



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Council Staff
DATE: April 30, 2026
RE: Updated Council Comprehensive Plan Review Schedule

Remaining Schedule

Below is the proposed remaining schedule as of 4.30.2026 for Council review of the Comprehensive Plan. This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

- **5/5 – Special COTW (10:15 am - 40 mins)**
 - Continue review of the Preface
 - **Public Comment 10:15 am - Preface (limited to 20 min)**
 - **DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 4/27 BY NOON**
- **5/12– COTW (approx. 2-3.5 hours)**
 - Continue Chapters 2, 8, 10, 12, and Appendices
 - **DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 5/4 BY NOON**
- **5/19 - Special Committee of the Whole (9:00 – 4:30)**
 - Continue Chapters 2, 8, 10, 12, and Appendices (if needed)
 - Any remaining items to resolve from previously discussed chapters
 - Review of draft comp plan ordinance (including findings of fact) (if available)
 - Review related zoning ordinances (if available)
 - Final coordination of chapters previously reviewed
 - **Public Comment 9:00 am – All chapters (limited to 30 min)**
 - **DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 5/11 BY NOON**
- **5/26- COTW (approx. 2-3.5 hours)**
 - Review of Appendix K and associated amendments
 - Final minor edits in COTW if needed (no further edits after this date)
 - **AGENDA DEADLINE: 5/18 BY NOON**
 - **Council introduction of ordinances (all chapters)**
- **6/2 – Special Committee of the Whole (1:00-4:30 pm) – OPTIONAL**
- **6/9– Public hearing and final action on all chapters** (Public participation at evening council meeting)
 - (*or 6/23 if needed to align with concurrent action on Planning commission ordinances*)

Status of Comp Plan Chapters as of 4.21.2026

Preface	AB2026-273	<i>Scheduled for May 5 SCOTW</i>
Chapter 1 - Introduction & Growth Projections	AB2026-185	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 2 – Land Use	AB2026-186	<i>Discussed 4/28 and held open Scheduled for discussion on 4/28 (incl. UGAs)</i>
Chapter 3 – Housing	AB2026-188	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 4 – Capital Facilities	AB2026-216	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 5 - Utilities	AB2026-217	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 6 - Transportation	AB2026-218	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 7 – Economic Development	AB2026-231	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 8 – Resource Lands	AB2026-250	<i>Discussed 3/31 & 4/7 and held open Scheduled for continued discussion on 4/28</i>
Chapter 9 – Parks & Recreation	AB2026-251	Preliminarily draft prepared for future Council introduction of an ordinance & public hearing (<i>dates to be announced</i>)
Chapter 10 - Environment	AB2026-261	<i>Discussed 4/7 & 4/14 and held open Scheduled for continued discussion on 4/28</i>
Chapter 12 - Climate	AB2026-262	<i>Discussed 4/7 and held open Scheduled for continued discussion on 4/28</i>
Appendices & Foothills SAP	AB2026-263	<i>Not heard yet Scheduled for discussion on 4/28</i>
Appendix K	AB2026-298	<i>Scheduled for 5/26, after Planning Commission review</i>