



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS)

Notice is hereby given under WAC 197-11-460 and 197-11-510 that the City of Bellevue is issuing the City of Bellevue 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Wilburton Vision Implementation Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS).

Project Name: City of Bellevue 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Wilburton Vision Implementation EIS

Proponent and Lead Agency: City of Bellevue Community Development Department

File Number: 22-116423 LE

Location of Proposal: City of Bellevue - citywide

Final EIS Issuance Date: February 1, 2024

Description of the Proposal: The City of Bellevue is updating its Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the requirements of the state Growth Management Act (GMA). The current Comprehensive Plan established the city's overall growth strategy with a focus on a majority of new growth in both Bellevue's Downtown, which is a designated Regional Growth Center, and BelRed with less growth planned for other mixed-use areas such as Eastgate and Factoria. This growth strategy has resulted in investments in transportation with planning around six new light rail stations as well as other infrastructure and capital facilities.

The Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update will plan for growth of at least an additional 35,000 housing units and 70,000 jobs by the year 2044. The EIS reviewed a range of approaches to distributing the growth that align with regional requirements for equity, climate change, and housing as well as recently adopted City Council vision and priorities. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan could include changes such as those defined in the City Council directed [scope](#). The EIS and environmental review included development of plan alternatives, environmental analysis of those alternatives, and identification of impacts and mitigation measures. The EIS review included subarea-specific analysis for future land use and associated environmental impacts for the Wilburton area (consists of portions of the Wilburton/NE 8th St and BelRed Subareas).

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared for the Wilburton area (referred to as the "Wilburton Commercial Area") in February 2018, followed by the Wilburton Commercial Area Study in July 2018. The study identified a "preferred alternative" for the future state of Wilburton. Due to changed circumstances and the city's desire to incorporate the Wilburton-specific environmental analysis within the city-wide Comprehensive Plan analysis to ensure a cumulative evaluation of potential environmental impacts, the EIS review for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update will complete the environmental review for the Wilburton Commercial Area. The DEIS for the 2024-2044



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Wilburton Vision Implementation was issued on April 27, 2023.

Alternatives: The DEIS analyzed four alternatives. The Alternatives included a No Action Alternative and three Action Alternatives. The city anticipates having all the alternatives analyzed and brought forward for future discussion. With the Final EIS, the City evaluated a Preferred Alternative responding to public and agency input. For purposes of the No Action Alternative, it was assumed that development would occur within the City of Bellevue based on the existing Comprehensive Plan land use, zoning and development standards. The action alternatives were based on variations of elements such as the amount and distribution of growth, and the implementation of new policies and infrastructure. The action alternatives are described in more detail on the project webpage found at bellevuewa.gov/2044-environmental-review.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) DEIS Comment Period: As discussed above, the DEIS for the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Wilburton Vision Implementation was issued on April 27, 2023. Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public were invited to comment on the DEIS. The DEIS process was provided pursuant to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) WAC 197-11-455 and three public meetings were held. One of the meetings was held virtually and two were held in-person. The extended DEIS public comment period began 8 AM on Thursday, April 27, 2023 and ended at 4:30 PM on Monday, June 12, 2023 Pacific Standard Time (PST). Information regarding the EIS process for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Wilburton Vision Implementation can be reviewed on the city's website at: Bellevue 2044 Environmental Review.

HOW TO APPEAL THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Under SEPA, the adequacy of the EIS may be appealed only after the City of Bellevue has taken a specific government action. RCW 43.21C.075; WAC 197-11-680. Because the city has not yet taken a specific government action to adopt the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update or Wilburton Vision Implementation, the adequacy of the Final EIS may not be appealed at this time. When the city takes such action in the future, notice of the government action and specific appeal information will be provided.

Availability of Final EIS: The Draft EIS and Final EIS may be viewed on the city's website at Bellevue 2044 Environmental Review. Copies of the Final EIS are also available for review at:

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