Updates to the plan will focus on changes that...

**Build upon what is valued today**
- Outdoor recreation and opportunities to explore nature
- Conveniences to friends and family, a variety of activities, services, and more
- Small and local businesses
- Vibrant and unique places
- Mitigation of climate change contributions/GHG emissions
- Connections to Bellingham’s full range of historic periods

**Respond to changed conditions**
- Expanded capacity for housing and jobs to meet expected 20-year growth
- Planning for increased telework to jobs based both in Bellingham and elsewhere
- Health resilience and accommodation
- Housing affordable to all income bands (HB 1220), especially those aligned with local employment
- Integrated and comprehensive approach to address gaps in housing and human services
- Approaches to assist vulnerable populations struggling with mental health and addiction issues
- Climate resilience and adaptation (HB 1181)
- A range of housing types to support current and future residents’ housing needs, including a diversification of middle scale housing with larger units (HB 1110, HB 1337)
- Land use investment in planned transit network improvements
- Potential annexation and/or changes to the UGA boundary

**Aspire to a brighter future**
- A safe and welcoming environment
- A healthy community, physically and mentally
- Economic vitality, business diversification, and living-wage jobs
- An active community that is informed and engaged on a range of city issues
- Gathering places of varied types and sizes across the city
- An accessible, diverse, equitable, and inclusive community (ADEI)

**Increase the legibility of the plan for a broad range of audiences**
- Document simplification and usability improvements
- Links between related topics
- Online interaction in addition to traditional printable format

**Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (ADEI)**

**Climate Mitigation & Resilience**

**Economic Vitality**

**Housing Options & Affordability**

**Public Health & Safety**

**Vibrant & Unique Places**