



Downtown Livability

Focus Group Comment Card

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENTS

Please see accompanying FOCUS GROUP GUIDE and DRAFT LAND USE CODE AUDITS. Comment cards may be dropped off with City staff, mailed, or scanned and emailed to downtownlivability@bellevuewa.gov through July 31. Additional comments are always welcome. If you'd like to be added to the interested parties list, please provide your contact information below. Project web site is located at: www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm.



Name: _____ Email: _____ Affiliation: _____

DESIGN MODULES

Building Height and Form

- 1) Should building heights and their urban form be modified to better achieve the Downtown vision?

- 2) If so, what areas should be analyzed (Core, Mixed-Use District, DT-OLB District, Ashwood, Old Bellevue, Perimeter Areas, others)? And why?

- 3) Should iconic roof features be allowed to exceed building height limits? If so, where should this be analyzed?

- 4) Should differences between residential and non-residential buildings be addressed?

- 5) Should provisions for increased floor plates above certain thresholds be studied? What areas should be analyzed?

Amenity Incentive System

- 1) How should the Amenity Incentive System be updated to meet evolving market conditions and integrate newer thinking about desired Downtown amenities?
- 2) What existing amenities do you think provide a high level of public benefit?
- 3) Are there new items missing that should be analyzed for potential inclusion?
- 4) Should a fee-in-lieu system be considered?

Design Guidelines

- 1) How should design guidelines be refined to improve the livability and character of Downtown?
- 2) As the design guidelines are reviewed, what elements should receive the most attention?
- 3) How can the guidelines ensure quality design, while providing a balance between predictability and flexibility?

Pedestrian Corridor and Public Open Spaces

- 1) How can the Pedestrian Corridor and open spaces make for a more memorable and vibrant Downtown?
- 2) What activities (e.g., farmers market, exercise classes, café seating, food trucks, playground) are appropriate for the Pedestrian Corridor?
- 3) What should be the experience along the Pedestrian Corridor? Which “themes” resonate with you – (a) family, (b) retail, (c) arts/entertainment/dining, (d) green oasis, or (e) other?
- 4) How should public open spaces respond to the City’s changing demographics (age, diversity, etc.)? How should they be designed to be more useable?

Vision for DT-OLB District

- 1) How should the vision for the DT-OLB District be updated to better fit with the rest of Downtown and respond to its proximity to light rail and Wilburton?
- 2) What specific regulations for the DT-OLB District should be addressed during the alternatives analysis? What ideas do you have for change?
- 3) Should the DT-OLB District be rezoned to be consistent with other Downtown districts? Which designation(s) seems most appropriate to analyze?

CONNECTIVITY MODULES

Light Rail Interface/Station Area Planning

- 1) How can the City best capitalize on the East Link light rail investment in Downtown?
- 2) What specific new Code provisions or modifications are needed?
- 3) What access improvements will be needed to make the Downtown station most usable?

Downtown Parking

- 1) Should Downtown parking standards be modified to meet the evolving needs of the city center?
- 2) How should parking be examined in the context of economic vitality and competitiveness?
- 3) What specific ideas do you have for changes in commuter parking, retail, residential, and on-street parking provisions?

OTHER MODULES

Mechanical Equipment Screening

How should Code provisions respond to changed residential environment and requirements of new technologies?

Vacant Sites and Buildings

Should Code ensure that vacant sites and buildings do not degrade the urban environment?

Recycling and Solid Waste

How should Code address the evolving space and equipment needs of solid waste and recycling?

Vendor Carts/Mobile Food Trucks

What criteria are appropriate to manage effects of vendor carts on street vitality, livability, and economic factors?

Permitted Uses

Should size limitations or processes governing certain permitted uses be relaxed?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS