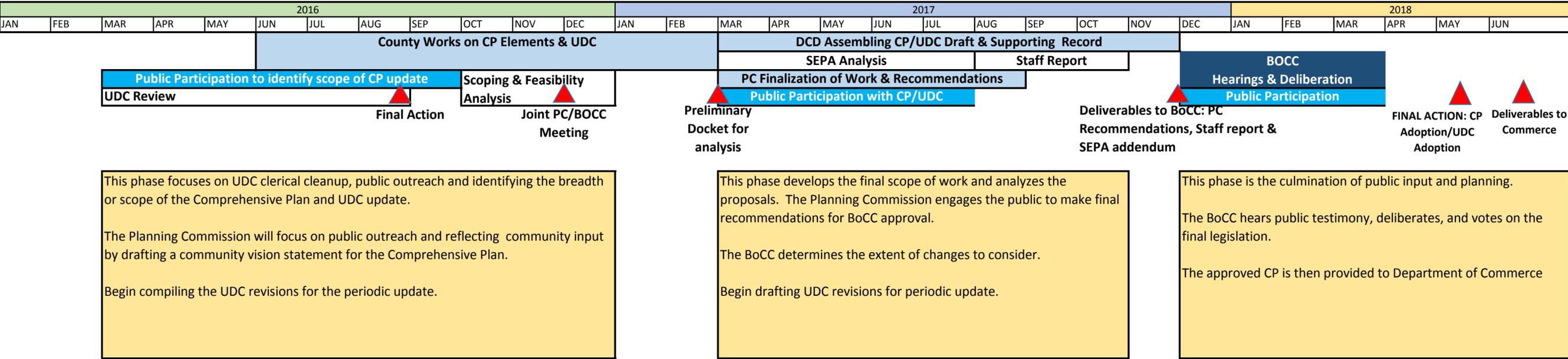


# General Timeline for CP/UDC Update Project

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update 2016-2036



**Acronym Dictionary:**

<b>UDC</b>	<b>Unified Development Code</b> The UDC contains the regulations that are generated from the policies in the comprehensive plan such as zoning, critical areas, land division, permit review processes, comprehensive plan amendment procedures, and development and performance standards for a wide variety of land use activities in the county.
<b>PC</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b> The Planning Commission is composed of nine citizen volunteers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to represent the three Districts and support the Department of Community Development. The PC makes advisory recommendations on land use planning matters to the Board of County Commissioners as authorized in the Planning Enabling Act (RCW 36.70.040). The group does not review project-specific permits.
<b>DCD</b>	<b>Department of Community Development</b> DCD drafts land use policy and regulations, shepherds proposals through the public process, and implements policies and regulations adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. DCD reviews building and land use permit applications and coordinates regulatory responsibility with other County departments and State and Federal agencies. DCD, together with the Planning Commission, forms the "Planning Agency."
<b>BoCC</b>	<b>Board of County Commissioners</b> A board of three elected individuals tasked with making policy decisions for the county. Additionally duties include: budgeting and appropriation of funds for all county activities; building and maintaining county roads; making and enforcing civil and criminal resolutions and ordinances not in conflict with state law, including those for land use and building construction; supporting and implementing state and federal mandates; executive oversight of all appointed county agencies; construction and maintenance of public buildings; fixing the tax levies for the county and its subordinate jurisdictions; authorizing payments owed by the county and auditing all officers having control of county monies; managing county property
<b>CP</b>	<b>Comprehensive Plan</b> The Comprehensive Plan preserves and promotes those community values and resources that affect that quality of life. The Plan directs more intensive development to appropriate areas while protecting and conserving the environment. The 1998 Comprehensive Plan includes goals, policies, and strategies which help the County to achieve desired land uses depicted on the Land Use Map and guide us to a more predictable future.
<b>SEPA</b>	<b>State Environmental Policy Act</b> Enacted by the Washington Legislature in 1971, the <b>State Environmental Policy Act</b> – commonly called SEPA – helps state and local agencies in Washington identify possible impacts that could result from governmental decisions such as issuing permits for private projects such as an office building, grocery store, or apartment complex; constructing public facilities like a new school, highway, or water pipeline; and adopting regulations, policies, or plans such as a county or city comprehensive plan, critical area ordinance, or state water quality regulation.