

2025 Comprehensive Plan Update – Chapter Review Timeline for 1/13/25

Chapters	Planning Commission Preliminary Review	Council Preliminary Review
1. Introduction	5/22/25	6/24/25 COTW – AB2025-438
2. Land Use (with UGAs)	12/4/25; 12/16/25	TBD
3. Housing	12/18/25	TBD
4. Capital Facilities	7/24/25	9/9/25 COTW – AB2025-552
5. Utilities	10/9/25	10/21/25 COTW – AB2025-733
6. Transportation	6/12/25; 6/26/25	8/6/25 COTW – AB2025-563
7. Economic Development	8/28/25	9/23/25 COTW – AB2025-632
8. Resource Lands	10/23/25; 11/6/25	12/2/25 COTW – AB2025-843
9. Recreation	7/10/25	9/9/25 COTW – AB2025-601
10. Environment	11/13/25; 11/20/25; 12/11/25	1/13/25 COTW – AB2026-010
11. Shorelines*	N/A	N/A
12. Climate	8/14/25 & 9/30/25	11/5/25 COTW – AB2025-754

* Chapter 11 – Shorelines was approved by Council in 2024 through the adoption of the Shoreline Management Program ([Ordinance 2024-047](#))

The Planning Commission has completed preliminary review of the draft Comprehensive Plan chapters. For each chapter, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, discussed the chapter, and proposed and voted on preliminary amendments. The Planning Commission agendas, packets, minutes, and meeting recordings can be found on Whatcom County's [Agenda Center](#).

Council has received presentations on most of the Planning Commission's preliminary recommendations on draft chapters (see table above). In addition to the Agenda Bill files listed above, Council has used [AB2025-701: Discussion of proposed amendments to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan](#) as a reoccurring file to discuss draft chapters and propose amendments.

The Planning Commission's final public hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan in its entirety is *tentatively* scheduled for January 22. Previously passed Council amendments to the draft chapters will be forwarded to Planning Commissioners for their review and possible incorporation at this final hearing.