

Community Engagement Work Group

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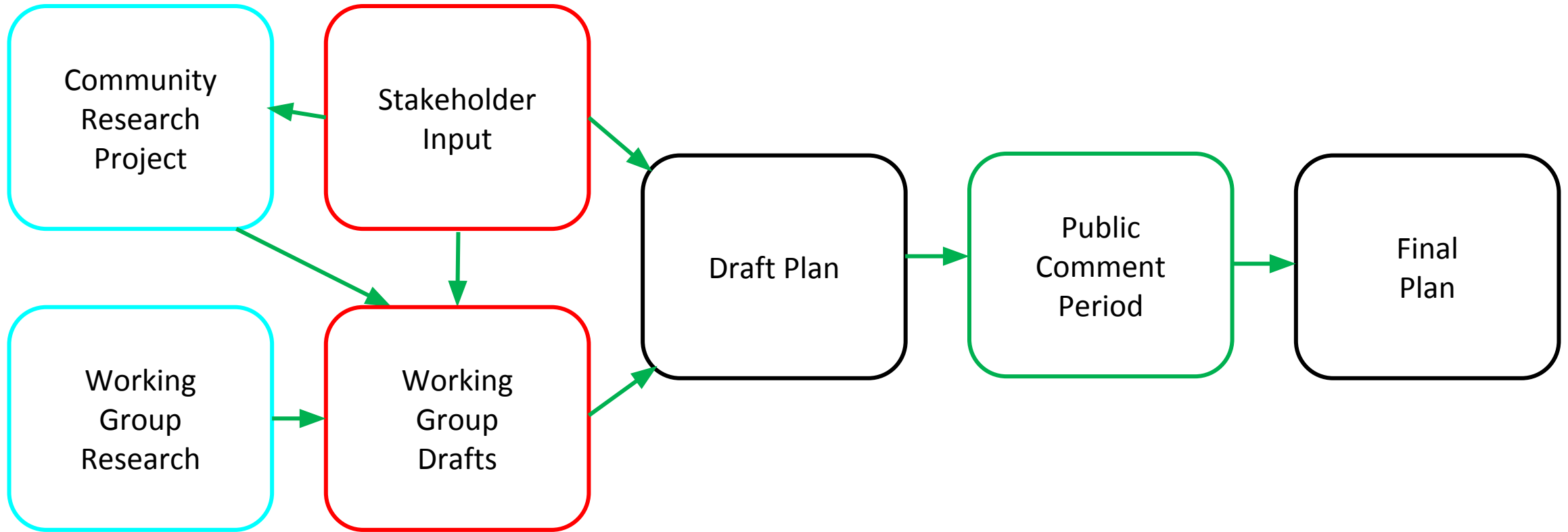
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CIAC Regular Meeting, 3 December 2020

Guiding Principles

- Community engagement and input is necessary throughout this process:
 - Planning Stage (Community Research Project) - March-September 2019
 - Work Group R & D (with Stakeholder Consultation) - February 2020-January 2021
 - Public Comment - February (March?) 2021
- Work groups have been meeting for the last year to develop draft chapters by identifying key goals, strategies and actions
- Much of this work has been done on a volunteer basis with guidance from the County
- Given the intensive timeline, capacity constraints, and pandemic, we must develop and implement our outreach and engagement strategy going forward.

Process Overview



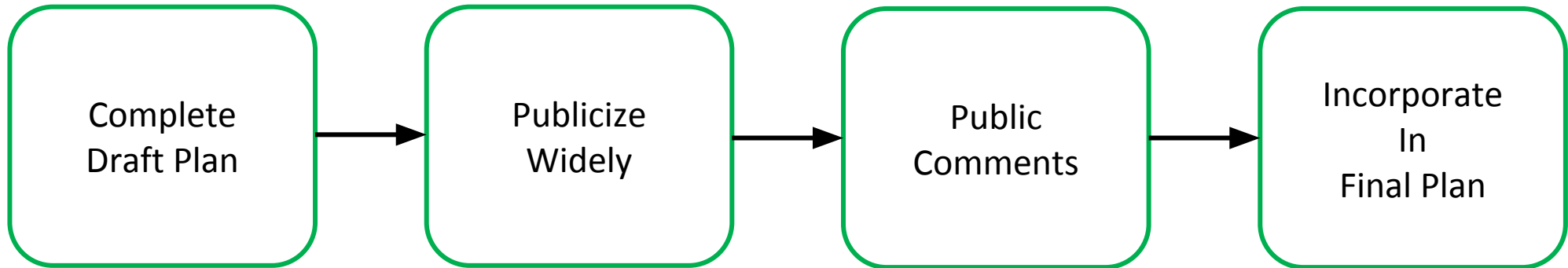
Stakeholder Input - December/January



Example: Potential Stakeholders for Transportation Work Group

- Community
 - WTA, WCOG, WWU, PSE, Chambers/Local Businesses, School Districts, Developers, Refineries
- Government
 - Cities - Mayors, Public Works Directors, Transportation Planners
 - County - Public Works, Planning and Development, Advisory Committees
 - State - Local Legislators, Agencies (WSDOT, WSTC, WDFW)
 - Federal - Congressional delegation (staff), USDOT (including Federal Highways and Federal Transit)
 - Tribes - Lummi and Nooksack (transportation/planning)

Public Comment Period - February



Homework and Next Steps

Collaborate with work groups on the following:

- Cross-check strategies and measures from Community Research Project report and Bellingham Climate Action Task Force report with current draft chapter recommendations
- Develop list of stakeholders and outreach strategy for December/January
- Revise draft plans, incorporating stakeholder feedback
- Open comment period for month of February
- Process and organize all comments
- Conduct at least 2 open house or listening session style events in early March (consider one evening and one weekend day) to discuss comments and allow for commenters to further engage