

# Update - City Plan 2035

Tumwater, WA

2016 “Coffee Talks”  
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# Background

- Began reviewing in 2015
- Chapter-by-chapter review
- Complete draft before summer 2016
- Possible Council adoption in 2016

# What is the City Plan?

- Strategic plan for meeting community demand for housing, transportation, parks, open space, utilities and more
- **GMA Requirements**
  - RCW 36.70A.130(5): “...Counties and cities shall take action to review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of this chapter...”.

# Process Goals

- Not an overhaul of existing plan
- Process will:
  - Incorporate new public input
  - Update population and employment forecasts
  - Reflect changes in state law
  - Consolidate and refine goals and policies
- Emphasis areas include: **Land Use, Transportation, and Parks**
- Added emphasis on storm water management (LID) throughout

# Community Surveys – What are we hearing?

- **Provide more transportation choices.**

Develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.

- **Promote equitable, affordable housing.**

Expand location- and energy-efficient housing choices to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.

- **Enhance economic opportunity.**

Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to worksites, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs.

- **Value communities and neighborhoods.**

Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods. Employ strategies like mixed-use development and land recycling—to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of infrastructure investments.



Land Use Element

# Land Use Element

- Provides profile of Tumwater
- Historic, cultural and natural setting
- **RCW 36.70A.070**
  - Provides protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater used for public water supplies.
  - Reviews drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in the area.
  - Wherever possible, use urban planning approaches that promote physical activity.



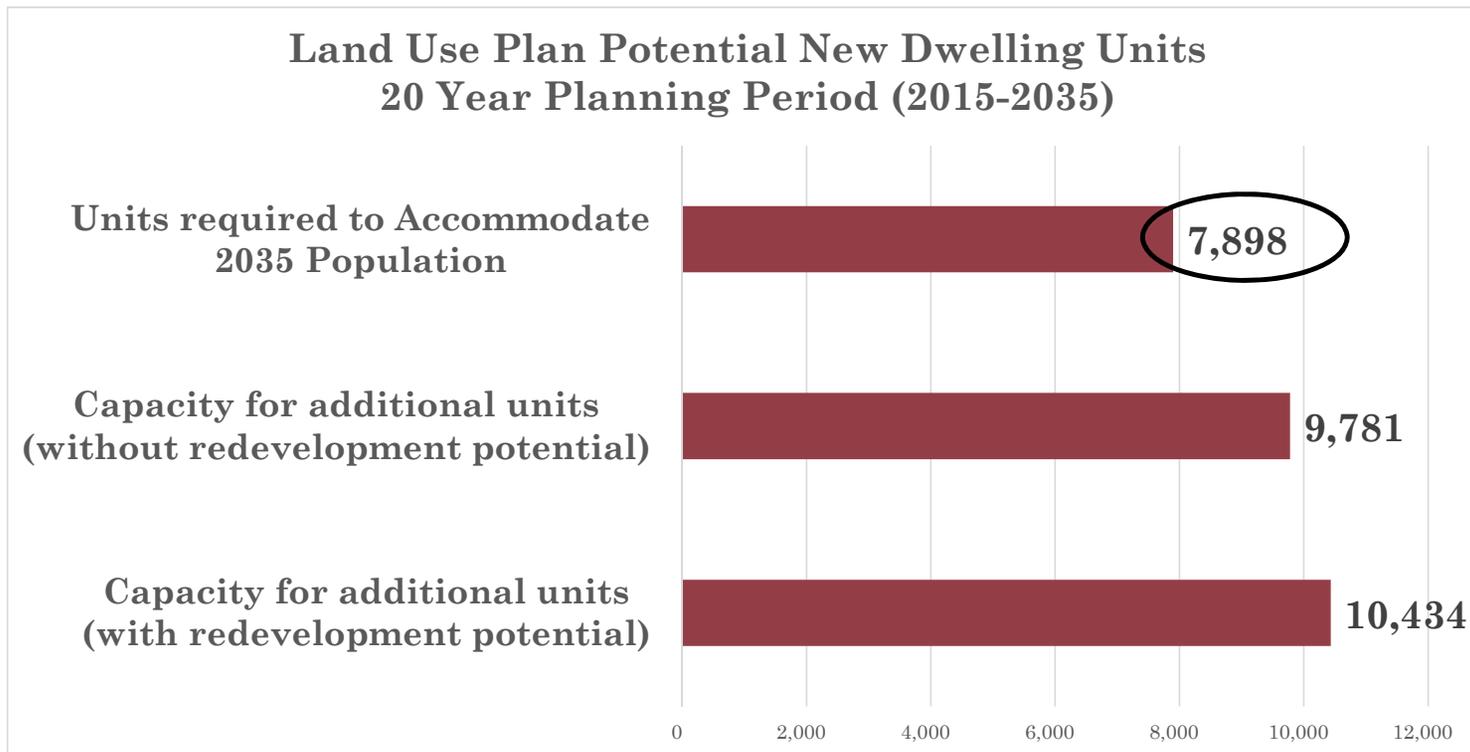
# Profile of Tumwater

TUMWATER AND URBAN GROWTH AREA 20 YEAR POPULATION FORECAST				
	2015 Population (includes annexed areas)	2035 Population	Population Increase	% Increase 2015-2035
Tumwater	21,939	34,680	12,741	58%
Urban Growth Area	3,250	8,203	4,954	152%
Combined areas	25,188	42,883	17,695	70%

# Land Use Distribution

SUMMARY OF EXISTING LAND USE IN TUMWATER		
<u>Type of Land Use</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Residential	3,227	29%
Commercial	470	4%
Industrial	477	4%
Public/Institutional	2,288	20%
Parks and Open Space	1,148	10%
Vacant	1,831	16%
Natural Resources	608	5%
Roads, Railroads, and Rights of Way	1,273	11%
Total	11,322	100%

# Demand Analysis





## Transportation Element

# The Transportation Element

- Transportation Element is required in the Comprehensive Plan
- Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070(6), this includes:
  - Required sections or “subelements”
  - Cost constrained financial plan, and
  - Contingency plan if funding falls short
- Other recommendations
  - Updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Component, including approaches to increase physical activity (RCW 36.70A.070(1) and WAC 365-196-405(2)(j))
  - Needs projections based on multi-modal level of service analysis
  - Updated Concurrency Ordinance also needed.

# Reviewing Existing Resources

- Public streets and roads: approx. 140 miles – Tumwater owns approx. 100 miles...
  - 20mph or less – 7%
  - 30mph – 66%
  - 35mph – 12%
  - 45mph – 4%
  - 60+mph – 11%
- Bus System: 6 major routes (12,13,42,43,68,609)
- Trails: 5 miles
- Sidewalk: 104 miles
  - “Walkscore” – 26 Citywide
- Bike Lanes: 11.5 miles
- 1 Airport (835 Acres)



# Walkscore – Linking Land Use & Transportation

Tumwater – SE Capitol



Density: 1,300  
people per square mile

**Walk Score: 38**  
“Car Dependent”

Green Lake



Density: 4,700  
people per square mile

**Walk Score: 79**  
“Very Walkable”

Queen Anne



Density: 7,900  
people per square mile

**Walk Score: 88**  
“Very Walkable”

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For Comparison:

Tribeca Neighborhood – NY  
Density: 37,000  
people per square mile

Walkscore: 99 – Walker’s Paradise

Mission Neighborhood, San Fran  
Density: 19,000  
people per square mile

Walkscore: 96 – Walker’s Paradise

NYC – Allen Street Approx. 20,000 ADT



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# Improving Connectivity for a Safer, More Efficient Transportation System



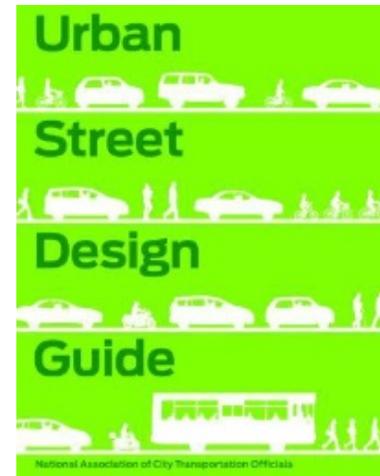
**Improving Connectivity for a Safer, More Efficient Transportation System**

# General Design Principles

Creating safety, convenience, and supporting community identity

- Confine high speed roads to edges of urban area
- Limit speed in urban areas
- Limit size of roads or streets
- Maintain a connected network
- Block size matters (300 to 800 feet)
- Consider multi-modal boulevards, avenues and connectors

National Association of  
City Transportation Officials





# Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element

Tumwater July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

# The Parks and Recreation Element

- Parks Element is required in the Comprehensive Plan
- WAC 365-196-440 Required Features:
  - Consistency with City's capital facilities
  - Estimates of park and recreation demand for a ten-year period
  - Evaluation of facilities and service needs
  - Evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreation demand
- Other recommendations
  - Level of services that meet local objectives, adapted from State or national standards, growth-driven
  - Existing inventory

# Goals

- Vision, desires, demands for parks, recreation, and open space
- Act as facilitator and catalyst for partnerships on parks and recreation facilities and services
- Goals and policies streamlined and consolidated from previous versions



# Demand Analysis

- Assesses current trends and projections in terms of population and recreational demand
- Level of service assessment
  - Fairly unchanged from previous plan, with exception of community park category
- Shows that parks and open space in greater Tumwater area exceeds National Park Land Standards
- For the planning horizon (2035)
  - low in terms of community-scale parks per 1,000 capita
  - low in terms of trails per 1,000 capita
  - Exceed National Park Land Standards for open space land per 1,000 capita

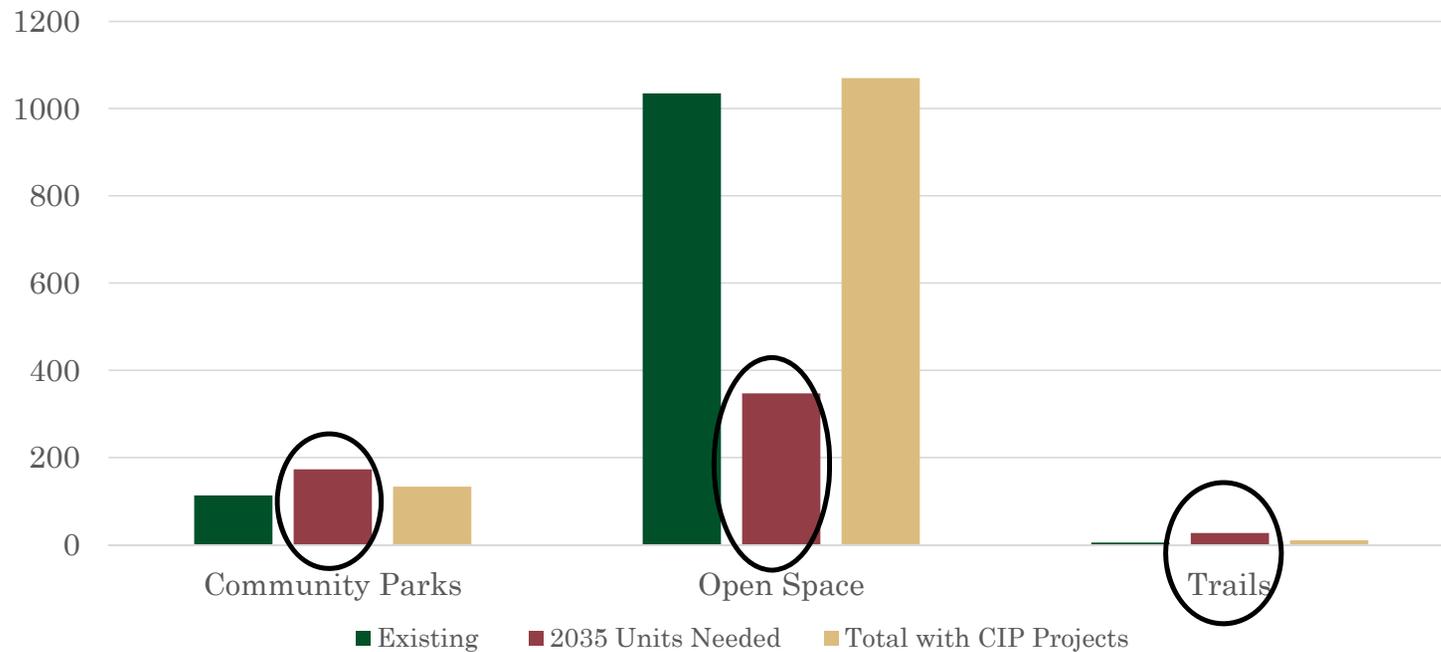
# Capital Improvement Plan and Implementation

- Using existing resources, ROW, infrastructure, open space to meet deficiencies
- CFP: 15 projects, approx. \$27 million
- Improves approx. 20 acres of parklands
- Adds approx. 35 acres of open space
- 24 acres in facility improvements
- 5 miles in trail improvements



# Capital Improvement Plan and Implementation

Parks Level of Service\* and Capital Projects



\*Based on National Park Land Standards

# What's Next?

- Review, suggested edits, comments, etc.
- Final recommendation
- Planning Commission review
- Council adoption