

Memo

To: Public Works Standing Committee Members
From: Ethan Spoo, Senior Planner
Date: 2/28/2011
Re: Shoreline Master Program Update Project – Status Brief

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City is required to update its Shoreline Master Program, which is an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, by December 1, 2012. The update project officially began in August, 2010 with Council approval of a consulting contract with the Seattle consulting firm, AHBL.

As part of keeping Council up-to-date on this project, we are periodically briefing the Public Works and Governmental Services Standing Committees. Our last update to the standing committees was November, 2010. At that time the consultant had completed Phase I of the project. Staff presented the Phase I work products to the committees which were: (1) the Preliminary Shoreline Jurisdiction Map and (2) The Public Participation Plan.

PROJECT STATUS

We are now progressing through Phase II of the project. Phase II is the information gathering portion of the project; the consultant is busy gathering information on the environmental and land use characteristics of the City's shoreline area using a variety of digital data, government and non-profit documents. The consultant has completed draft work products for task 2.1 "Shoreline Inventory." The draft work products are: (1) Draft list of inventory data sources and (2) draft working maps. These work products will be shown to and further discussed with committee members at the March 3, 2011 Public Works Standing Committee.

The project remains on-schedule according to the City's contract with AHBL. The consultant has met or exceeded the staff expectations in terms of delivering work products on-time, on-budget, and at the quality level we anticipated.

NEXT STEPS

Tasks 2.2 and 2.3 are the “shoreline analysis” and the “inventory and characterization report” respectively. Once the consultant has completed the inventory and characterization report, staff will return to the Public Works Standing Committee for another status brief.

The public involvement effort will ramp up for this project in the middle of this year with a public visioning session tentatively schedule for June and the creation of an advisory committee. These public involvement activities are part of Phase III of the project.

You can stay updated on the project by accessing the city’s website dedicate to this topic at:: <http://www.oakharbor.org/page.cfm?pagelid=358> . Staff welcomes council member’s comments or questions on this project. Ethan Spoo, the City’s project manager for the Shoreline Master Program Update, can be reached at 360-279-4513/