

The Port of Columbia is reviewing and updating our Comprehensive Plan, which outlines all the Port's public assets and our goals for each one. This process helps us discuss Port priorities and direction with our community, clarify the goals of our Board of Commissioners, and align our work and investments in public assets with these goals.

## TIMELINE

January - September 2023

The Port Commission will hear from its consultants and discuss Comp Plan elements during regularly scheduled commission meetings and workshops (dates below). All commission meetings start at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted; workshops immediately follow.

### **Community Engagement Commission meetings and workshops** JAN **MAR APR** MAY JUN JUL **AUG FEB SEP** June 14 February 8 April 12 August 9 January 11 May 10 March 8 July 12 Final report expected: September 2023

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS FEBRUARY 2023

# **FAQS**

### WHAT'S A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan (also known as Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements) is a document required by Washington State law. It outlines for taxpayers, in advance, how the Port plans to spend tax dollars on property or facility improvements. Ports in our state are required to update their Comprehensive Plans regularly to accurately reflect the state of public assets and communicate with port district residents. The Port of Columbia has updated its plan several times over the past 15 years, mostly recently in 2019.

### WHY IS THE COMP PLAN UPDATE IMPORTANT?

The Comprehensive Plan is essentially an action plan that guides our investments and tells our community how the Port is investing tax dollars and maintaining the facilities and land entrusted to us by the public. It is essential to transparent governance and management of the Port, and to our community's economic health. You can provide your input as we plan our next update and help shape our shared future.

### WHAT'S THE TIMELINE FOR THIS PROCESS?

Work to review the current Comprehensive Plan and understand commission and community priorities started in January 2023. The Port anticipates a report from its consultants in September 2023 and may begin updating its Comp Plan as early as October 2023.

### **HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?**

We encourage you to attend monthly Commission meetings throughout this process to provide input during the public comment section. You may also submit comments anytime at www.portofcolumbia.org/contact-us, directly via email to auditor@portofcolumbia.org, or via mail or in person at our drop box at 1 Port Way, Dayton, WA 99328. Your comments will be provided to the Commission in advance of meetings.

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