

OPCD 2024 Work Program

OPCD's Mission:

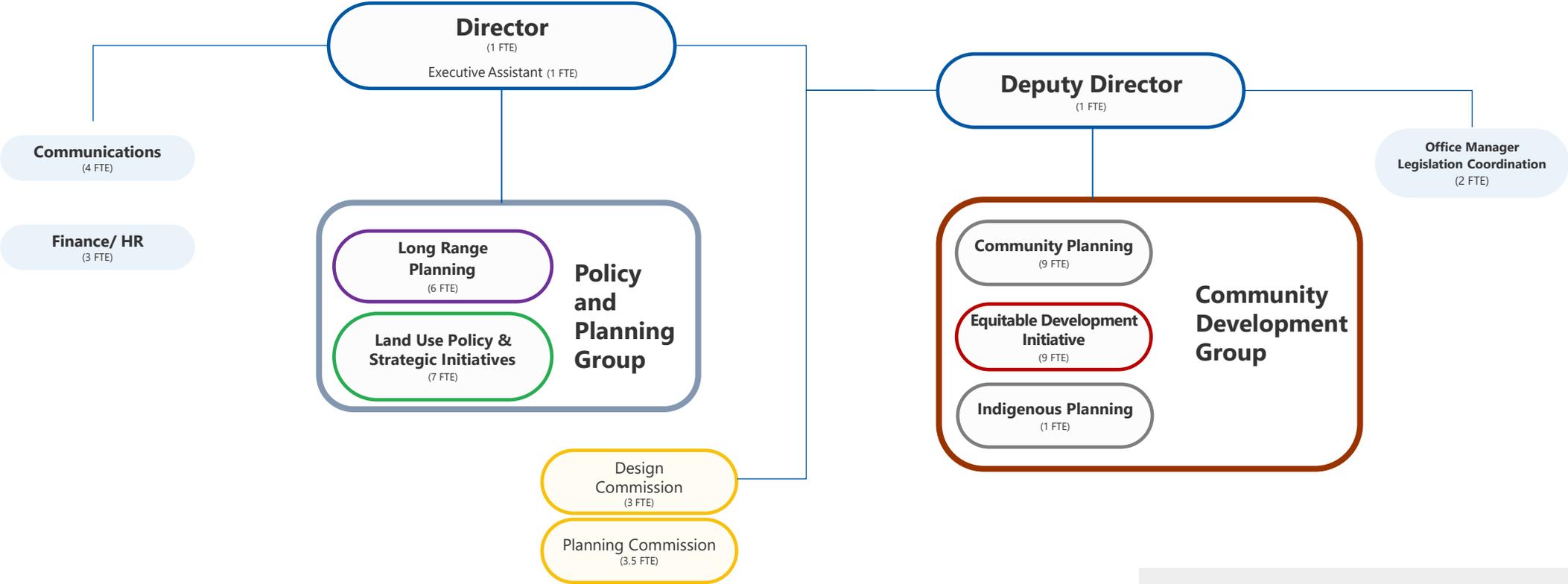
We lead collaborative planning, advance equitable development, and create great places.



Seattle
Office of Planning &
Community Development

OPCD Organization Chart

(Snapshot as of 1/9/24)



OPCD 2024 Adopted Budget: \$35,891,222
OPCD 2024 Adopted Budget FTE: 51.5
OPCD positions on loan to other departments: 1 FTE

2024 OPCD Priorities

1. 'One Seattle' Comprehensive Plan Major Update
2. Equitable Development Initiative (EDI)
3. Subarea Planning
4. West Seattle & Ballard Link Extensions (WSLE & BLE)
5. Downtown Activation Plan (DAP)



'One Seattle Plan' Comprehensive Plan Update

VISION:

To promote a more equitable Seattle as we grow, through expanded housing opportunities across the city; focused growth and investment in complete, walkable communities; and meeting the challenges of climate change for a resilient future.

Background

- **Process:** OPCD is finalizing the Draft One Seattle Plan, our major update to the Comprehensive Plan. It establishes a roadmap for how Seattle will grow and invest in communities over the next 20 years and beyond.
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** The Draft Plan will be accompanied by a Draft EIS, assessing five growth strategy alternatives.
- **Public Engagement:** The Draft Plan is informed by community engagement that began in spring 2022, including specific outreach to historically under-represented communities and those impacted by displacement.

2024 Priorities

- Early 2024: Draft Plan and Draft EIS release
- Winter/Spring 2024: Robust public engagement
 - Citywide Open Houses
 - Anti-Displacement Workshops
 - Outreach to stakeholders and community groups
 - Online Engagement Hub
 - DEIS public comment period
- Mid 2024: Public engagement on zoning changes (zoning legislation to be transmitted to Council in 2025)
- Late 2024: Target date for Final EIS and final draft of the Plan submitted to Council

Equitable Development Initiative (EDI)

VISION:

Seattle will be a city with people of diverse cultures, races, and incomes. All people will thrive and will be able to achieve their full potential regardless of race or means. Our city's neighborhoods will be diverse and will include the community anchors, supports, goods and service and amenities so that our residents can lead healthy lives and can flourish.

Background

- **Purpose:** The EDI addresses displacement and the unequal distribution of opportunities to sustain a diverse Seattle. The EDI fosters community leadership and supports organizations to promote equitable access to housing, jobs, education, parks, cultural expression, healthy food, and other community needs and amenities.
- **EDI Annual RFP:** Since founding in 2018, the EDI and Strategic Investment Fund have awarded 72 organizations \$120m to fund acquisition, major capital projects, and capacity-building.
- **EDI Advisory Board:** Guides implementation of EDI and equity goals related to the Comprehensive Plan. Comprised of 13 members appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and board.

2024 Priorities

- EDI Advisory Board appointments and recruitments
- Managing active projects and providing technical assistance
- One EDI RFP cycle
- Equitable Development Zoning legislation
- Community visioning and strategic planning for EDI 2.0



Subarea Planning

OVERVIEW:

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) mandates area plans for future growth for our designated Urban Centers, home to a significant share of residents and workers: Downtown, Uptown, South Lake Union, Capitol Hill/First Hill, University District, and Northgate.

Background

- OPCD is in the process of planning for each of our centers to become more equitable, vibrant, and resilient places and will be completing six plans over the next three years.
- This work is currently funded through 2024 and is contingent on additional funding allocation in 2025 to complete all six plans.
- An **Indigenous Inclusivity Guide and Plan** will be deployed across all subareas.

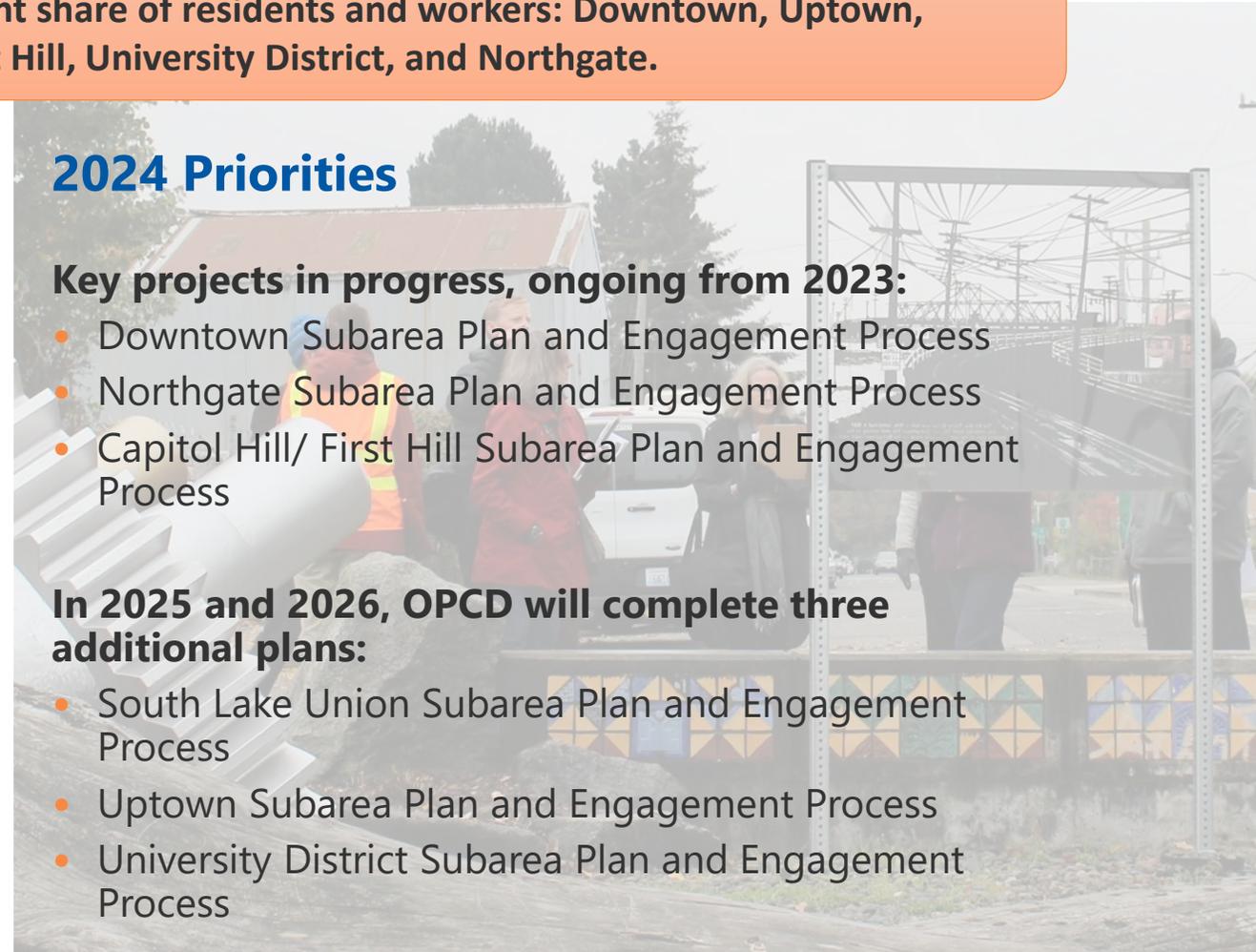
2024 Priorities

Key projects in progress, ongoing from 2023:

- Downtown Subarea Plan and Engagement Process
- Northgate Subarea Plan and Engagement Process
- Capitol Hill/ First Hill Subarea Plan and Engagement Process

In 2025 and 2026, OPCD will complete three additional plans:

- South Lake Union Subarea Plan and Engagement Process
- Uptown Subarea Plan and Engagement Process
- University District Subarea Plan and Engagement Process



West Seattle & Ballard Link Extensions

OVERVIEW:

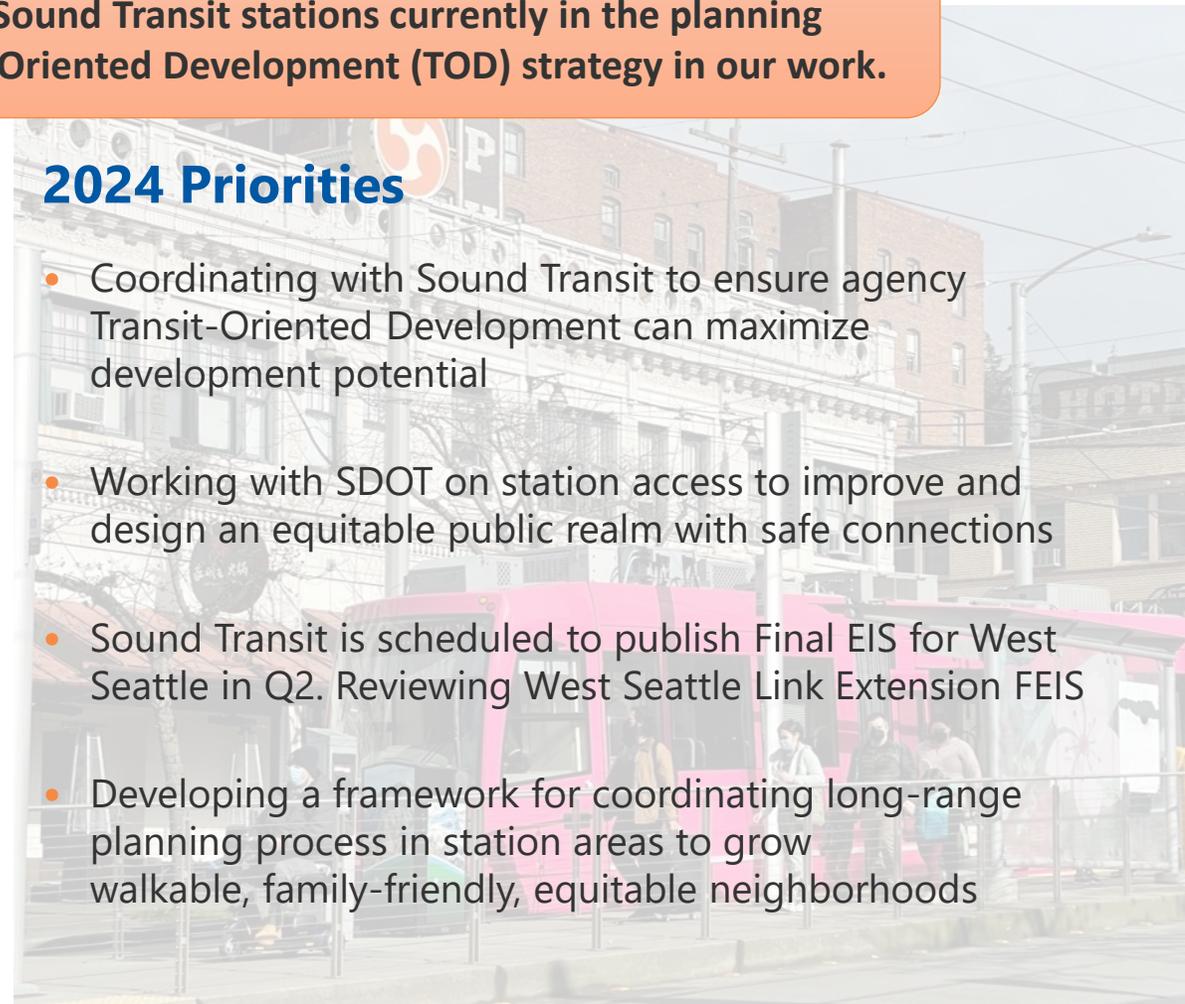
OPCD is working closely with SDOT, SDCI, and other departments to plan for ST3. OPCD staff are conducting station area planning around 13 Sound Transit stations currently in the planning phase. We are developing a citywide Transit Oriented Development (TOD) strategy in our work.

Background

- **Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD):** OPCD staff is advancing ETOD planning through an FTA grant received in 2020
- **Community Advisory Group:** Established CAG of 20 individuals to develop an ETOD Strategy and Implementation Plan to guide the City's approach to community-driven development.
- **Challenges:** Scheduling delays related to station locations and environmental review, landing on durable decisions for alternatives studied in Sound Transit's DEIS, alignment of ETOD practices, developing a project review process that integrates early planning work, coordinating the Industrial and Maritime zoning approaches, and producing outcomes from early station area planning work in Chinatown-International District, Delridge, Westlake, and Seattle Center.

2024 Priorities

- Coordinating with Sound Transit to ensure agency Transit-Oriented Development can maximize development potential
- Working with SDOT on station access to improve and design an equitable public realm with safe connections
- Sound Transit is scheduled to publish Final EIS for West Seattle in Q2. Reviewing West Seattle Link Extension FEIS
- Developing a framework for coordinating long-range planning process in station areas to grow walkable, family-friendly, equitable neighborhoods



Downtown Activation Plan (DAP)

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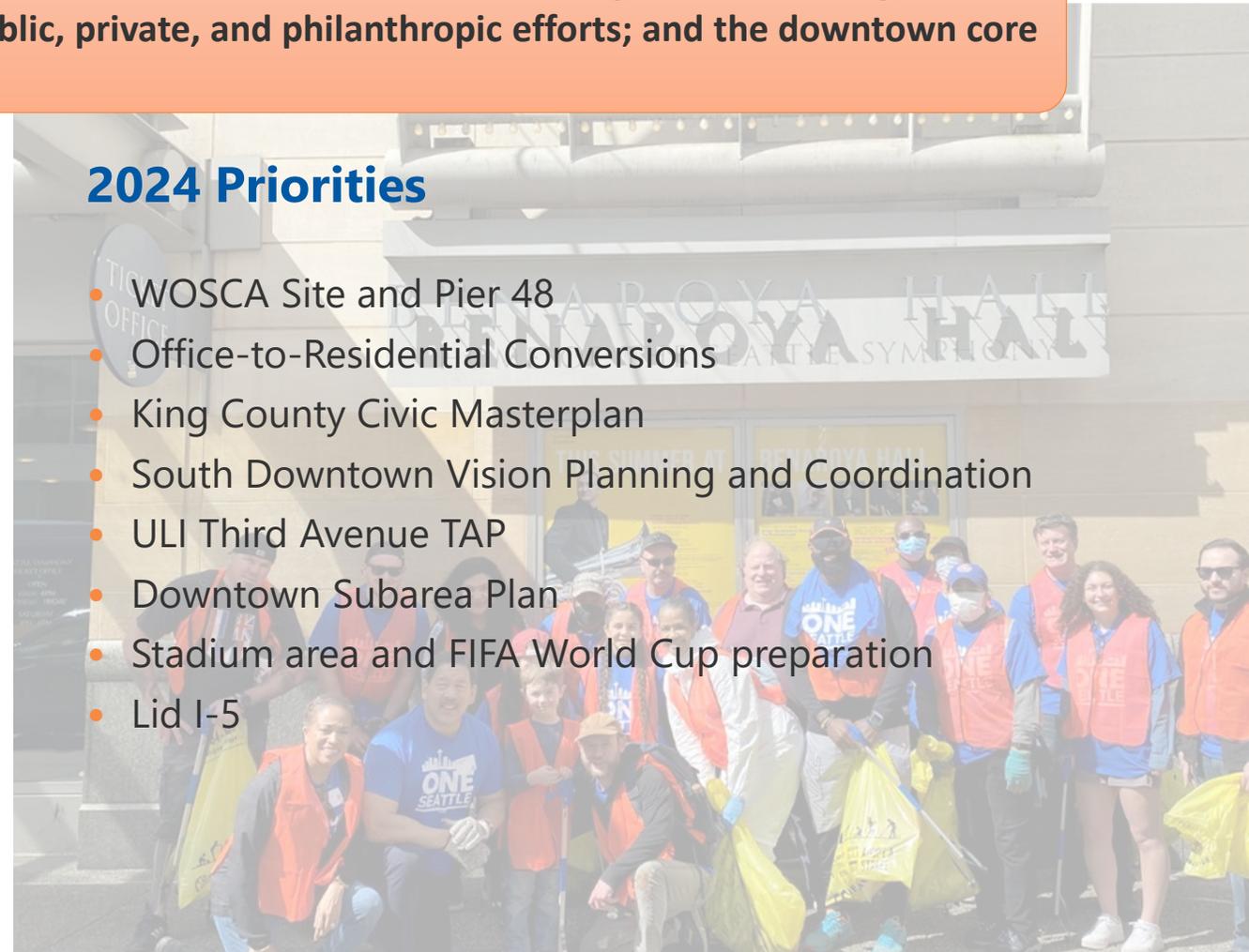
Revitalizing a new future for Downtown Seattle. Enhanced economic resiliency, cultural vitality, and safety in the downtown core; aligned public, private, and philanthropic efforts; and the downtown core is connected to the Central Waterfront.

Key 2023 OPCD Actions

- **Downtown Retail Core:** Legislation allowing taller residential buildings along 3rd Ave from Union St. north to Stewart St.
- **Belltown Lodging:** Legislation to support hotel development in Belltown.
- **Office to Residential "Call for Ideas":** Design competition generating proposals to convert buildings to residential with suggestions for supportive City action.

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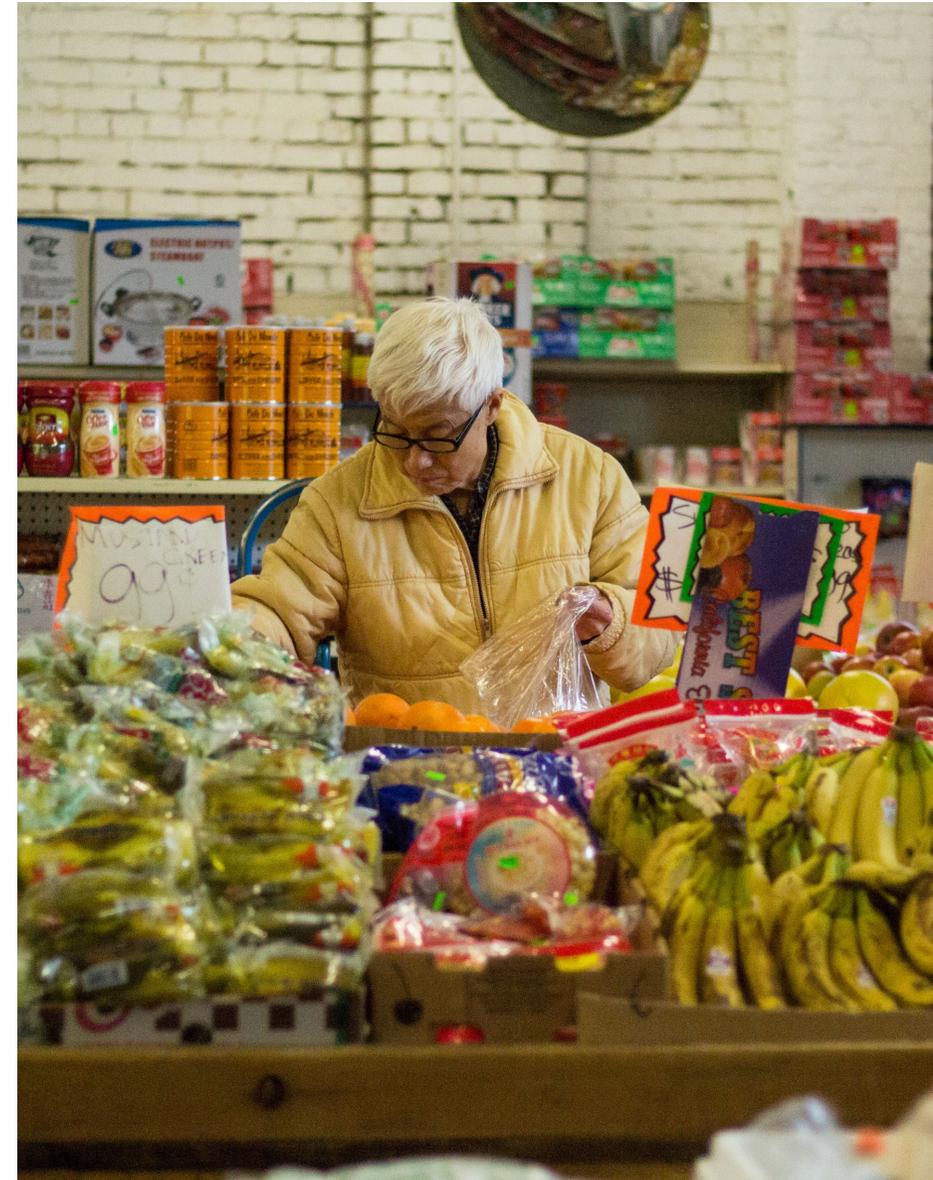
- WOSCA Site and Pier 48
- Office-to-Residential Conversions
- King County Civic Masterplan
- South Downtown Vision Planning and Coordination
- ULI Third Avenue TAP
- Downtown Subarea Plan
- Stadium area and FIFA World Cup preparation
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Work Program by Division

- Policy and Planning Group
 - Citywide and Regional Planning
 - Strategic Initiatives
- Community Development Group
 - Area Planning
 - Community Investments

*Planning Commission & Design Commission are housed within OPCD but determine their own work programs.



Policy and Planning Group

2024 Work Program

Citywide and Regional Planning

- Regional Planning Coordination
- Comprehensive Plan Major Update
- Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendments
- Climate Change & Resilience

Strategic Initiatives

- Downtown Activation Plan
- Comprehensive Plan zoning implementation
- Equitable Development Zoning
- Strategic housing actions

Community Development Group

2024 Work Program

Area Planning

- Subarea Planning
- Station Area Planning
- Reconnect South Park
- Duwamish Valley Program – *Ongoing Collaboration with OSE*
- CID – *Ongoing Collaboration with DON*

Community Investments

- Equitable Development Initiative (EDI)
- Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD)
- Capital Sub Cabinet
- Indigenous Seattle
- Coordination with County and Philanthropy