



# City Council Agenda Bill City of Kenmore, WA

**Subject/Topic:**

Ordinance No. 23-0591 Adopting Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Adoption of a new Climate Action Element of the Comprehensive Plan

**For Council Meeting Agenda of:** 11/27/23

**Department:** Community Development

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**Initial & Date**

<b>Approved by Department Head:</b>	<u>DB</u>
<b>Approved by City Attorney:</b>	<u>NA</u>
<b>Approved by Finance Director:</b>	<u>NA</u>
<b>Approved by City Manager:</b>	<u>RGK</u>

**Proposed Council Action/Motion:**

Adopt Ordinance 23-0591 repealing and adopting a new Transportation Element; Repealing and adopting a new Appendix D of the Transportation Element; Adopting a new Climate Action Element; Amending the Public Services Element, the Utilities Element, and the Capital Facilities Element

**Exhibits/Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Ordinance No. 23-0591

- Exhibit A: Transportation Element
- Exhibit B: Appendix D, Transportation Documentation
- Exhibit C: Climate Action Element
- Exhibit D: Table CF-C, Transportation Capital Improvements of the Capital Facilities Element
- Exhibit E: Public Services Element
- Exhibit F: Utilities Element

**Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Background:**

Review by the Planning Commission: In January 2023, the City Council assigned to the Planning Commission review of the Comprehensive Plan Transportation, Capital Facilities, Public Services, and Utilities Elements, as well as adopt a new Climate Action Element. These amendments are part of the State mandated periodic update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, due December 31, 2024. The Commission has worked on the project as summarized below:

- Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Transportation Element and Capital Facilities Element on March 7, 2023
- Commission held a public hearing on the new Climate Action Element on June 6, 2023
- Planning Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Public Services and Utilities Element on August 15, 2023
- At the September 18, 2023, September 25, 2023, and October 16, 2023, public meetings the City Council reviewed the Planning Commission’s recommendations, received additional background information, and requested the formulation of new policy options

- At the October 23, 2023, public meeting, the City Council again considered proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and requested that the final Comprehensive Plan amendments be prepared for consideration and potential adoption

**Fiscal Consideration:**

The Community Development Department received \$125,000 in grant funds for the Comprehensive Plan update (half in 2022/2023 and half in 2023/2024). The Department has also received grant funding to support the development of other Elements, including the Land Use and Housing Elements to address new State mandated laws pertaining to “middle housing.”

**City Council Priority or Budget Objective Being Addressed:**

The following 2023-2024 City Council Priorities are being addressed by the Public Services and Utilities element updates, including:

- Priority 1: “Implement the adopted Climate Action Plan and promote environmental stewardship, including water, air, forest, and habitat restoration and preservation,”
- Priority 3: “Enhance multimodal transportation implementation, including pedestrian and bicycle safety,”
- Priority 4: “Develop and Implement a Diversity Equity, and Inclusion Policy Program,”
- Priority 6: “Enhance public safety,” and;
- Priority 9: “Foster community engagement and participation.”