During 2015, the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee discussed and made recommendations on a number of policy matters related to planning and development, transportation-related matters and environmental and sustainability issues. The Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee work summary for the year 2015 is outlined below under the Committee's suggested issue areas in the Council Standing Committee Process Manual.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES AND PLANS

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
On March 25, staff from the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability provided an update on the electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for multi-family development, including past proposals, state initiatives, other codes relative to EV, the outreach process, proposed approach, potential benefits, and next steps.

BIKESHARE FEASIBILITY UPDATE
On April 8, staff from the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability presented information as to the feasibility of implementing a bikeshare program in Tacoma, including general location and user consideration, other bikeshare programs in the Puget Sound area, and bike share rental kiosk options. Staff then reviewed the next steps in evaluating program feasibility.

BEE AND POLLINATOR SUPPORT
On April 22, staff from the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability provided a briefing on threats to pollinators, pesticides, outreach and education, and legislation relative to bee apiaries. Discussion was had as to addressing neonicotinoids, and the collapse of bee apiaries.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN
On October 28, staff from the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability presented an overview of the Environmental Action Plan and Performance Measure Report, including an update on the development process to date, the proposed framework, and stakeholder and public engagement.

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
On November 18, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability staff and consultants presented an update on the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, including goals, stakeholder input, baseline data analysis, scenarios and projections.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RAIN GARDENS INCENTIVE PROGRAM
On February 11, Environmental Services staff provided a briefing on the rain garden incentive program. Staff discussed the Residential Rain Garden Program, including objectives, outreach, outcomes, benchmarking research, program reconfiguration recommendations, and City benefits. The Adopt-A-Rain-Garden Program was also discussed, including objectives, outcomes, program reconfiguration recommendations, and next steps.

INTRODUCTION OF RATES FOR COMMERCIAL YARD AND FOOD WASTE COLLECTION
On February 25, Environmental Service staff provided a briefing on the Commercial Yard and Food Waste Pilot Program, and reviewed a commercial food waste market analysis, proposed commercial rates, rate comparisons with other jurisdictions, and service options. The presentation concluded with a review of the implementation timeline and Code language.

POTENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH METRO PARKS TACOMA
On May 27, Environmental Services staff provided information as to a potential Agreement of Financial Commitment with Metro Parks Tacoma for the excavation of soil for the Metro Parks Point Defiance Trail Phase I project. Environmental Services would receive payment as part of the City’s Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility project. Staff reviewed the next steps and construction schedule.

SIDE SEWER PROTECTION OPTIONS
On June 10, Environmental Services staff provided a briefing on options available for side sewer protection, and discussed the sewer conservation loan program. Staff recommended promotion of private side sewer insurance and increase marketing and capitalization of the loan program.

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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, PROGRAMS AND PLANS

HISTORIC WATER DITCH TRAIL UPDATE
On January 14, Public Works staff provided an update on the Water Ditch Trail project, including public input and survey results, alternative designs, phase IV design standards, and next steps. Staff stated that a proposed name change to “Water Flume Line Trail” had been suggested by community members.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM
On April 8, Public Works staff provided a briefing on the current residential parking permit program and existing issues, new program elements, proposed zoning and size criteria, and the proposed transition plan. Representatives from the Parking Technical Advisory Group were present to discuss the issues with the Committee.
**Intergovernmental Agreement for Puyallup River Bridge Repair**

On September 23, Public Works staff provided a briefing on the transfer of property from the City of Tacoma to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and removing the open space designation on one of the parcels in the transfer. Staff then provided an overview of the bridge repair project, issues, alternatives, fiscal impact, and the need for right-of-way from the Puyallup Tribe. A representative from the Puyallup Tribe was present to discuss the transfer of property in exchange for City-owned parcels.

**Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Summary**

On September 23, Public Works staff provided a summary briefing on the first phase of the Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project, and discussed project goals, outreach, contracting, and project outcomes. An overview of phase two of the project was then discussed.

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**Planning and Development**

**2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Land Use Designations**

On January 14, Planning and Development Services staff provided a briefing on phase two of the land use designation process, including current classifications, intensities, new designations, inconsistencies, a new proposal for a major institutional campus designation, corridors and nodes, and next steps.

**City of Tacoma Design Manual**

On January 28, staff from Environmental Services provided information as to the Design Manual update process, low impact development standards, pavement standards, landscaping, and paths and trails. Public Works staff provided information as to roadway design, redefining existing chapters, and a new chapter regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Planning and Development Services staff also reviewed right-of-way and infrastructure standards.

**Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan**

On January 28, Planning and Development Services staff provided a briefing on the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan study area, land uses and zoning, transportation, housing, jobs, open space and schools, health equity, and the public and stakeholder engagement process. Background information on planning efforts was provided by the Chair of the Planning Commission. Staff from Environmental Services reviewed a Stormwater study including watersheds, open spaces, and green infrastructure.

**Development Regulation Agreement for Point Defiance Park**

On February 11, Planning and Development Services staff and consultants provided a briefing on the proposed 20-year Master Plan, including partnerships, outreach, and infrastructure and development. They also discussed the public outreach process and participation.
2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Land Use Designations
On March 11, Planning and Development Services staff reviewed land use designations, including background information on how designations are currently used, their relationship to housing, housing types and land areas, previous designation work, the land use corridor approach, and maps of corridors and study areas. Study areas included the 6th Avenue corridor, Pacific Avenue corridor, and convenience centers.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Critical Areas Preservation
On April 8, Planning and Development Services staff provided an update on the Comp Plan environmental policy update, including reorganization of policy elements related to ecosystem services and environment and watershed health, new policy issues, open space management and steep slopes, and implementation.

Live/Work Update – Land Use and Building Code Changes
On May 27, Planning and Development Services staff presented information on the Live/Work program, including previous amendments and goals, defining live/work versus work/live, and constraints. Staff then discussed case study recommendations with the Committee.

On May 27, Planning and Development Services staff reviewed the Comprehensive Plan’s framework, vision, proposed new chapters, housing, public facilities and services, parks and recreation, economic development, and next steps.

Transfer of Development Rights Update
On June 10, Planning and Development Services staff updated the Committee on the transfer of development rights, and proposed that City staff work with Pierce County to explore changes to the basic Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program (LCLIP) that would lower the starting and threshold placement of transfer of development rights requirements through partnership.

Work/Live Regulations
On August 12, Planning and Development Services staff presented the Live/Work and Work/Live Code amendments, consultant study conducted, land use Code proposal, and development incentives. Proposed building Code and off-site improvement requirements were also discussed.

Live/Work and Work/Live Code Recommendations
On October 14, Planning and Development Services staff reviewed the City Council public hearing testimony and presented final amendments to the Municipal Code. Staff then requested a motion to move the proposed Code amendments forward to the full Council for consideration. The motion was granted and adopted.
2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
On October 14, Planning and Development Services and Public Works staff provided a briefing on the Planning Commission’s recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, including mixed-use centers, affordable housing regulations, Narrowmoor Conservation District, public outreach, Transportation Master Plan, Proctor comments, and next steps.

BILLBOARD CODE AMENDMENTS
On October 28, Planning and Development Services staff presented an update on the Code amendment process for billboard regulations, including an overview of the Planning Commission’s recommendations, key issues, Community Working Group, and potential alternatives to some elements of the recommendations. A representative from the Planning Commission was present to discuss rules and regulations for billboards in the downtown area.

2015 ANNUAL AMENDMENT – REVIEW OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY
On November 18, Planning and Development Services staff provided a briefing on the public input received related to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update, with subjects including the Narrowmoor Conservation District, Infill/Affordable Housing regulations, and Proctor Neighborhood Center.

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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL FOR GREEN RIVER SALMON RECOVERY
On September 9, Tacoma Water staff provided a briefing on the Water Resource Inventory Area 9 (WRIA 9) Green/Duwamish watershed and the purpose of the Interlocal Agreement. The WRIA9 operating structure, integrating efforts, salmon recovery, ILA funding, accomplishments, and benefits for Tacoma were discussed. Staff then requested a motion from the Committee to move the Interlocal Agreement renewal forward to the full Council for consideration. The motion was granted and adopted.

COMMUNITY SOLAR
On September 23, Tacoma Power staff provided a briefing on Tacoma Power’s proposed Community Solar project. Staff provided information as to how the project would be funded as well as the incentives, costs, proposed timeline, and marketing and communications plan.

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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
On February 25, Public Works staff reviewed the Transportation Master Plan scope of work, including public engagement, existing conditions, goals, modal networks, performance measures, financial plan, and coordination with the Growth Management Act. A representative from the Transportation Commission was present to discuss the Commission’s role in the development of the plan.

TACOMA LINK EXPANSION UPDATE
On March 25, Sound Transit representatives provided an overview of the planned expansion of Tacoma Link, including a project and environmental review schedule, benefits, ridership projections, funding sources, and the environmental decision process. Community outreach was also discussed as well as property acquisitions and the general construction process.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
On June 10, Public Works staff provided an overview of the accomplishments and findings of the goals and policies, land use and travel demand model, and modal networks. Staff also discussed items that were still in process, which included Mobility Master Plan updates, the project list, concurrency with the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, and implementation strategies for all modes.

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CITIZEN COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS
On August 12, the Committee held applicant interviews for the Board of Building Appeals. The Committee interviewed four candidates, and voted to recommend one candidate for appointment and one incumbent for reappointment.

PLANNING COMMISSION
On June 24, the Committee held applicant interviews for the Planning Commission. The Committee interviewed nine candidates, and voted to recommend three candidates for appointment and one incumbent for reappointment. On December 9, representatives from the Planning Commission provided a briefing on the Commission’s accomplishments between 2014 and 2015, and discussed their work plan for 2016-2017. The Committee then interviewed two candidates, and voted to recommend one individual for appointment.
SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION
On May 13, the Committee held applicant interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. The Committee interviewed five candidates, and voted to recommend two candidates for appointment and two incumbent candidates for reappointment. On June 10, the Committee interviewed one candidate, and voted to recommend that individual for appointment.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
On July 8, the Committee held applicant interviews for the Transportation Commission. The Committee interviewed six candidates, and voted to recommend two candidates for appointment and three incumbents for reappointment.

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POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR 2016
- Capital Facilities Program
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Update
- EnviroChallenger
- Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability Two-year Work Plan and Vision
- Street Occupancy Permit Process
- Street Restoration Policy
- Tacoma Public Utilities Conservation Program Update
- Urban Forestry/Landscaping Code Updates
- Washington State Department of Transportation Demand Management Plan
- Washington State Department of Transportation Gateways and Beautification