



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council  
FROM: Council Staff  
DATE: April 8, 2026  
RE: Updated Council Comprehensive Plan Review Schedule

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### Remaining Schedule

*Below is the proposed remaining schedule as of 4.8.2026 for Council review of the Comprehensive Plan.  
This schedule is tentative and subject to change.*

- **4/7 – Special COTW (7.5 hours; 9:00 - 4:30)**
  - Continue adjudication discussion, including impacts to chapters 5, 7, and any other chapters
  - Continue CH 8, 9
  - CH 10 - Environment
  - *Note: CH 11 – Shorelines (council updated in 2024, no changes)*
  - CH 12 – Climate
  - Appendices and Foothills Subarea Plan
  - AB2026-249 Discussion regarding schedule for Council review of the comprehensive plan update
    - **Public Comment: Chapters 10, 12, Appendices**
    - DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 3/30 BY NOON, (4/3 BY NOON for CH 8 & 9)
- **4/14 - COTW (approx. 2 - 3.5 hours)**
  - Continue CH 10, 12, and Appendices
    - DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 4/10 BY NOON
- **4/21 – No meeting scheduled**
- **4/28 - COTW (approx. 2 - 3.5 hours)**
  - Continue Chapter 2 and UGA discussion
    - DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 4/20 BY NOON
- **5/5 – Special COTW (Time TBD)**
  - Continue review of the Preface
    - **Public Comment: Preface**
    - DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 4/27 BY NOON
- **5/12– COTW (approx. 2 - 3.5 hours)**
  - **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
    - DEADLINE FOR CM EDITS: 5/4 BY NOON

- **5/26- Council introduction of ordinance (all chapters)**
  - 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
- **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)

\*Additional possible special meeting dates if needed: 5/19 and 6/2\*

*Note: Council review of preliminary draft Chapters 1 (Introduction), 3 (Housing), 4 (Capital Facilities), and 6 (Transportation) is complete, and motions were approved to bring forward Council amended chapters for introduction of an ordinance on 5/26 and public hearing on 6/9.*