



## **City of Kennewick Shoreline Master Program:**

### **Periodic Review Public Participation Plan**

#### **Introduction**

The City of Kennewick is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City of Kennewick plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

A Public Participation Plan is required to describe how the City Of Kennewick will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of reviewing the SMP.

This Public Participation Plan describes the steps that the City of Kennewick will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as the City of Kennewick contact information and web addresses. This plan is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by the City of Kennewick's Municipal Code Section 18.51.050. This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

#### **1.0 Public Participation Goals**

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the Periodic Review process.
- Encourage interested parties to informally review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide those comments to decision makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

#### **2.0 Public Participation Opportunities**

The City of Kennewick is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process. The City of Kennewick will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage their participation, including the following:

## 2.1 Website

The City of Kennewick's website will include a Periodic Review webpage where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, minutes and other project information. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the Periodic Review process. The page will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

## 2.3 Virtual Open House

The City of Kennewick will initiate the Periodic Review with a virtual community open house. Public comments received during the Virtual Open House will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

## 2.4 Notice mailing list

An email list of interested parties will be created, advertised and maintained by the City of Kennewick. The list will be used to notify interested parties regarding Periodic Review progress and participation opportunities. Interested parties will be added to the list by contacting the Planning Department.

## 2.5 Comment

Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments to the City of Kennewick by letter or email. All comments will be forwarded to the City Council and Planning Commission. The Periodic Review webpage will be the central repository for information under consideration. Documents will be available for review at the City of Kennewick Community Planning Department, and copies will be provided at the established copying cost.

## 2.6 Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendations to the City Council. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments during the Planning Commission deliberations and/or City Council workshops and public hearings. Official notices will be published as established in the City of Kennewick policy.

## 2.7 News media

The local news media will be kept up-to-date on the Periodic Review process and receive copies of all official notices.

## 3.0 List of stakeholders

The City of Kennewick will engage the following stakeholders:

### **General Public**

- City residents
- Local businesses and employees
- Park users
- Local boaters and recreationists
- Other citizens of the State

### **Property Owners**

- Residential property owners
- Businesses

### **Business organizations, environmental groups, and other non-governmental organizations:**

- Historic Downtown Kennewick
- Home Builders Association of Tri-Cities
- Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society

**Tribes that own property and/or have rights to usual and accustomed places and natural resources**

- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

**Government Agencies**

- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Neighboring jurisdictions (e.g., City of Richland, City of Pasco, Benton County and Franklin County, especially their shoreline planners)

**Utilities and Transportation**

- City of Kennewick Public Works Department
- Columbia Irrigation District
- Kennewick Irrigation District
- Benton PUD
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Cascade Natural Gas
- Port of Kennewick

**Media**

- Tri-City Herald Newspaper (Kennewick)
- KFAE 89.1 FM, KONA 610 AM, and KFLD 870 AM
- KVEW ABC (Kennewick), KNDO NBC (Yakima), and KEPR CBS (Pasco)

## 4.0 Public Participation Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. The City of Kennewick will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

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| December 21, 2020: | Virtual Open House hosted by the Planning Commission  |
| January 5, 2020:   | Complete Draft SMP Text amendments  |
| January 6, 2020:   | Send SMP amendments to Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Ecology with 60-day notice of intent to adopt |
| January 6, 2020:   | Issue SEPA Threshold Determination  |
| February 1, 2021:  | Planning Commission Public Hearing  |
| February 15, 2021: | Finalize SMP text amendments  |

Feb 23, 2021:	City Council Workshop (optional/if needed)
March 9, 2021:	City Council Workshop (optional/if needed)
March 10, 2021:	Issue 30-day Joint Public Notice
March 15, 2021:	Submit Application for Initial Determination from Ecology
April 20, 2021:	Joint City Council / Ecology Public Hearing
May 3, 2021:	Submit Application for Final Determination from Ecology
June 1, 2021:	Final Ecology Approval and SMP adoption

## 5.0 Public Comment Periods and Hearings

The Planning Commission will conduct a public comment period and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the Periodic Review. The City Council will hold one public hearing before final adoption.

The City of Kennewick will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology’s optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104).

Public notice of all hearings will state who is holding the comment period and/or hearing, the date and time, and the location of any public hearing. Notices will be published per official policy and comply with all other legal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. A notice will be sent to the email list (2.4, above) and the Department of Ecology.