



**Steering Committee -
Winslow Subarea Plan Update &
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review
March 14, 2024
3:30 – 5:00 PM
City Council Conference Room, 280 Madison Ave N
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110**

Meeting of the Steering Committee Overseeing the
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This meeting will be recorded

AGENDA

Welcome/Roles and Meeting Ground Rules/ January Meeting Notes

Meeting Topics:

1. Revised EIS Schedule
2. DEIS Comment Period – Community Engagement Proposal
3. What Comes After the DEIS – Community Engagement Overview

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Thursday, February 8th, 2024

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Participants: Council members Jon Quitslund, Kirsten Hytopoulos, and Leslie Schneider; Planning Commissioners Sean Sullivan and Sarah Blossom (remote); Planning Manager HB Harper; Senior Planners Jennifer Sutton and Peter Best; Facilitators Linda Paralez and Matty Dunham

Meeting Agenda

- Discuss the paper on density per request of Steering Committee member Jon Quitslund and review the role of the Steering Committee.
- Look ahead at EIS outreach.
- Written report outs on Winslow Subarea Plan Alternatives and Updates to the Outreach Chapter.

Role of Steering Committee, Discussion on Density, and Overview of Projects:

The topic of the paper on density was introduced by the facilitator and the committee discussed whether an in-depth review of the topic of density and whether discussing proposed densities would fall within the role of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members reviewed their role as providing recommendations and feedback regarding public engagement in the Winslow Subarea Plan and Comprehensive Review processes and did not include areas that might encroach on policy recommendations.

A review of the project schedule for the Winslow Subarea Plan and the Comprehensive Review processes was done to help the committee understand the current stage of work for both projects. Both projects have had phases of outreach and engagement to aid in developing alternatives. The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a crucial tool for assessing the impacts of the broadest range of scenarios outlined in the alternatives. It will be pivotal in helping the City Council formulate the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative must comply with state mandates and community objectives while being feasible regarding capital facility planning.

The draft EIS will offer concrete data about the trade-offs among various alternatives. Its scope ensures extensive technical information and data for formulating the optimal alternative. The draft EIS will offer insights into the impacts of current measures, proposed alternatives, and density calculations. It will include detailed evaluations of groundwater, sewer capacity, environmental repercussions, and traffic congestion, among other factors.

Steering Committee members sought additional clarity on the procedures guiding the Winslow Subarea Plan and the Comprehensive Review. Committee members requested information on the timing to provide feedback on the various alternatives and policies, as well as clarification on the City Council's role throughout the process. Committee members requested clear details on how the draft EIS is formulated and the basis of its technical analyses.

EIS Outreach:



A discussion on the approach to community outreach concerning the EIS took place. The current plan is to have a 45-day period for public comment following the release of the draft EIS, presenting a significant opportunity for the City Council and the community to participate in the discussion. The draft EIS will be published this springtime. Following the community engagement activities, the collected comments and feedback will be presented to the City Council. This input will guide the generation of the preferred alternative that aligns with state mandates and fulfills community objectives.

Previous outreach and engagement initiatives included distributing postcards and newsletters to island residents, displaying announcement posters within the community, conducting interviews with local groups and professional entities, and extending engagement off the island by placing posters and notices at bus routes and stops. The community feedback obtained during the draft EIS engagement process will be vital for decision-making and advising the council. High-quality input from the community will significantly aid the city council in shaping the preferred alternative.

Steering Committee members highlighted the importance of using clear and accessible language when discussing the draft EIS. Committee members called for clarity about specific goals of the community feedback. Committee members emphasized the need for transparent communication and engagement and voiced that the quality of community feedback relies on the quality of information shared.

Winslow Subarea Alternatives Report:

The Winslow Subarea project website now features the published [draft summary of alternatives](#), providing an overview of the options under consideration. This document offers extensive information on the technical details of each alternative, complete with metrics related to House Bill 1220 mandates, Housing Action Plan objectives, and job targets.

Steering Committee members discussed the approach to community engagement for the draft EIS and the Winslow Subarea Alternatives document, considering the formation of a pilot group to gather initial feedback from community members that could inform broader engagement efforts. The Steering Committee considered utilizing focused topic groups and roundtable discussions for community engagement events but advised maintaining a broader scope to capture wide-ranging community perspectives. Committee members emphasized the importance of gathering input on intermediate considerations between the Winslow alternatives, acknowledging that the preferred alternative will likely incorporate aspects of both. The concept of using a recorded presentation to communicate the contents of the draft EIS to the community was proposed.

Future agenda items will focus on refining outreach strategies, with events planned for May.

Upcoming Agenda Items <i>(Dates Tentative)</i>	
Steering Committee Meeting Date	Topics for Consideration
	Scoping, Integrated EIS, Alternatives Discussion
	Comprehensive Plan General Discretionary Amendments
	Preferred Alternative for Winslow
	Scheduling community outreach events