



To: City Council  
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**TOPIC: Periodic Update: DRAFT Comprehensive Plan, Part 2: The Place**

**Requested Action:**

Provide feedback and guidance on the DRAFT Comprehensive Plan, Part 2: The Place

**Key Points:**

The draft of Part 2 of the Comprehensive Plan focuses on the physical framework that shapes how Medical Lake grows and functions and contains chapters on Land Use, Mobility, Capital Facilities, Parks, Natural Environment, and Climate Resiliency.

Similar to Part 1, each chapter is meant to give a brief history, a picture of where we are at, and what is needed for the future. There are also goals, strategies, and action items listed for each chapter that are intended to inform zoning decisions, capital improvement planning, grant pursuits, and long-term infrastructure investments.

The Climate Resiliency Chapter is derived from the Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by City Council in 2025.

The Mobility Chapter draws from the draft Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to outline a long-term approach to improving safety, access, and connectivity for all travel modes. The TMP is currently under staff review and will be released for public review in the coming weeks.

Staff has worked to develop a document that reflects the community's desired future and provides clear policy direction. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to support informed decision-making by elected officials, appointed bodies, and staff. Council feedback and community input are encouraged and will strengthen the final Plan.

**Background Discussion:**

The draft of Part 1: The People, was given to the Planning Commission in February.

The City's first Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1979. In 1997, after the adoption of the Growth Management Act, the City adopted a new Comprehensive Plan. The plan was revised in 2003, 2007, 2010, and 2019, but reads largely the same as the 1997 version.

**Public Involvement:**

The draft Plan is informed by and created with the information gathered in outreach activities throughout 2025 and the help of Periodic Update Steering Committee. Once the drafts of all three parts of the plan have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Council, each body will hold a public hearing. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

**Next Steps:**

The draft of Part 3: The Future, is scheduled to be available in June.