

# TACOMA TIDEFLATS

## SUBAREA PLAN

## Tideflats Advisory Group Meeting 5

April 15, 2021 | 4 – 5:30 pm | Zoom

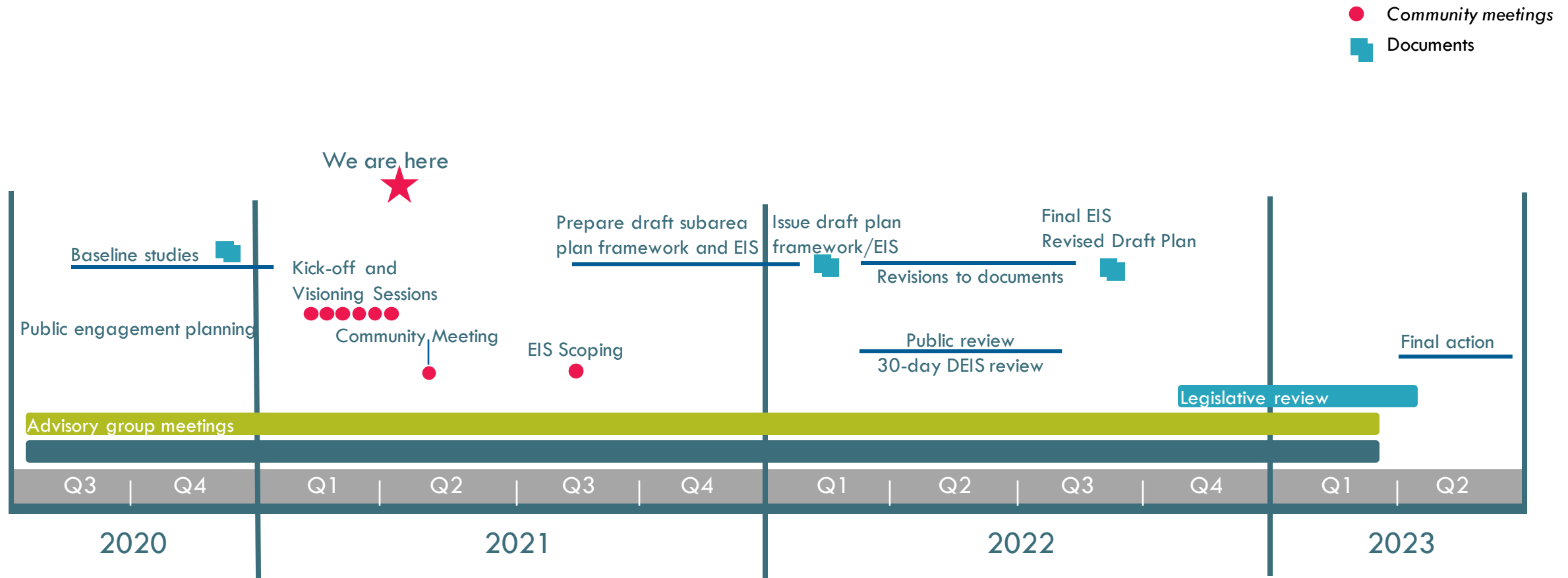


# Agenda

1. Project Status Update
2. Visioning Report Out & Observations/Discussion
3. Alternatives Framework Overview & Discussion
4. Next Steps

# 1. Project Status Update

# Project Status and Schedule



## 2. Visioning Report Out

# Engagement by the Numbers

Engagement Type	Participants
1 Community Kickoff	56
8 Meetings in a Box	202
3 Panels	87
2 Focus Groups	27
StoryMap & Online Survey	300 to date
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>672</b>

# What We've Heard: Strengths

*"Like the interconnectivity between natural wildlife and human development and infrastructure."*

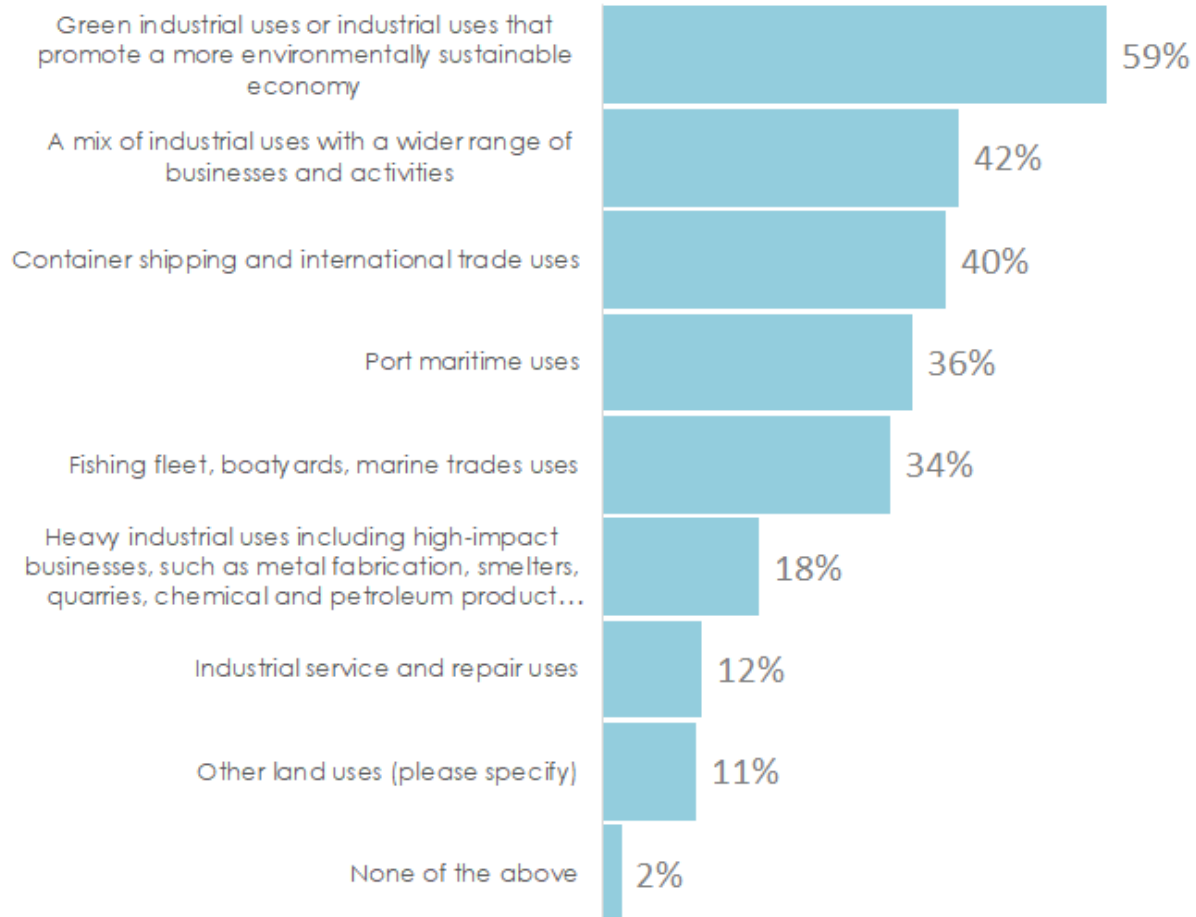
*"Variety of industry in the port that has a robustness to it that can ride through different economic cycles."*

*"The Port is a huge concentration for people in the region who don't have university degrees—a great equalizer in many ways and supports low income and BIPOC populations with jobs."*

*"Diversity of business vs. nature, interactions historic vs. modern, maritime vs. non-maritime. One of my favorite conglomerations of all that in one space."*

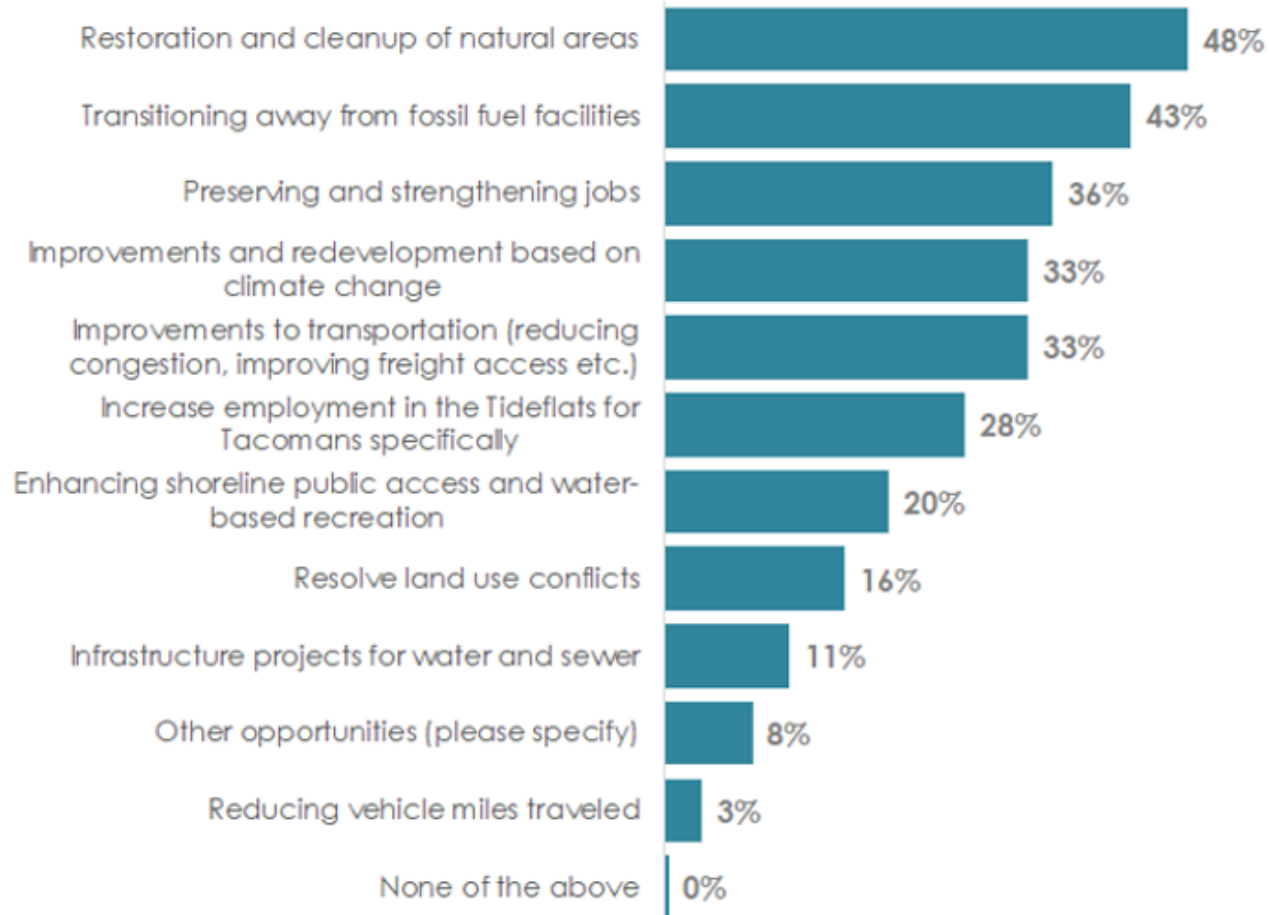
*"Feel honored to be in area with the strength and tenacity of the Tribe."  
"75% of tribal members live on or near reservation, it is their homeland forever, continuing to improve environmental baseline is essential."*

# What We've Heard: Uses



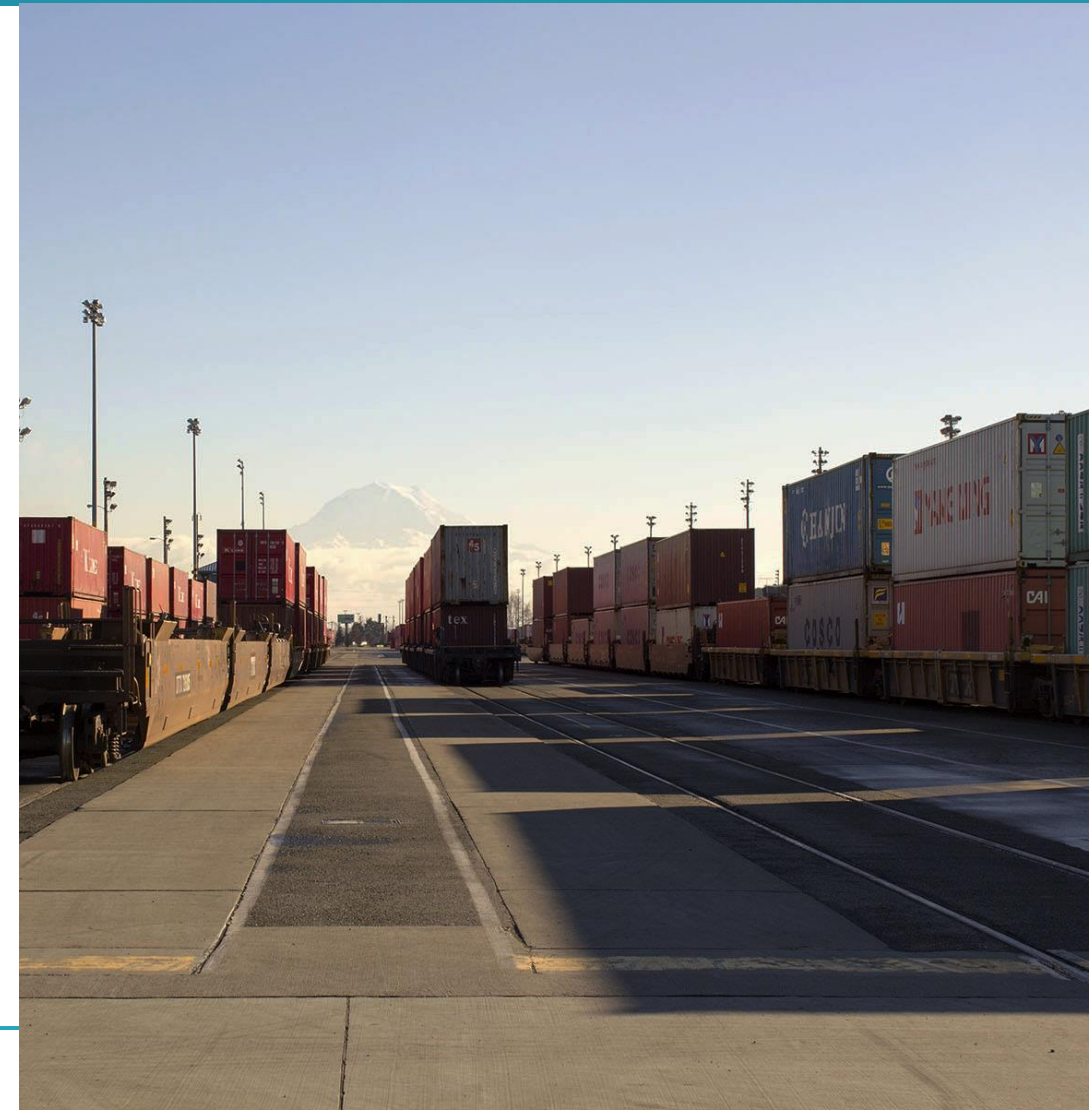


# What We've Heard: Opportunities



# What We've Heard: Vision

- Environmentally **sustainable world-class port**
- Diverse **employment center**
- Home to **recovering marine resources**
- **Collaboration** across interests
- **Modern infrastructure** and transit
- **Attractive city** in which to live and work
- **Cultural representation** of Tribe



# Meeting in a Box Experiences

Did you host a **meeting in a box**?

**Who** did you meet with?

**What** did you learn?



Did anything **surprise you** about the community's feedback?



## 3. Alternatives Framework



# EIS Overview

- Environmental review is required
- Environmental impact statement will be prepared
  - Documentation of proposal and alternatives, impacts and mitigating measures
  - Informational only
- Improves proposals from an environmental perspective [WAC 197-11-400(4)]



# Non-Project EIS

## Applicable Actions

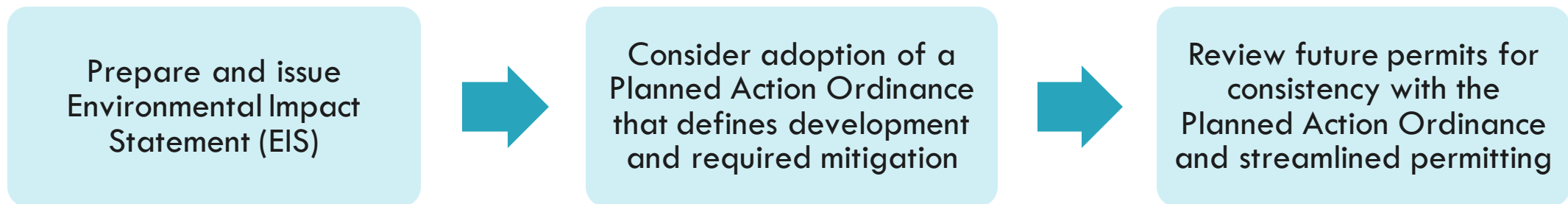
- Legislation, ordinances, rules, and regulations that contain standards controlling use of environment
- Land use plans and zoning laws
- Policy, plan, or program that governs development of series of connected actions

## Features and Considerations

- Big picture analysis
- Emphasis on cumulative impacts
- May streamline future SEPA review of project actions (planned action)
- Format and content is more flexible than project-level EISs
- Helps inform public discussion of major policy options

# Planned Action EIS

- Shifts environmental review of a project from the time of permit application to an earlier phase in the planning process
- Environmental impacts considered in area-wide EIS
- Applicable projects within planned action area do not require further environmental review



## Planned Action Process



# Proposal and Alternatives

- Think of alternatives as different ways to meet objectives
- Proposal and alternative courses of action, including no action
- Reasonable alternatives—actions that could feasibly attain or approximate proposal objectives at a lower environmental cost
- Distinct and different, capture full range of options
- Preferred alternative not required



# Big Picture Concepts

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support for small business, anti-displacement  
Investment in infrastructure for industrial growth

## ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Investment in green infrastructure  
Habitat and restoration areas

## LAND USE

Focused or mix of uses, types of uses  
Transitions, buffers between uses

## TRANSPORTATION

Investment in specific types of transportation  
(transit, freight, non-motorized)  
Specific types of transportation improvements

# Examples

## Seattle Maritime Strategy Concepts

### MARITIME + MANUFACTURING + LOGISTICS

Strengthen established economic clusters  
and expand equitable access to jobs

### INDUSTRY + INNOVATION

Support economic innovation  
and capitalize on emerging opportunities

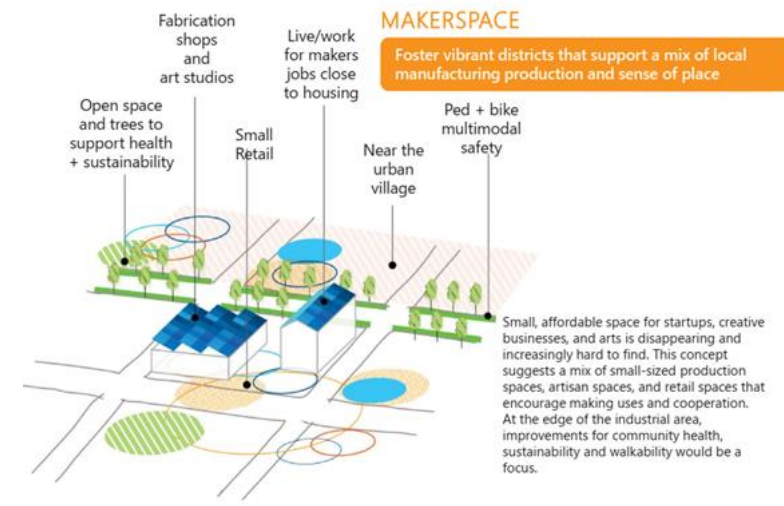
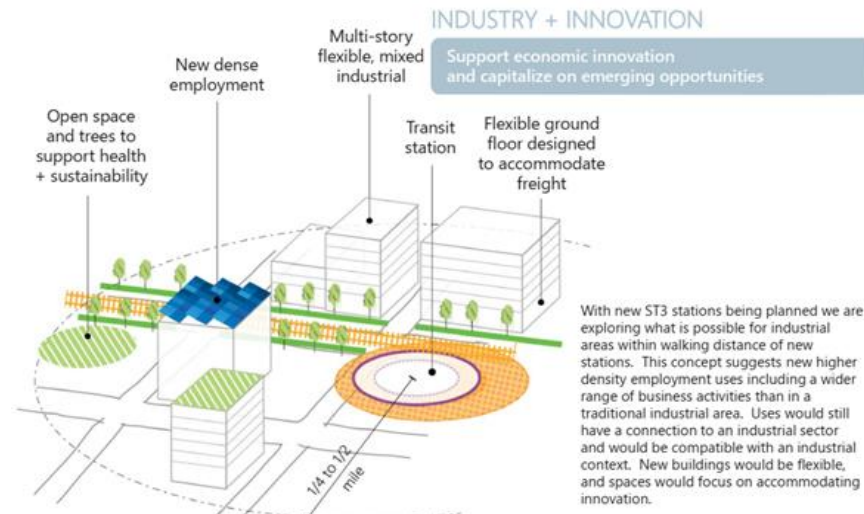
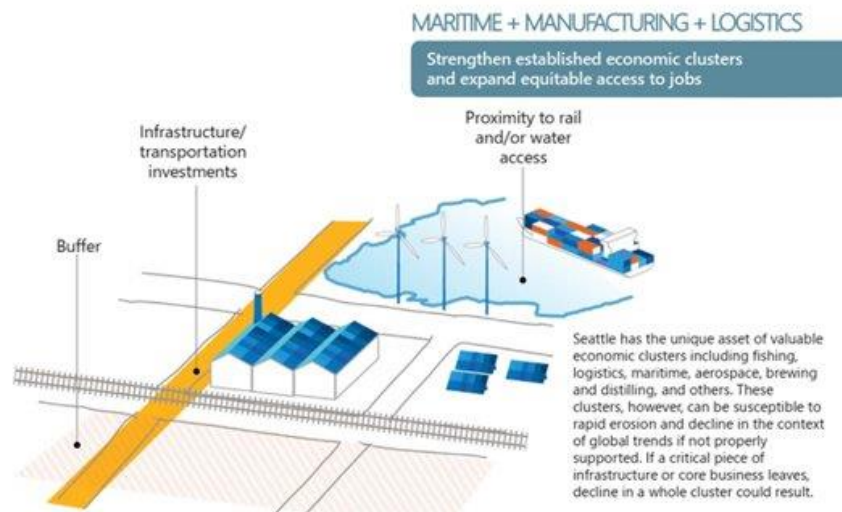
### MAKERSPACE

Foster vibrant districts that support a mix of local  
manufacturing production and sense of place



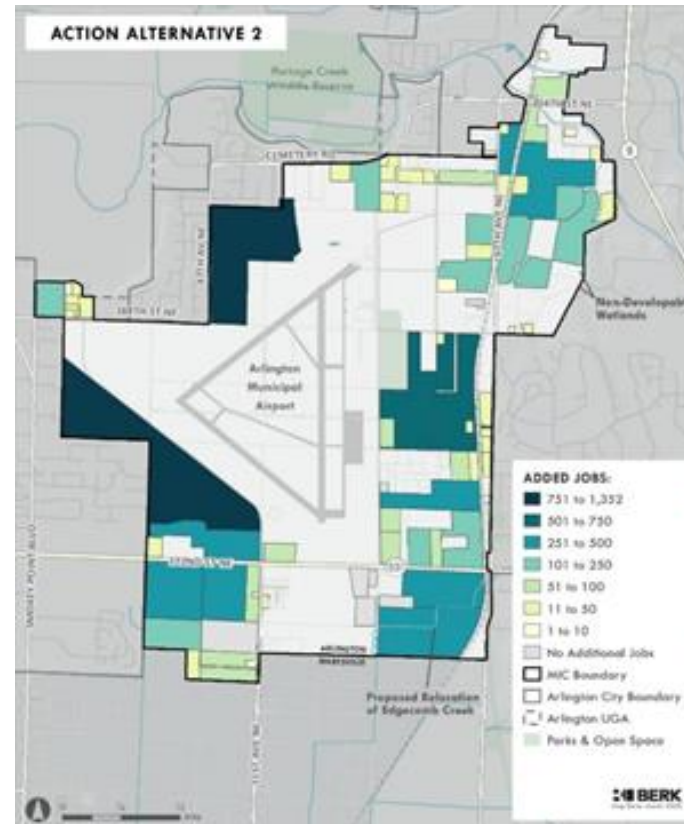
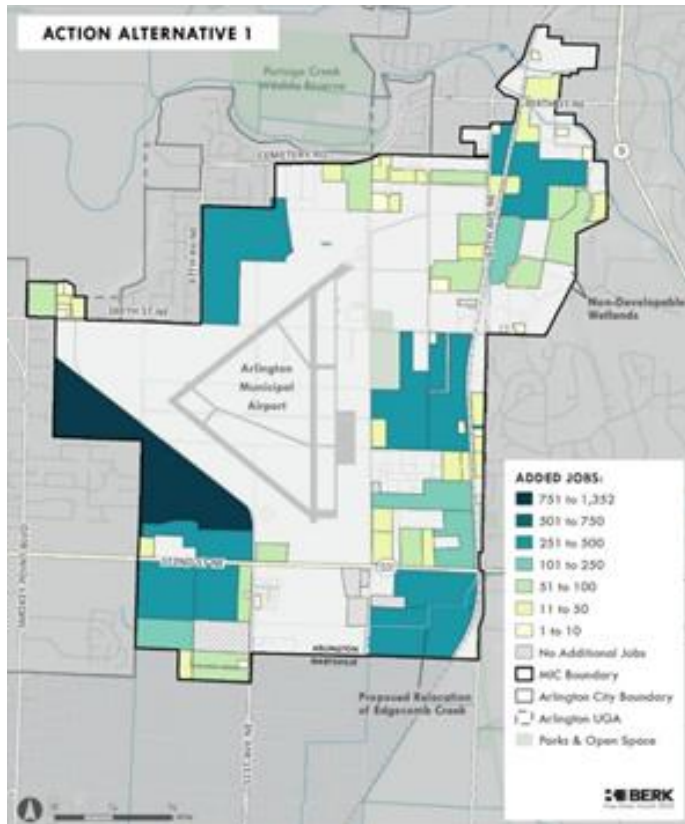
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## Seattle Maritime Strategy Concepts



# Examples

## Arlington-Marysville MIC Concepts



# Discussion

What **concepts/big ideas** do you want to see  
**reflected in the alternatives?**

# Discussion

Having heard from others, what **themes**,  
**questions**, or other **thoughts** do you have?

## 4. Next Steps



# Next Steps

April 30

- Deadline to host a meeting in a box
- Online survey closes

May 13

- Community meeting

