

North Rainier

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

Strategies and action steps to achieve the community's vision and goals.



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The North Rainier Action Plan is the work plan that identifies strategies and action steps to be accomplished together by the community and the City in order to achieve the community's vision and goals. Through a series of meetings during 2009 and 2010, the community came together to create the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update, an update of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan of 1999, and helped to prioritize the strategies and action steps of the North Rainier Action Plan. It is the intent of the City to complete the included Action Steps in the timeframes indicated assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available.

Overview

Neighborhood Plans are designed to be long-term, flexible documents that shape and guide the future of a neighborhood. The original Neighborhood Planning process took place nearly 10 years ago and helped provide communities with a framework that allowed them to shape the direction of their neighborhood. The goals and strategies developed during the original neighborhood planning process were folded into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The recently completed North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update process affirmed the vision of the original North Rainier Neighborhood Plan completed in 1999 and refreshed the goals, policies and strategies to reflect the changed conditions of the plan area and involvement of a broader segment of the neighborhood's population. These proposed goals and policies will be forwarded to City Council in early 2011 for inclusion in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Action Plans and Priorities

The North Rainier Action Plan includes the vision, goals, policies and strategies of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update as well as the goals, policies and strategies that were carried over from the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan of 1999. The action plan includes action steps to be addressed in the near future as work toward the associated strategy. The action plan is intended to be refreshed regularly by the community and the City. It is a living document that accommodates changing priorities, conditions, tools and resources.

Action Plan priorities are the shared work of the community and the City that are required to achieve the vision and goals of the Neighborhood Plan update process. In order to be implemented, each strategy has specific action steps that the City, neighborhood residents, business, and other actors are responsible for completing. To assure progress toward implementation, each action step has an estimated timeline for completion.

The following two tables summarize the community's prioritization of goals and strategies from the 2009 Neighborhood Plan Update Process in North Rainier. The City's neighborhood planning team gathered this feedback in two ways. First, a Town Hall meeting in May 2010, community members participated in a "dot exercise", in which they placed an allotted number of dots beside their own priorities. Second, community members participated in a similar exercise via an online survey.

Table A: Top Selected Goals for North Rainier

Dots	Goal #	description
259	Goal 10	Rainier Ave S and MLK Jr Way S are safe and attractive to walk, bike, and ride as well as drive
211	Goal 5	A neighborhood that supports its youth
152	Goal 7	A safe neighborhood
151	Goal 1	A vibrant neighborhood and destination business district
141	Goal 2	A neighborhood with ethnic and cultural diversity
141	Goal 8	A vibrant, mixed use Town Center

Table B: Top Selected Strategies for North Rainier

Dots	Strategy #	Description
74	5.1	Fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways
54	5 additional	Supporting a healthy and strong community
47	5.2	Develop coordinated information resources for youth about activities, jobs, job training
40	1.5	Retain grocery and drug store
36	3.1	Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sites
35	5.3	Create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services
35	7.4	Increase the mix of uses and number of people living in the town center

This informal summary simply highlights those goals and strategies that garnered the most dots, and provides a brief synthesis of the top-dotted items. The results are a general indicator of community priorities -- they are not intended to preclude or limit other goals and strategies identified in the neighborhood plans. A complete list of the goals and strategies that were listed during this exercise is included in the Action Plan; and the Neighborhood Plan Update Town Hall and Web Survey Results which are available at

http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/Overview/

For the North Rainier neighborhood, the key themes that emerged from the dot exercise were:

- In goals, Rainier and MLK gets the most dots – but none of its many strategies were top dot-getters.
- In strategies, **youth** is the primary focus, particularly related to social program funding (5.1, 5 additional, 5.2, 5.3). Strategies touch on retail anchor (grocery and pharmacy), and increasing the number and mix of uses – urban density. They also prioritized housing affordability.

Implementation Strategy

A Neighborhood Action Team will be formed around each goal that is a demonstrated priority, so that community members can take ownership of the priorities that matter most.

Community members will self-select Action Teams, so that people who are passionate and committed to implementing a goal will carry out the work required to for implementation. The City department that best relates to the stated goal will convene the Action Team. The different Action Teams will function differently depending on the type and timing of the work to be done. The Neighborhood District Coordinator will provide contact information for City staff of the different Action Teams and also serve to connect community members who are interested in participating in Action Teams.

The City will host community-wide meetings to inform residents on the progress of the previous year's Action Steps and to determine the next Action Steps. Action Plans will continuously be revised accordingly.

North Rainier Action Plan

WHAT					WHEN		WHO			HOW
Vision	Goals	Policies	Strategies	Action Steps	Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)

Vision

Entering the North Rainier Valley we are impressed by the neat, well maintained, well-landscaped main thoroughfares that accommodate all major modes of transportation. We are an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area which maintains its ethnic roots. Business, light industrial, and high-tech job opportunities provide welcome employment for the entire Puget Sound region.

The residential environment comprises multi-family, single-family, and mixed-use housing in clean, safe neighborhoods affordable to a broad range of people. Housing densities increase near the core of the urban village and around transportation hubs. Multi-family housing is not concentrated in one area, allowing increased density while not overwhelming the community.

Residential areas are peaceful, quiet and safe. They are inviting to pedestrians, children, families the elderly, and people with special needs. Anyone is able to walk or roll along the streets at all hours of the day or night. Consistent maintenance keeps areas clean, neat, and safe. Pocket parks and p-patches are interspersed throughout the neighborhoods. Iron bars covering doors and windows are seen no more, having been replaced by vibrant architecture and colors, open doors, and a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere that has drawn residents back to the community. Neighbors know and care about each other; children are welcome and have plenty of safe places to play.

North Rainier Valley is a destination for recreational activities. Continuous bicycle paths and routes meander from Lake Washington through the residential areas, through parks, the City, and outlying areas. The green spaces are linked together. Playfields and courts allow for all ages and skill levels to gather and compete. Venues are set up for regional sports.

The valley is a draw for film, theater, music, dance, and visual arts. Public Squares, religious institutions, schools, and community centers are also gathering places for activities for neighborhood residents. The community enjoys and celebrates diversity. Committee to helping immigrants become an integral part of this neighborhood, programs are set up to accommodate new immigrant populations and aid them with English classes, cultural interaction, and advocacy for their needs. Such programs are increasingly shared in and with other parts of the City.

Our ongoing commitment to the education of our youth is the cornerstone of the North Rainier Neighborhood. Schools are consistently and fully used for adult education, afterschool activities, and a wide variety of educational and tutorial opportunities. Citizens are actively involved in outreach and volunteer programs. High-quality school programs have become a draw for business and employment.

The businesses are strong, stimulating and economically stable. Various new commercial and industrial activities have recently entered the scene and retain the diversity and ethnic heritage that make our Rainier Valley unique. A full range of services is available without having to leave the community. Zoning coordinates industrial, commercial, and residential uses to their mutual advantage. Businesses actively participate in community activities. Retail property is well kept and accessible to all.

Public transportation has become easier to use than the automobile oriented systems of the 20th century. Major routes are safe for bikes, pedestrians, autos and transit users and are completely accessible for the visually and physically impaired. The streets themselves are tree-lined and smooth. Transit systems link the east, west, north and south areas of Seattle, and the entire Puget Sound region in a way that is non-intrusive to the fabric of the neighborhood. The commute is easy for folks from other areas to visit, work, and shop in the North Rainier Valley.

Mount Rainier remains a landmark vista in the heart of Rainier Valley. The pulse of our area is vibrant. The future is grand.

Goal 1. A vibrant neighborhood and destination business district

A vibrant business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley

Policy 1.A. Affordable commercial space in new developments

Encourage the inclusion of affordable commercial space in new development.

Policy 1.B. A vibrant commercial district that provides local jobs and is a retail destination

Strive to facilitate the vitality of existing retail and businesses that help meet the neighborhood's employment goals and serve as destination businesses for customers from the Rainier Valley and beyond in addition to meeting the daily needs of residents.

Strategy 1.1: Support the work of the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce

Strengthen the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce and encourage increased membership from local businesses so that business owners can work together and with the community to create a vibrant neighborhood business district that serves the community. The Chamber can also provide a venue for peer support and mentoring as well as a venue for its members to raise its concerns to the City and to pursue grants and technical assistance.

OED manages the Neighborhood Business District Fund. Funding depends on success of application in competitive award process.	H	1-10	RVCC, local bus assoc	OED		O
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Strategy 1.2: Create affordable commercial space

Look for opportunities in projects receiving City funding to create affordable commercial spaces.

OED funds RVCDF, which continues to work on creating financing structures to provide affordable commercial space.	H	1-3	RVCDF, developer	OED		O
OED manages an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits available on a first come first served basis to developers	H	1-6	developer	OED		O
OED has bond allocation for 2010 available to developers		1-3	developer	OED		O

Strategy 1.3: Support and expand diverse mix of small businesses

Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses by: Using design guidelines that provide guidance for creating business spaces that are culturally-appropriate (such as storefronts that open onto sidewalks); Providing technical assistance to small businesses in retail corridor; Providing access to financing for small businesses in retail corridor; Encouraging membership in local business associations; and Encouraging peer support and mentoring.

Develop guidelines to create commercial spaces supportive of small businesses	H	1-3	dev	DPD		
OED provides business technical assistance and access to capital through Community Capital Development, Rainier Valley Community Development Fund, and Shorebank Cascadia community development lending partners.	M	1-10	business	OED	RVCDF, CCD, HS, ShoreB, Cascadia	O
Encourage membership in local Business Association	H	1-10	RVCC, local bus assoc			
Support peer mentoring	M	1-10	RVCC, local bus assoc			
OED does outreach to businesses and is implementing the retail study to support small businesses.	M	1-6	RVCC, ABAS	OED		

Strategy 1.4: Strengthen business district through partnerships

Support partnerships to strengthen the business district, such as: SCORE/Small Business Development Center/Community Capital Development, University of Washington Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, Rainier Valley Community Development Fund, and HomeSight.

OED supports Community Capital Development, Rainier Valley CDF, HomeSight and refers to SCORE and Small Business Development Center	M	1-6	RVCC, local bus assoc	OED	RVCDF, CCD, HS, SCORE, UW Law Clinic	O
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Strategy 1.5: Retain grocery and drug store

Retain a grocery and pharmacy store in the Town Center.

Work in partnership with property owners to retain grocery store and pharmacy	H	1-6	dev, prop owner	DPD		O
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Strategy 1.6: Improve the Town Center with community driven projects

Improve the existing town center and make it more inviting using the City's Neighborhood Business District Fund and Neighborhood Street Funds. Work with the community to identify projects and initiatives in which the community's effort would be matched by funds from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Improvements may include streetscape amenities, such as benches and banners; activating public spaces with street vendors; business district marketing map and brochure; and encourage community-driven activities that support gatherings which draw customers such as street fairs, farmers markets; etc.

Neighborhood Business District Funds are awarded through a competitive process	H	1-10	RVCC, local bus assoc, comm grps	OED		O
Neighborhood Street Funds are awarded through a competitive process	H	1-10	local bus assoc, comm grps	SDOT		O
Neighborhood Matching Funds are awarded through a competitive process	H	1-10	comm grps	DON		O

Goal 2. A neighborhood with ethnic and cultural diversity

Ethnic and cultural diversity is a continued presence in the businesses and community.

Policy 2.A. Include cultural community centers and services in Town Center

Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in transit-accessible areas of the neighborhood.

Policy 2.B. Provide support to small culturally based businesses

Provide technical and financial support to small businesses that meet the needs of the ethnic and cultural communities in the neighborhood.

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						Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
					Policy 2.C. Encourage community-based cross cultural integration among business owners and broader community <i>Encourage community-based efforts for cross-cultural integration among business owners, as well as among the broader community.</i>						
					Policy 2.D. Within the Town center, encourage physical improvements and programming relevant to people with disabilities <i>Encourage the construction of physical improvements and activity programming that are relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.</i>						
					Strategy 2.1: Create financing models for affordable commercial space <i>Explore new and existing models of financing mixed-use development projects that provide affordable commercial space as well as affordable housing in City-funded mixed-use projects.</i>						
					Strategy 2.2: Locate cultural community centers and services in this neighborhood <i>Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in the neighborhood.</i>						
					Strategy 2.3: Support peer mentoring within business associations <i>Promote peer support, mentoring and technical assistance for businesses interested in broadening their market, and other means of improving their business capacity. This might also include increasing outreach of Rainier Valley Chamber to new and immigrant businesses, and support of the expansion of the African Business Association</i>						
					Implement recommendations from the SE retail study to include marketing in the Rainier Valley	H	1-3	RVCC, local bus assoc	OED		O
					OED is currently developing immigrant development strategies in the Rainier Valley.	M	1-3	RVCC, ABAS	OED		O
					Support African Business Association	M	1-10	ABAS	OED		O
					OED works with the Rainier Chamber and supports capacity building in the African Business Association.	M	1-10	RVCC, ABAS	OED		O
					Strategy 2.4: Create a vibrant, stable multi-cultural shopping area and community through cross-cultural integration <i>Promote opportunities for cross-cultural integration among the business owners as well as among the broader community. Seek opportunities to create a vibrant, stable multi-cultural shopping area.</i>						
					OED is organizing a summit of immigrant businesses and business service providers to facilitate access to existing services as well as improve those services to reach the community.	M	1-3		OED		O
					integrating businesses with the broader market.	M	1-3	ABAS, RVCC	OED		O
					Strategy 2.5: Use incentives to create affordable commercial space <i>Explore feasibility of using the Station Area Overlay District or incentive zoning to create affordable commercial space.</i>						
					Explore funding mechanisms to create long-term affordable commercial space	H	1-3		OED, DPD, OH		P
					Explore in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3		DPD, OED, OH		P
					Strategy 2.6: Support programs and improvements relevant to people with disabilities <i>Implement programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to people with disabilities throughout the town center, such as innovative aesthetic enhancements to the public realm, parks that incorporate audible, visual and tactile configurations.</i>						
					Incorporate built environment aspects within Urban Design Framework conversation	H	1-3		DPD, SDOT, PARKS		P
					Strategy 2.7: Support community-driven gathering activities to promote multi-cultural integration <i>Support community-driven gathering activities that increase awareness and education of the community's multicultural population and create a multicultural identity and destination point for Seattle.</i>						
					Funding provided for town-hall style events that explore how geography informs our sense of community and identity for the African-American residents (presented at Hiawatha Lofts).	H		comm grps	ARTS		Done
					Funding provided to Densho (located at N. Rainier) who provides the largest accessible resource on the Japanese	H		comm grps	ARTS		Done
					Goal 3. A Town Center whose residents have a range of incomes and housing options <i>Development within the Town Center prioritizes housing that serves households across the range of incomes.</i>						
					Policy 3.A. Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes <i>Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentives and funding.</i>						
					Strategy 3.1: Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sizes <i>Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentive, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.</i>	H	1-10	dev	OH		O
					Strategy 3.2: Support affordable housing adjacent to light rail station <i>Leverage public funds to support affordable housing adjacent to light rail station.</i>						
					Work with federal, state, and local government agencies to identify surplus properties near the Mt. Baker light rail station that are appropriate for affordable housing such as Sound Transit's Firestone property.	H	1-10	dev	OH, DPD	Sound Transit	O
					Strategy 3.3: Encourage affordable family sized homes <i>Encourage affordable family sized homes through incentive, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.</i>						
					Coordinate a community outreach effort to identify and engage homeowners who could possibly benefit from the Office of Housing weatherization, home improvement loan, and foreclosure prevention programs as well as King County's property tax exemption program.	H	1-6	prop owners, comm grps	OH		P
					Strategy 3.4: Preserve existing and create new subsidized housing <i>Use City funding to leverage other funding to preserve existing and create new subsidized housing.</i>						
					Continue to use available affordable housing programs to maintain current subsidized housing.	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	OH		O
					Strategy 3.5: Apply affordable housing targets to the Urban Village <i>Apply Comprehensive Plan affordable housing targets to the North Rainier Urban Village and periodically evaluate progress.</i>						
					Conduct a baseline analysis of neighborhood housing characteristics and compare them to the housing goals established in the Comprehensive Plan.	M	1-10		OH		P
					Strategy 3.6: Set affordable housing objectives <i>Set affordable housing objectives and use incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs to fill gaps.</i>	M	1-10		OH		P
					Goal 4. North Rainier is a "Green Hub" <i>North Rainier Urban Village is known as a "Green Hub" providing green jobs and training, and green development.</i>						
					Policy 4.A. Support local training programs and jobs that capitalize on the green technology market <i>Support training programs and jobs in North Rainier, that capitalize on the green technology market in order to support the role of North Rainier as the Hub Urban Village within the Rainier Valley.</i>						
					Policy 4.B. Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development <i>Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development</i>						
					Strategy 4.1: Create a green technology-focused educational program <i>Consider creating a green technology focused extension program by work with organizations such as the University of Washington.</i>						
					OED provides retail site selection and business attraction services and supports Rainier Valley as a hub for clean technology industries. OED has also developed training in green jobs.	M	1-6	bus owners	OED		O
					Strategy 4.2: Emphasize the use of green building technologies in development regulations and incentives. <i>Build on the "green ring" provided by Cheasty Greenspace and Mt. Baker Boulevard by stressing the use of complementary green building technologies in development regulations and incentives.</i>						
					Explore options in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD		P
					Strategy 4.3: Support the inclusion of green building components <i>Continue to pursue zoning and design review changes that support the inclusion of green building components.</i>						
					Explore options in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD		P

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		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
	Strategy 4.4: Look for opportunities for a Living Building Pilot Program project <i>Look for opportunities for a Living Building Pilot Program project in North Rainier.</i>	H		comm grps, dev			
	Strategy 4.5: Complete a green infrastructure analysis <i>Complete a green infrastructure analysis exploring potential opportunities such as UW Laundry, Rainier Ave. S. redesign and stormwater facility work.</i>						
	Green infrastructure analysis of Rainier Ave S may be possible as part of redesign study	H	1-3		SPU, SDOT		P
	Strategy 4.6: Build a "green" demonstration and education site <i>Consider building a "green" demonstration and education site for the community in relation to the green jobs and technology program that could provide visible, passive education about wind and solar technologies and other green building technologies to encourage engagement in green jobs or local use of alternative energy. This could also be a destination site that supports small businesses.</i>						
	OED provides retail site selection and business attraction services and supports Rainier Valley as a hub for clean technology industries. OED has also developed training in green jobs.	H	3-6	dev, comm grps	OED		P
Goal 5. A neighborhood that supports its youth							
<i>A community that supports and provides opportunities for the neighborhood's youth.</i>							
Policy 5.A. Include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them for family wage jobs							
<i>In fulfilling its role as the Hub Urban Village for the Rainier Valley, North Rainier should include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them to for family wage jobs in the area and region.</i>							
	Strategy 5.1: Fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways <i>Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways such as: Youth in Focus, photography classes; Seattle Chamber Players composition workshop at Franklin High School; and Northwest African American Museum public sculpture classes.</i>						
	Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways. There are two funding programs that community members/groups may apply for to fund youth arts programs – Youth Arts or smART ventures. These are determined via a competitive process, and funds available are dependent on admissions tax revenue and use of it as a dedicated resource. For more information on our funding programs: http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding .	H	1-10	comm grps	PARKS, ARTS		O
	Funding for Northwest African American Museum to offer an 84-hour summer session for 15 underserved teens from Garfield, Franklin & Rainier Beach High School to create a public sculpture of Jimi Hendrix at the Jimi Hendrix Park using recycled materials.	M			ARTS		Done
	Funding was offered for Seattle Chamber Players to lead a ten-session composition workshop to students at Franklin High School but teacher declined the program/funding so this project will not happen this year.				ARTS		Done
	Funding for Arts Corps to offer free afterschool arts classes for youth in North Rainier neighborhood.	H			ARTS		Done
	Funding Youth in Focus who will offer six free photography classes for 40-50 underserved youth ages 13-19, taught by professional teaching artists.	M			ARTS		Done
	Funding was offered for Seattle Chamber Players to lead a ten-session composition workshop to students at Franklin High School but teacher declined the program/funding so this project will not happen this year.				ARTS		Done
	Strategy 5.2: Develop coordinated information resources for youth about activities, jobs, job training <i>Develop more coordinated information resources for youth to learn about and engage in various activities at a range of</i>	H					
	Strategy 5.3: Create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services <i>Work more closely with local schools to create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services.</i>						
	The City's Family and Education Levy funds Family Support Workers, Support Programs, Community Learning Centers, Student Health Clinics, and 9th Grade Academic Programs at the following schools: Franklin High, Cleveland High, Mercer Middle, Thurgood Marshall, Muir, Kimball, Beacon Hill International, Leschi and Orca.	H	1-10	Schools	OFF, DON		O
	Provide funding to youth programs such as early education, after school and summer programs, youth domestic and sexual violence, outreach and case management, development and educational support, and mental health counseling. Organizations include ACRS, CCA, CISC, Consejo, Denise Louie, El Centro, Horn of Africa, IDHA, ABC Child Care, ReWA, SeaMar, Wellspring	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Additional Strategy: Supporting a healthy and strong community						
	Provide funding to family programs such as family centers, immigrant and refugee family support, housing stability support, and domestic violence prevention. Organizations include ACRS, CISC, Consejo, El Centro, IDHA, Refugee Federation, ReWA, and Wellspring.	M	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Provide funding to health and food/nutrition programs such as food banks, meal programs, home food delivery service, and health promotion/wellness. Organizations include ACRS, Beacon Ave Food Bank, El Centro, and Rainier Valley Food Bank.	M	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Provide funding to citizenship programs. Organization include ACRS, CCA, CISC, El Centro, FCC, Horn of Africa, IDHA, ReWA, and SeaMar.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Provide funding to services to support seniors and the disabled such as senior employment, case management, adult day care, caregiver programs, mental health programs, chronic care management, and home care. Organizations include ACRS, CCA, CISC, International Drop-In Center, Kin On, ReWA, and SeaMar.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Provide anti-discrimination workshops to the general public and small businesses	M	1-3	comm grps	OCR		O
Goal 6. A "ring of green" surrounds the Town Center							
<i>A "ring of green" surrounding the urban village with strong connections to the greenbelts, boulevards and parks, augmented with a hierarchy of open spaces.</i>							
	Policy 6.A. Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt <i>Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt, and seek to protect them from further residential development. (NR-P6)</i>						
	Policy 6.B. Support partnerships to enhance street-end stairs and create safe trails where appropriate through greenbelts <i>Support partnerships with Parks, SDOT, DoN, utilities, nonprofit organizations and the community to enhance street-end stairs, and create safe trails where appropriate through the surrounding greenbelts.</i>						
	Policy 6.C. Establish a multicultural community center, multicultural festivals, youth mentoring and other youth programs <i>Enhance community pride through establishment of a multicultural community center, multicultural community festivals, youth mentoring, and other youth programs that support positive and safe</i>						
	Policy 6.D. Design parks and open spaces and program them to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures. <i>Design parks and open spaces and program them to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.</i>						
	Policy 6.E. Create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible <i>Consider using levy funds, general funds and partnerships with developers, to create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible and address the gaps identified in the Parks Gap Analysis.</i>						
	Policy 6.F. Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food <i>Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food through public mechanisms such as P-Patches and the Cultivating Communities program, as well as non-profit and private mechanisms including farmers' markets and on-site landscaping.</i>						
	Strategy 6.1 Improve and augment the Cheasty and Mt. Baker Boulevard network <i>Improve and augment the Cheasty and Mt. Baker Boulevard network by improving street end stair, constructing new trails from Beacon Hill to the town center that offer easier grades than those on streets such as S. McClellan St., enhancing the streetscape on S. McClellan St., and incorporating destination / active spaces along the network.</i>						
	Explore feasibility of trail connecting Beacon Hill to Town Center	H	1-3	prop owner, comm grps	SDOT, PARKS		P
	Improving street end stairs would need funding	M		comm grps	SDOT		
	Enhancing streetscape on S McClellan: see SETS projects #10 and 11	M			SDOT		
	The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides funding for Forest and Stream Restoration by Green Seattle Partnership for Cheasty Greenspace		1-3	comm grps	PARKS		U
	SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD		
	Strategy 6.2 Establish a multi-cultural community center <i>Consider non-profit organizations or private developer in the establishment of a multi-cultural community facility.</i>						

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					Communities designate leadership group to explore feasibility of long-term partnership, building operations and maintenance for a privately owned community center	M	1-3	comm grps	DON		P
					Leadership group to develop partnership structure, building needs, building operations, maintenance plan and fundraising plan. Group to hire consultant if needed	M	1-3	comm grps	DON		P
					Support a site search and project feasibility study to accommodate building program and project budget when community leadership group is ready	M	1-6	comm grps			
					Strategy 6.3 Program parks and make improvements that are culturally relevant to residents						
					<i>Implement park programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to the neighborhood, such as increasing opportunities for soccer, and separate swimming times for women.</i>	M					
					Strategy 6.4 Acquire new park space						
					<i>Pursue the potential for acquiring new parks space within the urban village through the Parks and Green Spaces Levy funds for Neighborhood Park Acquisition.</i>						
					North Rainier is one of the 20 Urban Villages recommended for Neighborhood Park Acquisition in the Parks & Green Spaces Levy	H		comm grps	PARKS		U
					SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD		
					Strategy 6.5 Acquire new community gardening and urban agriculture spaces						
					<i>Pursue the potential for acquiring new P-Patch community gardening space and urban agriculture space as part of and in addition to the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy,</i>	M					
					Strategy 6.6 Renovate and improve the Atlantic Street Playground						
					<i>Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Atlantic Street Playground.</i>						
					The renovation of this playground is complete and the new playground is open! Installation work was completed on October 14, 2009. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provided \$350K in funding.			comm grps	PARKS		Done
					Strategy 6.7 Renovate and improve the Rainier Park Playground						
					<i>Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Rainier Park Playground.</i>						
					Planning is underway. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$600,000 for planning, design and construction.	M		comm grps	PARKS		U
					Strategy 6.8 Increase accessibility to and create more open spaces for people with disabilities						
					<i>Use opportunities, such as the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy project at Children's Play Garden and other Park's programs to increase accessibility and to create open spaces that are relevant to people with disabilities.</i>						
					Construction is underway. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$950,000 for garden development and construction.	M		comm grps	PARKS		U
					SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD		
					Strategy 6.9 Implement the Pro Parks Levy designs for Jimi Hendrix Park						
					<i>Continue to implement the Pro Parks Levy designs for Jimi Hendrix Park, including elements that improve connections to the Northwest African American Museum and the surrounding neighborhood.</i>						
					The community has applied for Parks & Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Funds			comm grps	PARKS		
					SPD will assist with CPTED review						
					Strategy 6.10 Create additional children's structured and unstructured play areas						
					<i>As funding becomes available create additional children's structured and unstructured play areas.</i>	M					
					Strategy 6.11 Install wider sidewalks, more landscaping and pedestrian lighting						
					<i>Increase the vibrancy and safety of the public realm with wider sidewalks, landscaping and pedestrian lighting.</i>						
					Consider design criteria in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
					Community can apply for Neighborhood Street Funds and/or Neighborhood Matching Funds for this	H	1-10	comm grps	SDOT, DON		O
					Implementation through partnership with private development	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	SDOT, DPD		O
					Strategy 6.12 Increase access to locally based food sources						
					<i>Promote the development of more P-Patches and other methods to increase access to locally based food sources and to build community.</i>	H		comm grps	DON		O
Goal 7. A safe neighborhood											
<i>North Rainier is known as a safe and hospitable neighborhood through its residents' increased awareness of community-based crime prevention programs. (NR-G10)</i>											
Policy 7.A. Promote uses open into the evening hours around transit facilities											
<i>Promote uses around transit facilities such as businesses open into the evening hours and housing that provides "eyes on the street."</i>											
Policy 7.B. Support strong partnerships between the community and Seattle Police											
<i>Seek opportunities for the community and the Seattle Police Department to strengthen partnerships.</i>											
					Strategy 7.1 Create neighborhood design guidelines that promote public safety						
					<i>Create neighborhood design guidelines that emphasize pedestrian-friendly elements in new developments and ensure "eyes on the street".</i>						
					Develop neighborhood design guidelines from Urban Design Framework	H	1-6	comm grps	DPD		
					SPD can support	H	1-6	comm grps	SPD		
					Strategy 7.2 Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities						
					<i>Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities until the time that the level of development provides sufficient activity to reduce the need for police presence.</i>						
					Already implemented and funded. SPD works with Metro and Sound Transit on this	H		Metro, ST	SPD		Done
					Strategy 7.3 Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center						
					<i>Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center for reliable access by police and fire vehicles.</i>						
					Explore in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, FIRE, SPD		P
					SPD can assist with CPTED review	M	1-3		SPD		P
					Strategy 7.4 Increase the mix of uses and number of people living in the town center						
					<i>Increase the mix of uses and residential density in the town center to increase the numbers of people using the public spaces including the sidewalks.</i>						
					Incorporate in Urban Design Framework	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS		P
					Strategy 7.5 Build a positive working relationship with the Seattle Police Department.						
					<i>Build positive working relationship between the community and Seattle Police Department.</i>						
					SPD: on-going, SPD attends over 20 community mtgs per month	M	1-10	comm orgs	SPD		O
					Strategy 7.6 Complete a Health Impact Assessment						
					<i>Complete a Health Impact Assessment to increase the success of implementation at reducing disparities in health.</i>						
					Consider a Healthy Living Assessment	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, PH		P
					Strategy 7.7 Install pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Town Center						
					<i>Install pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Town Center, that through design and color distinguish it as a vital pedestrian area.</i>						
					Install pedestrian lighting on pedestrian overpass at Rainier and MLK (\$250,000)	H	1-3		SDOT, SCL		U
					Seek funding for design and implementation	M	1-6	comm grps	SDOT, SCL		
					Strategy 7.8 Support community-based projects that positively impact public safety issues						
					<i>Support community-based projects that include activities that positively impact public safety issues including the development of community groups that share information and education about public safety as well as groups that implement programs or physical improvement projects, such as litter clean up, festivals, gathering spaces, public art, lighting improvements, banners for business districts, etc.</i>						

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						Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
					Fund outdoor performances at Judkins Park and other North Rainier locations. Funding is based on a competitive process, and availability is dependent on admissions tax revenue and use of it as a dedicated resource. For more information on our funding programs: http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding	H	1-10	comm grps	ARTS		O
					OED has funded work by SEED to develop designs for pedestrian improvements, public art and lighting to increase safety and improve the gateway from the Mt Baker Station along Rainier Ave.	H		SEED	OED		Done

Goal 8. A vibrant, mixed use Town Center

A Town Center that concentrates housing, commercial uses, services and living-wage employment opportunities; that is well served by transit and nonmotorized options; and that is well designed and attractive to pedestrians. A vibrant, business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley.

Policy 8.A. Foster a retail district that serves the multi-cultural neighborhood

Foster development of a shopping district comprised of businesses that provide products and services that meet the needs of neighborhood residents from different cultural backgrounds.

Policy 8.B. Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support future density.

Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support future density.

Policy 8.C. Strengthen local business associations supportive of ethnic and minority business owners

Strengthen local business associations that include and/or support the presence and growth of businesses owned by ethnic and minority community members.

Policy 8.D. Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses.

Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses.

Policy 8.E. Include within the urban village, SAOD and multi-family zone the area between 24th Ave S and 25th Ave S north of S McClellan St

Include a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. north of S. McClellan St. within the urban village and within the Station Area Overlay District, and support a multifamily zoning designation for the area that would allow more compact residential development.

Policy 8.F. Define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings within the SAOD

Within mixed use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings in order to create the critical mass of people and activity for a Town Center.

Strategy 8.1 Define the desired form of future development

Use mechanisms such as urban design frameworks, neighborhood design guidelines, and street design plans to describe the desired form of future development.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL		P
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Strategy 8.2 Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework

Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework for the North Rainier Town Center area. Plan elements could include: building height options; incentive features; breaking down scale of super blocks to create a balance of inwardly and outwardly focused development; use of green building strategies such as those that address drainage, building efficiency; tree canopy; and opportunities for district energy systems; open space that invite people to gather and to engage in physical activity; pedestrian connections and sidewalk widths; and guidelines to help ensure that new housing doesn't create a "wall" of undesirable facades that is counter to the feel of the neighborhood.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS		P
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Strategy 8.3 Rezone key sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station

Through processes that engage community stakeholders consider and evaluate the application of zoning designations and related development regulations that are most likely to achieve the neighborhood's urban design vision. Include evaluation of new tools as they become available. Rezone key opportunity sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station in a manner that incorporates housing, commercial services (such as a grocery store and small businesses) and amenities.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

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Strategy 8.4 Evaluate proposed height and land use changes in the Town Center

Evaluate proposed height and land use changes within the Town Center.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

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Strategy 8.5 Rezone eight single-family parcels on west side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St.

Address zoning on west side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St. There are eight single-family parcels adjacent to parcels zoned NC3-65 and L-3. Rezone these parcels to be more consistent with adjacent properties.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

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Strategy 8.6 Expand the Town Center area

Expand the Town Center area to focus new mixed use development south of S. Bayview St. and north of S. Byron St.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL		P
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Strategy 8.7 Allow more compact residential development

Consider including within the urban village a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. and north of S. McClellan St., and rezoning more consistent with adjacent zoning, to allow more compact residential development.

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

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Strategy 8.8 Consider requiring a minimum number of residents within the station area

Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, consider minimum residential densities (related to the zoning designations).

Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion

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Strategy 8.9 Create dense, mixed-use developments

Maintain ongoing collaboration with Sound Transit, King Country Metro, property owners, and community members to pursue redevelopment opportunities in the Station Area Overlay District, such as surplus Sound Transit parcels and the Metro bus layover, to create dense, mixed-uses that establish a vital pedestrian environment, provide affordable housing, and support the development of small businesses.

DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers

H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD	ST	O
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Strategy 8.10 Pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility

Continue to pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility. Possible solutions could include undertaking a joint development project incorporating the bus transfer facility, or finding a new location for the bus transfer facility on the west side of Rainier Ave. S. and redeveloping the block.

DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers

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Strategy 8.11 Create a multicultural shopping area/center/market

Pursue opportunities to create a multicultural shopping area/center/market.

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Strategy 8.12 Evaluate potential area-specific capacity problems that may result from additional residents

Work with Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Information Technology when considering changes to zoning to evaluate if there are area-specific capacity problems resulting from the potential increase in development capacity.

Assess/confirm utility capacity issues (wastewater, storm water, drinking water) related to expected growth and proposed zoning. Develop strategy to address any capacity constraints identified.

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Strategy 8.13 Improve the Town Center and make it more inviting

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		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
	Encourage the use of City grant programs to improve the town center and make it more inviting.						
	DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD	ST	O
Goal 9. A neighborhood with good and safe transportation choices							
<i>A neighborhood served by a network of safe streets with amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. (NR-G3 A)</i>							
Policy 9.A. Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.							
<i>Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.</i>							
Policy 9.B. Prioritize universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.							
<i>Prioritize development of universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.</i>							
Policy 9.C. Encourage new development to support a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center							
<i>Ensure that standards for new development projects will accommodate a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center.</i>							
Policy 9.D. Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.							
<i>Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.</i>							
Strategy 9.1 Create a pedestrian network of pathways throughout the Town Center							
<i>Create a pedestrian network of pathways throughout the Town Center, connecting retail, services and the light rail station. Specific actions could include the following: 1. Implementation of the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) projects #10 and #11 to calm traffic and improve the streetscape along S. McClellan St. from 23rd Ave. S. to Mt. Baker Blvd. Projects #10 and #11 include relocating utility poles and signal controller cabinets where necessary to ensure a clear walking path, adding a missing sidewalk link, widening sidewalks, installing planting strips, installing curb extensions, and adding pedestrian lighting. Additional work may include working with Metro to relocate trolley wire poles out of the pedestrian pathway. 2. Work with property owners and developers to break up the large block and/or parcels into smaller pieces, providing walking routes through the sites and connections to the surrounding street grid, as well as consolidating the number of driveways as redevelopment occurs to provide an improved pedestrian environment. 3. Complete the sidewalk network to make better connections between destinations. 4. When enhancing access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities, pay particular attention to connections to transit and shopping areas from the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Center Park. 5. Identify sites that would benefit from unique art or pavement treatments to support a vibrant walking environment.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL, ARTS		P
Strategy 9.2 Identify desired off-street circulation patterns							
<i>Identify desired off-street circulation patterns and work with developers of large parcels to create internal circulation that promotes walking within developments and between the sites.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT		P
	DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD, SDOT	ST	O
Strategy 9.3 Define minimum widths for sidewalks and landscaped planting strips							
<i>Modify the Land Use Code to define minimum widths for sidewalks and landscaped planting strips on all streets in station areas with pedestrian designations. Define areas that are appropriate for, and associated sidewalk dimensions that are supportive of sidewalk cafes and/or stores that open to the sidewalk.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT		P
Strategy 9.4 Create more connections between neighborhoods by improving street ends							
<i>Improve street ends to create more connections between neighborhoods.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	Community may apply for matching fund grants for specific projects	M		comm grps	DON, SDOT		
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	M	1-3	comm grps	SPD		P
Strategy 9.5 Create a more secure environment for people and business							
<i>Create a more secure environment for people and business using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enliven temporarily vacant sites. Ideas could include temporary markets.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, OED		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	H	1-3	comm grps	SPD		P
Strategy 9.6 Create active, family-oriented spaces within the Town Center							
<i>Create active, family-oriented spaces within the Town Center to invite positive use that enhances public safety.</i>							
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, PARKS		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	H	1-3	comm grps	SPD		P
Goal 10. Rainier Ave S and MLK Jr Way S are safe and attractive to walk, bike and ride as well as drive							
<i>Rainier Ave. S. is a highly functioning multimodal "complete street" that serves as the spine of the Rainier Valley and retains its existing vistas of Mount Rainier. (NR-G4A) Continue to develop Martin</i>							
Policy 10.A. Promote alternative transportation programs							
<i>Promote alternative transportation programs, such as bicycle commuting, local hiring, van pools, and transit ridership. (NR-P13)</i>							
Policy 10.B. Support a local main street atmosphere on Rainier Ave S between S Bayview St and MLK Jr Way S							
<i>Support actions that improve the pedestrian and transit functions along Rainier Ave. S. between S. Bayview St. and MLK Jr. Way S. so that the section becomes more of a local main street for the North Rainier neighborhood.</i>							
Strategy 10.1 Implement the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS)							
<i>Implement the recommendations from the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) which serves as the blueprint for programming transportation improvements in Southeast Seattle.</i>							
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10	comm grps	SDOT		O
Strategy 10.2 Use the Pedestrian Master Plan to prioritize improvements							
<i>Use the Pedestrian Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing pedestrian improvements and Neighborhood Street Fund projects.</i>							
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10		SDOT		O
	No sidewalk improvements are prioritized for 2010. Status for 2011/2012 is unknown				SDOT		
Strategy 10.3 Use the Bicycle Master Plan to prioritize improvements							
<i>Use the Bicycle Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing bicycle improvements.</i>							
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10		SDOT		O
	No bike improvements are prioritized for 2010. Status for 2011/2012 is unknown				SDOT		
Strategy 10.4 Pursue a bicycle route along Rainier Ave. S. or parallel street							
<i>Continue to pursue bicycle route along Rainier Ave. S. or parallel street that takes advantage of the flat grade in the valley floor.</i>							
		H		comm grps	SDOT		
Strategy 10.5 Develop transportation corridors that might encompass several roads							
<i>Look for opportunities to develop transportation corridors that might encompass several roads. For example, consider if Chief Sealth Trail can function as the major north / south bike route, enhancing the connections from it to commercial areas.</i>							
	CPRS is in design phase - completion sometime after 2010	M			SDOT		
	SPD can assist with CPTED review				SPD		
Strategy 10.6 Add destination spaces along Chief Sealth Trail to encourage use							
<i>Consider adding destination spaces along Chief Sealth Trail, such as play areas, community gardens and pocket parks to encourage use.</i>							
		M		comm grps		DON	
Strategy 10.7 Ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, livability and health quality							

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		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
	Use health impact assessments to help ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, livability and health quality.						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-6	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	Strategy 10.8 Evaluate an "MLK Jr. Way S. re-route"						
	Evaluate an "MLK Jr. Way S. re-route" that would route through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. from the Rainier Ave. S./MLK Jr. Way S. intersection. This strategy calls for the rerouting of through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. at the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way S. intersection and back to Rainier Ave. S. by way of S. Bayview St. (Note: The re-route strategy would require more detailed modeling and operational analysis to understand the traffic volumes that would be diverted, effects upon congestion especially at intersections, geometric requirements, and the need to acquire additional rights-of-way (ROW). Both existing and future conditions would need to be studied before any decision can be made about this alternative. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	Seek funds for feasibility study	H	1-3		SDOT		
	SPD to provide input	H	1-3		SPD		P
	Strategy 10.9 Support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area through street design						
	Develop street design cross-sections for Rainier Ave. S that support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area. SDOT will complete a conceptual design for Rainier Ave. S. from the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way intersection to S. Bayview St. which shows a possible new cross-section that includes landscaped median where possible, and other features such as a parking lane. This design would require additional ROW from private landowners. (Note: Before any design alterations could be accomplished, SDOT would have to conduct an operational analysis of any proposed changes. This analysis would include impacts upon levels of congestion, especially at intersections, and transit speed and reliability. Both existing and future conditions may need to be studied. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)						
	Community to give input on conceptual design	H	1-3	comm grps	SDOT		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	H	1-3		SPD		P
	Strategy CL-1.5: Promote arts and culture in North Rainier (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)						
	Promote arts and culture in North Rainier, including: Development of Seattle Arts Commission-School District partnerships to establish 'Artists in Residence' for local schools; Establishment of 'Art and Theater-in-the-Park' programs for locations such as MLK, Jr. Park, Blue Dog Park, Taejon Park, and I-90 Lid Park; Establishment of community-serving arts and culture programs in the African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center.						
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs offers annual funding (Youth Arts Program) and technical assistance specifically to support out-of-school arts training opportunities for middle- and high-school-aged youth. Technical assistance includes networking and skills building for funded programs and individual teaching artists. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.	H	1-10	comm orgs	ARTS		O
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs funds numerous cultural organizations providing direct services to Seattle schools, including artist residencies, teacher training, and educational tours and performances for K-12 classes. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.	H	1-10	comm orgs	ARTS		O
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs has led discussions with the Seattle School District and the community of educators, parents, arts organizations and teaching artists, to promote increased comprehensive arts education opportunities, such as "Artists in Residence," for local schools, particularly in parts of the District that are underserved. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.	M	1-10	Schools	ARTS		O
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs provides technical assistance to artists and arts organizations. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.	M	1-10	comm orgs	ARTS		O
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs implements the Neighborhood Arts Funding Initiative for community festivals and events. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.	M	1-10	comm orgs	ARTS		O
	The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs supports model projects aimed at seeding successful ongoing arts education programs in schools throughout the City. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.		1-10	comm orgs	ARTS		O
	Strategy CL-3.1, 1 of 1: Work with Franklin High School to support a school 'Earth Service Corps' team (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)						
	Work with Franklin High School to support a school 'Earth Service Corps' team.						
	The Earth Service Corps at Franklin High School is still active and is run by the YMCA. SPU contracted with the Y to support their efforts	H		Schools, YMCA	SPU		Done
	Strategy CL-3.1, 2 of 2: Continue Adopt-a-Street and related programs						
	Continue Adopt-a-Street and related programs						
	North Rainier Valley currently has an active A-A-S group.			comm grps	SPU		Done
	Strategy C 3.3: Designate key bicycle streets						
	Key Bicycle Streets. The following streets should be designated as bicycle lanes/paths/routes to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of non-motorized wheeled travelers (i.e., cyclists, rollerbladers) within and through the North Rainier Neighborhood: MLK Jr. Way South Bicycle Lane: South McClellan to South Massachusetts; Mt. Baker-Cheasty Boulevard Lane; South McClellan Street Bicycle Lane: Rainier Avenue South to Mt. Baker Drive South; 31st Avenue South from South McClellan Street to South Jackson Street.						
	Stretch of MLK from S McClellan to S Massachusetts is included in Bike Master Plan	H	1-6		SDOT		
	Bike lanes on 31st Ave S complete				SDOT		Done
	Strategy C-4B.4: Complete sidewalks on MLK Jr Way S between S Massachusetts and S McCellan (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)						
	Build sidewalks along MLK Jr. Way S where there are none between S Massachusetts and S McClellan.						
	Completing this sidewalk is part of SETS. Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H			SDOT		
	Strategy T-2.1, 1 of 1: Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-ride. (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)						
	Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-ride.						
	Cut through traffic to be monitored on a case by case basis	H		comm	SDOT		
	Completed Link Light Rail parking management plans to prevent hide-and-ride (2009)						Done
	Additional projects						
	Rainier Ave S TPCI project (Rainier/MLK intersection), complete in 2011	H			SDOT		U
	Rainier Ave S re-paving project (Alaska to Walden) complete in 2012				SDOT		U

Goals and Policies carried forward from the City's Comprehensive Plan as drawn from the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan dated XXXX							
	NR-G2 amended: Housing in the neighborhood meets community needs for a range of household incomes and unit sizes, and makes a compatible transition from higher-intensity mixed-use and multifamily residential to single family areas.						
	NR-G5: Cheasty Boulevard and Greenbelt has been reclaimed and developed in a manner consistent with the 1909 Olmsted Parks and Boulevards Plan.						
	NR-G6: The transportation and housing needs of residents of North Rainier's community service facilities are met.						
	NR-G7: The neighborhood retains sufficient zoning capacity to facilitate employment growth.						
	NR-G8 amended: A local economic climate in which North Rainier's unique small businesses can remain economically viable and have the opportunity to grow as the Town Center grows.						
	NR-G9: North Rainier Valley's network of parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, and arts and culture programs are functioning and are well utilized.						
	NR-G11 amended: Good connections between the North Rainier Valley, Mount Baker, and the Beacon Hill that encourage use of the Link Light Rail station.						
	NR-G12: Neighborhoods adjacent to Rainier Avenue S and MLK, Jr. Way have effective traffic circulation and have implemented traffic calming strategies/facilities.						

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		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency
	NR-P1 amended: Recognize the “Town Center” as the area where land use and zoning designations facilitate transit-oriented development to promote appropriate development around the light rail station.					
	NR-P2 amended: Seek to promote the highest intensity residential development in the proposed “Town Center.” Encourage the “Town Center”; the focal point of mixed-use commercial and residential development.					
	NR-P2 amended: Encourage additional multifamily mixed-use development, in the following areas: south of the Rainier/ MLK intersection within the urban village, and continue south toward Rainier Valley Square Shopping Center; and in vacant parcels located east to 23rd Avenue S and west to 17th Avenue S around the					
	NR-P3 amended: Seek to maintain single-family zoned areas within the urban village, but allow rezones to Residential Small Lot to encourage cluster housing developments and bungalow courts. Any single-family zoned area within the urban village is appropriate for any of the small lot single-family designations, provided that the area meets other requirements of the land use code rezone evaluation criteria for rezones of single-family land.					
	NR-P4: Seek partnerships with local social service providers, and continue to develop programs such as down payment assistance to develop affordable and attractive home-ownership opportunities in the North Rainier Valley.					
	NR-P5 amended: Use design guidelines within the North Rainier Hub Urban Village so that higher-density development includes well-designed structures that respond to the desired future physical character and existing positive attributes of the surrounding natural environment and the neighborhood.					
	NR-P7: Seek to meet the transit, access, and housing needs of users of North Rainier’s community service facilities.					
	NR-P8: Encourage housing and employment opportunities for people with special needs.					
	NR-P9: Seek to maintain the general commercial zoning that is outside the proposed Town Center, in order to provide a land supply that promotes higher wage manufacturing, distribution, and office and professional employment.					
	NR-P11: Seek ways to enhance North Rainier’s built environment through actions such as neighborhood-wide clean-ups and “adopt-a-street” programs, rehabilitation and reuse of old or historic buildings, and through reclaiming public land for public use (i.e., street ends, planting strips, and City-owned vacant lots and buildings).					
	NR-P12: Seek to promote community improvement projects that can be acted upon through community-based efforts, as well as through public investment.					