



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Council Staff
DATE: April 1, 2026
RE: Updated Council Comprehensive Plan Review Schedule

Remaining Schedule

Below is the proposed remaining schedule as of 4.1.2026 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
- **5/12– 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)**
 - 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: 5/5, 5/19, 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.