



Collaborative Roadmap Phase III

WSAC Conference

Project overview and discussion

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Presentation objectives

- Project background and overview
- Project schedule and deliverables review
- Overview of topics being considered that impact counties

Project overview

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- Project directed by [ESSB 5092](#) (operating budget) proviso, which stated in part:
 - Build upon the findings, concepts, and recommendations in recent state-funded reports [...].
 - [Commerce is] to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding needed reforms to the state's growth policy framework [...].
 - The task force must involve diverse perspectives.

Building on significant work

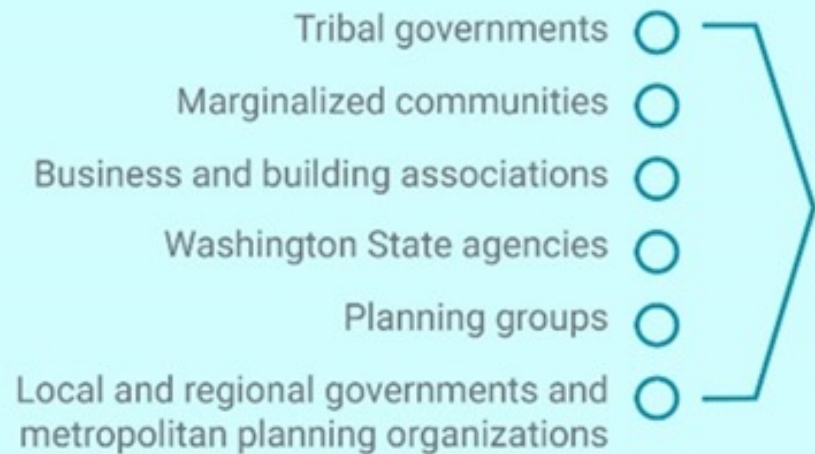
- A Roadmap to Washington's Future - 2019
- Updating Washington's Growth Policy Framework – 2021
- Environmental Justice Taskforce - 2020



Task Force members

- Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
 - Bill Clarke, WA Realtors
 - Bryce Yadon, Futurewise
 - Carl Schroeder, Association of Washington Cities
 - Carlene Anders, Pateros
 - Chris Collier, American Planning Association, Wa. Chapter
 - Dave Andersen, Department of Commerce
 - Deric Gruen, Front and Centered
 - Jan Himebaugh, Building Industry of Washington
 - Jeff Clarke, Water/Sewer Districts
 - Mario Reyes, CAFÉ
 - **Paul Jewell, Washington State Association of Counties**
 - Tim Gates, Department of Ecology
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Working groups



Task force

12 members



Legislature



Additional project background information

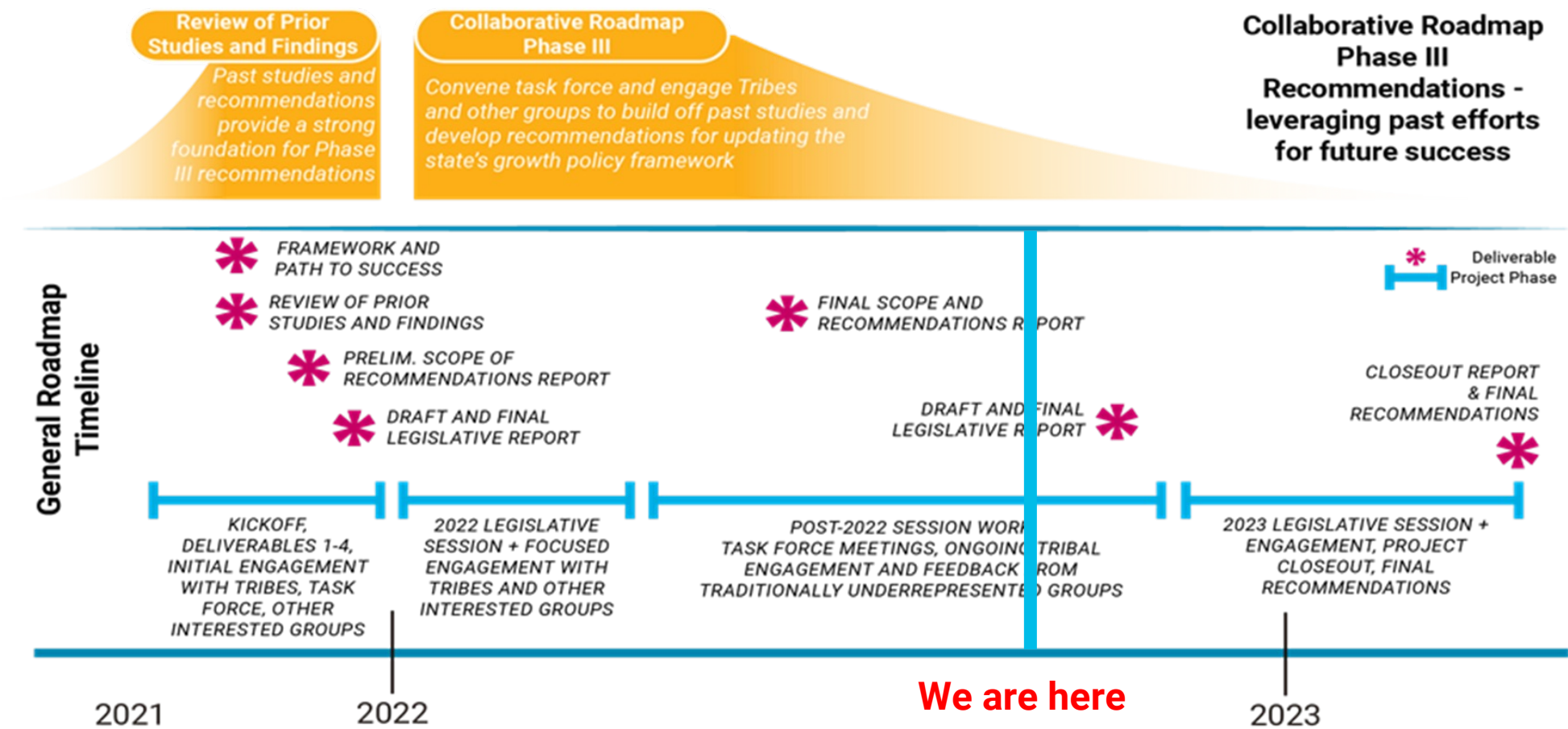
Additional information is on the Commerce website, including:

- Project background information
- Project schedule
- Project reports that have been prepared and issued for this project
- 2021 Task Force recommendations and results of those recommendations
- 2022 topics the Task Force is taking up
- 2022 Task Force meetings and recommendations
- Ongoing project information

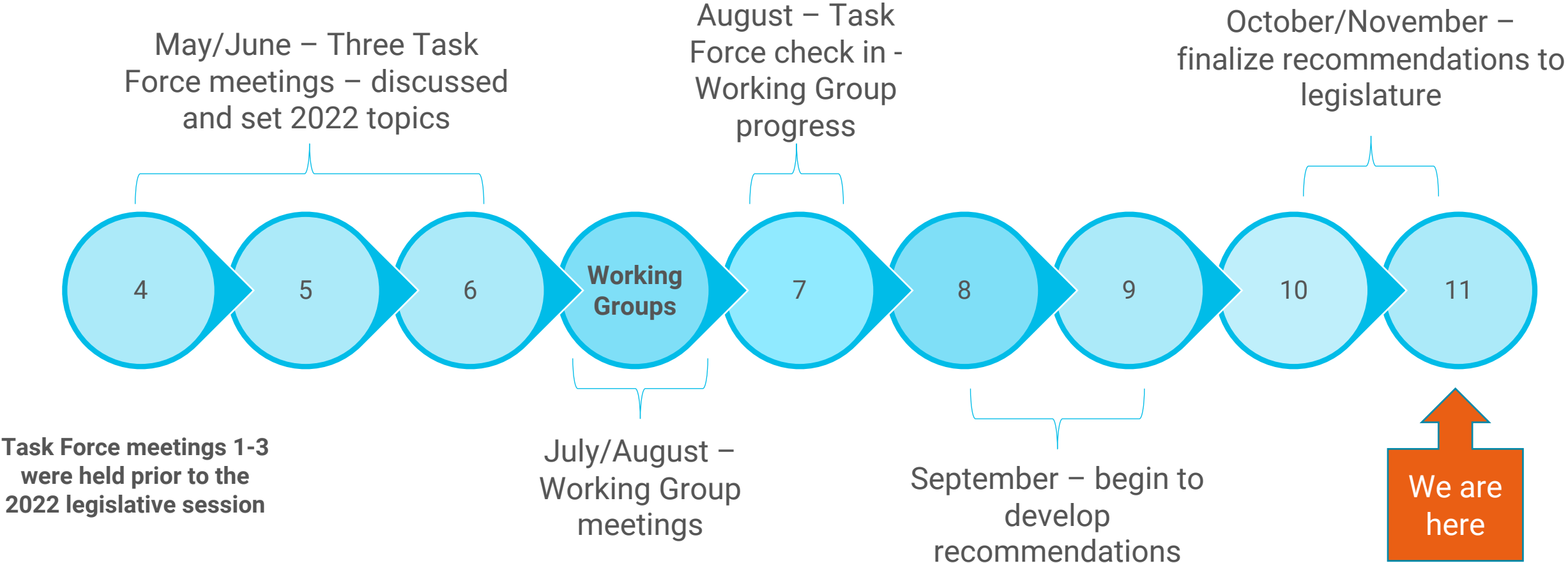
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/collaborative-roadmap-phase-iii/>

Project schedule

Roadmap III schedule



Task Force/Working Group schedule - 2022



Project topics

Topics being considered

 Adaptive Planning - varied planning requirements under the Growth Management Act (GMA)

 Adaptive planning - reduce conflicts, gaps, and redundancies

 Housing - middle housing definitions

 Housing - tax incentives

 Annexations - incentives and special districts

 Integrating planning - water, sewer, ports, and schools with GMA

 Integrating planning - equity and environmental justice and human health and wellbeing in the GMA

Working Group meetings

Topics	Tribal Nations	Realtors	Planners	Environmental Groups	Special Districts	Builders	State Agencies	Environmental Justice
Varied planning requirements	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reduce conflicts, gaps, and redundancies		X	X	X	X	X		
Middle housing definitions		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Housing tax benefits		X	X			X		X
Annexations and special districts	X		X		X		X	
Integration of water, sewer, ports, and schools with GMA			X		X		X	
Equity and environmental justice and human health and wellbeing in the GMA			X	X			X	X

Overview of topic proposals

Housing tax incentives

Better integration of planning between local governments and special districts

Commerce technical assistance to communities

Technical assistance ideas/options

- Technical assistance and resources for Tribes, cities, and counties to better coordinate with each other on specific planning issues.
- State development of model code and/or policy language.
- Mediation and facilitation services.
- State procurement of and assistance with data tools, like GIS.
- Technical assistance on specific planning issues to cities and counties.

Technical assistance ideas/options

- Assistance with master consultant agreements for planning services.
- Expanding the role of regional agencies, such as councils of government, to provide planning services to member jurisdictions.
- Communications and PR expertise for assistance on complex/controversial issues.
- Expanding the role of colleges and universities in assisting local governments with planning activities.
- Library of case law that local governments can easily locate

Overview of topic proposals

Allow some cities to adopt county critical areas regulations by reference/funding to counties

Annexation tax credits and incentives

Update permit data reporting and permit process timeframe requirements

Add equity and environmental justice goals and updated element requirements

Project next steps

Technical assistance ideas/options

- Task Force meetings continue through November 30
- Report to legislature due December 15
- Work through the legislative session on bills stemming from Task Force recommendations
- End of project report – successes/work left to do/next steps

Questions?