2010

Larger, affordable family-size units are particularly lacking

**Market Rate Apartments in Seattle:
Unit Sizes and Affordability
at 80% of Area Median Income**



Seattle Transit Communities



Transit is Transformational

- Optimize local and regional investment in transit.
- Create livable communities around transit connections.
- Align land use policies and capital investments.

Transit Communities

- Describes four Seattle- specific typologies.
- Identifies the essential components of livability.
- Outlines key funding and implementation strategies.
- Recommends how to transform our communities.
- Identifies 14 near- term opportunities.

Backyard Cottages



A GUIDE TO BUILDING A **BACKYARD COTTAGE** IN SOUTHEAST SEATTLE
JANUARY 2009



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT www.seattle.gov/dpd/backyardcottages

Increasing housing choices

- Developed a guide to building Backyard Cottages in collaboration with the Department of Planning and Development.
- Supported type of housing as one of Seattle's housing choices.

Industrial Lands

The Future of Seattle's Industrial Lands



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Report • July 2007

- "Industrial zoned land is a vital civic asset. Because Seattle's industrial businesses are critical to our city's overall economic health and global competitiveness the City should strengthen its industrial policies. The retention of industrial land contributes significantly to Seattle's family wage job base, provides significant tax revenue to the city and is essential in providing stability to our economy."

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