

New Whatcom Waterfront Redevelopment

Project Update

Waterfront
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Today's presentation will:

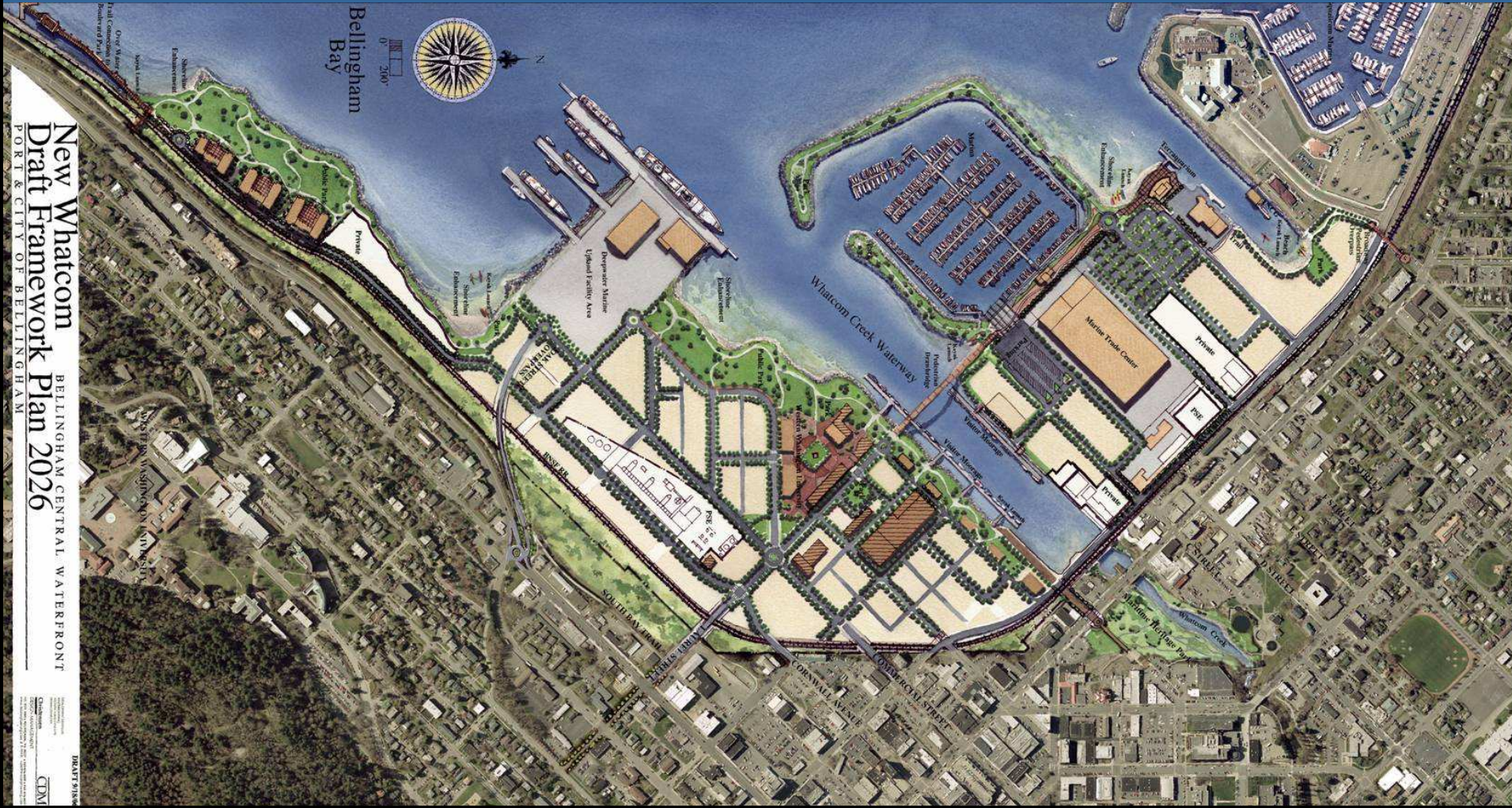
- Review progress to date
- Describe the process and timeline for the next steps forward:
 - Environmental Impact Statement
 - Master Plan

What Is our Shared Vision?



- **Improve Waterfront Access**
- **Restore the health of land and water**
- **Promote a healthy and dynamic waterfront economy**
- **Reinforce the inherent qualities of each place on the waterfront**

DRAFT FRAMEWORK PLAN 2026



The Possibilities

- **Marine Trades Innovation Zone**
- **Clean Ocean Marina**
- **WWU Waterfront Programs**
- **NOAA's Pacific Fleet**
- **A New Urban Waterfront**
- **Restored Shorelines**
- **TerrAquarium**

Current Status



- **228 acres**
- **Zoned Industrial**
- **Virtually no public access**
- **600 existing marine and/or industrial jobs**
- **Federal navigation channel**
- **Underutilized “Brownfields” property**

EIS Process

- **Scoping**
 - Describe the alternatives to be included in EIS
 - Determine environmental issues to be studied
 - Public comment period (21 days)
- **Draft EIS**
 - Provide detailed analysis of project elements
 - Describe the environmental impacts
 - Public comment period (30 days)
- **Final EIS**
 - Will inform Master Plan and zoning changes

Four Alternatives Will be Measured

- **“Planned Action” EIS**
- **Range of Alternatives:**
 - No Action (Industrial)
 - High, Medium, Low Density (Mixed Use)
- **No “Preferred Alternative”**
- **EIS will measure impacts**
- **Results will inform final Master Plan**

Elements of the Environment

- **Transportation**
- **Land uses**
- **Utilities**
- **Public services**
- **View Corridors**
- **Environmental clean-up process**
- **Parks & Recreation**
- **Habitat restoration**

