Bel-Red Corridor Project

Community Meeting and Workshop

Components of the preliminary preferred alternative

March 20, 2007
Evening’s Agenda

Presentation – 25-30 minutes
• Review Project Schedule and Purpose
• Review Alternatives studied in the DEIS
• Present framework discussed with the steering committee as a means to prepare a preliminary preferred alternative

Small Group Discussions – 60 minutes
• Provide input to the steering committee for their workshop on March 29 - preparing a preliminary preferred alternative
Public Process to Develop Final Preferred Alternative

Bel-Red Corridor Project Timeline
March 2007

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Ongoing: Steering Committee monthly meetings
PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORT
- BUSINESS/PROPERTY OWNERS (focused and structured effort to engage with the full set of Bel-Red area business and property owners)
- NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS (will include speakers bureau available to attend neighborhood association meetings)
- BOARDS & COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

COMMUNITY MEETING Mar 20
BUSINESS/PROPERTY OWNER PANELS (May 16 and June 6)
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. MEETINGS
Summary of the Project

• Develop a long-term vision for the study area - what the area will look like in 2030
  • Council direction
  • Market analysis
  • Steering Committee objectives and deliberation
  • Public input

• Integrate land use and transportation

• Opportunities with light rail
  ▪ Identify a preferred route and station locations

• Identify community amenities to support the vision

• Protect adjacent areas from spillover impacts
Key Elements of Alternatives
No Action Alternative - Existing Plans
1 million sq. ft. commercial/industrial; no new housing units
Alt. 1: Mid-Range Employment and Housing
3.5 million sq. ft. commercial; 3,500 new housing units
Alt. 2: Low Employment/High Housing
2.5 million sq. ft. commercial; 5,000 new housing units
Alt. 3: High Employment/High Housing
4.5 million sq. ft. commercial; 5,000 new housing units
Land Use Components Common to Alternatives
No Action - Existing Plans embedded in all Action Alternatives

No Action – Existing Plans

Alternative 1

Alternative 2

Alternative 3
Nodal Development Pattern

Alternative 1

Alternative 2

Alternative 3
Medical Office Uses Along 116th Ave NE

Alternative 1

Alternative 2

Alternative 3
Mixed Use Retail/Housing Along 156th Ave NE

Alternative 1

Alternative 2

Alternative 3
Stream/Open Space Enhancements

Figure 4-1
Bel-Red Corridor Basins, Streams, Wetlands, and Fish Passage Features
Bel-Red Corridor Draft EIS
Stream/Open Space Enhancements

Pedestrian & Non-Motorized Trail Connections

- Trails within open space and stream corridors
- Interface with new development
- Sidewalks/Bike lanes provide vital connections
Stream/Open Space Enhancements

Urban Placemaking

- Pedestrian-Oriented
- High Density Residential
- Commercial & Mixed-Use
- Interactive – sight, sound, touch
- Transparent designs with stormwater and natural processes
Stream/Open Space Enhancements

Enhance Natural Habitat

- Restore Natural Stream Function:
  - connect streams, floodplains and wetlands
  - culvert replacement for fish passage
  - rip-rap removal
  - stream daylighting
  - bank stabilization to improve fish habitat
- Remove non-native vegetation
- Provide more shade
  - revegetate areas with native vegetation
- Enhance natural fish habitat elements
Parks and Recreation System

- New community parks, neighborhood parks, and mini-parks
- Streams/Open Space Enhancements
- Major recreation facility
Parks and Recreation System
Community Scale

Park system in the Bel-Red Corridor would be integrated with the rest of the Park system to form a larger and connected whole.
Local Parks
Burlington Northern – Santa Fe Trail

Regional North/South Connection
Major Recreation Facility
Land Use Components that Vary Amongst Alternatives
Key Land Use Variables

- Development program
- "Services Core"
- "Light Industrial Sanctuary"
- Low density south side of Bel-Red Road
  - (housing or not)
- Land use west of 148th Avenue
  - (housing or not)
- Urban form/building height
- Transitions between uses
- Civic/Arts district

Alternative 2 (low/high)

Alternative 3 (high/high)
Transportation Components
Transportation Components: No Action – Existing Plans
Transportation Components: Action Alternatives
Transportation Components

- BNSF Trail
  - R-133: Northup Way
    - Add second eastbound lane and provide turn lanes at 124th Avenue NE
  - WR-69: NE 24th Street
    - Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities
    - Provide SR 520 connection to and from the east
  - R-122: 130th Avenue NE
    - Add TWTLT and shared bicycle and vehicle lane
    - Design Report only

- NE 16th Street
  - Neighborhood Protection Examples:
    - Traffic circles
    - Chicanes
    - Speed humps
    - Pavement treatment
    - Forced-turn islands
    - Diverter

- Light Rail
  - NE 10th Street
    - New 3- or 4-lane roadway
  - NE 4th Street or NE 6th Street
    - New 4-lane roadway
Transportation Components

124th/SR 520

Arterial improvements
Other Transportation Components

Intersection Improvements

Sound Transit light rail maintenance facility

Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Neighborhood protection

Surface transit
Framing Elements for Preliminary Preferred Alternative

**Draft Land Use Components**

*DRAFT CONSTANTS*
- Nodal development pattern
- Medical office along 116th Avenue NE
- Mixed-use retail/housing along 156th Avenue NE
- Retail along NE 20th Street/Northup Way
- Stream/open space enhancements (general)
- Parks and recreation system

*DRAFT VARIABLES*
- Development program
- Nodes/LRT station locations
- “Services Core”
- “Light Industrial Sanctuary”
- Low density transition on south side of Bel-Red Rd
- Land use directly west of 148th Avenue
- Urban form/building height
- Stream/open space enhancements (specifics)
- Stormwater strategy (incl. green infrastructure)
- Transitions between uses
- Transitions to adjacent neighborhoods
- Character and urban design
- Major recreation facility
- Civic/Arts district

**Draft Transportation Components**

- NE 16th Street Corridor
- 116th Avenue NE
- 124th Avenue NE intersection at Bel-Red Road
- 120th and 124th Avenues NE improvements
- Connection to SR 520 at 124th Avenue NE
- NE 4th Street extension
- NE 10th Street
- NE 12th Street
- Intersection improvements
- Light rail alignment
- Sound Transit light rail maintenance facility
- Surface Transit (Transitional/Long Term)
- Metro East Base
- Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- BNSF right-of-way change of use/function
- Neighborhood protection
Small Group Discussion Questions

• What land use components would you include (or not) in the preferred alternative – (30-year vision)?
• What transportation components (all modes) would you include (or not) in the preferred alternative?
• What emphasis on stream enhancements/parks and open space?
• What general comments?
Bel-Red Corridor Project

We’ll break now to the small group discussions

Thank you for participating!

For more info:

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bel-red_intro.htm