



B-28 South Lake Union

neighborhood character goals

- SLU-G1** A vital and eclectic neighborhood where people both live and work, where use of transit, walking and bicycling is encouraged, and where there are a range of housing choices, diverse businesses, arts, a lively and inviting street life and amenities to support and attract residents, employees and visitors.
- SLU-G2** A neighborhood that recognizes its history as a maritime and industrial community and embraces its future as a growing urban center that provides for a wide range of uses.
- SLU-G3** A neighborhood that serves as a regional center for innovative organizations and that supports a diverse and vibrant job base.
- SLU-G4** A neighborhood where arts and culture thrive, with attractions for citywide audiences and a broad range of arts and cultural organizations.
- SLU-G5** A neighborhood that supports this and future generations by providing community-based historical, cultural, artistic and scientific learning and enrichment activities for children, residents, employees and visitors.

neighborhood plans: South Lake Union

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neighborhood character policies

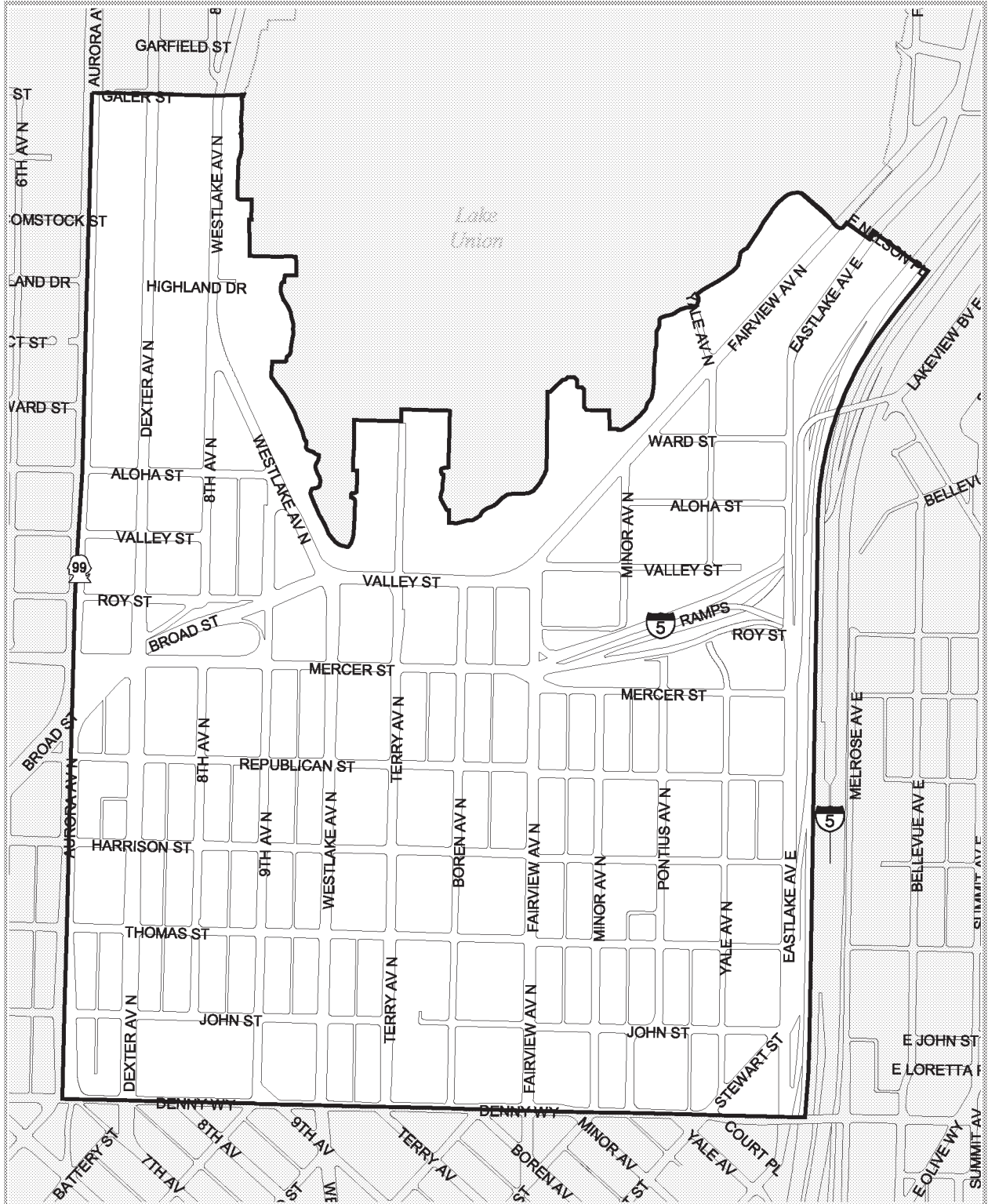
- SLU-P1** Encourage the co-location of retail, community, arts and other pedestrian-oriented activities in key pedestrian nodes and corridors.
- SLU-P2** Promote diversity of building styles and support the diverse characters of neighborhood sub-areas.
- SLU-P3** Encourage public and private developers to consider existing neighborhood character when designing projects adjacent to parks and historical sites.

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- SLU-P4** Work with the community to develop strategies to make the neighborhood safe for all community members.
- SLU-P5** Encourage designs of public spaces and private buildings that can accommodate the needs of people across a range of ages and abilities, allowing residents to age in place.
- SLU-P6** Establish incentives to encourage preservation, reuse and rehabilitation of historically significant structures in the neighborhood; explore incentives to encourage the adaptive reuse of other older buildings in the neighborhood that provide a visual reminder of the past and promote diversity of character and building types.
- SLU-P7** Support existing organizations that provide for an eclectic and livable community, including arts and culture, human services, maritime and educational organizations.
- SLU-P8** Seek to maintain a diversity of uses in the neighborhood, including maritime, industrial and downtown-core service businesses traditionally occupying the neighborhood.
- SLU-P9** Support the growth of innovative industries in South Lake Union including biotechnology, information technology, environmental sciences and technology, and sustainable building.
- SLU-P10** Foster a collaborative and creative community through interaction among community members and different types of organizations in the community, including those engaged in arts and culture, human services and education, as well as neighborhood businesses and organizations.
- SLU-P11** Encourage characteristics that favor a sustainable arts and cultural presence, including affordable and adaptable venues for making, performing and displaying art that meet the diverse needs of artists and arts organizations.



SOUTH LAKE UNION Hub Urban Village



0 500 1000 Feet

— VILLAGE BOUNDARY
--- EDGE OF PAVEMENT



- SLU-P12** Provide for a livable community by encouraging artistic activities that create a positive street presence.
- SLU-P13** Seek to incorporate the arts into the design of public projects and the use of public spaces.
- SLU-P14** In order to support neighborhood families, encourage existing and new schools and childcare facilities in South Lake Union and adjacent neighborhoods.
- SLU-P15** Recognize the heritage of the neighborhood and the rich diversity of neighborhood businesses and organizations as opportunities for learning.
- SLU-P16** Encourage the development of higher education, apprenticeship and internship opportunities and adult learning offerings that build on the innovative climate of the community.

transportation goals

- SLU-G6** A livable, walkable community that is well served by transit and easy to get around by foot, bike or transit.
- SLU-G7** A transportation system that provides safe, convenient access to businesses, residences, and other activities in the neighborhood.
- SLU-G8** A well-connected neighborhood with bicycle, pedestrian, waterborne and vehicular access to adjacent neighborhoods.
- SLU-G9** A neighborhood with principal arterials that move people and freight efficiently through the neighborhood, support local access, and provide circulation for all modes.

transportation policies

- SLU-P17** Work with transit agencies to provide transit service to and through South Lake Union to meet growing demand and changing markets.

- SLU-P18** Promote a system of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections linking key activity areas and destinations, such as open spaces, schools and arts facilities.
- SLU-P19** Collaborate with businesses, developers, housing providers and transit providers to reduce demand for automobile trips by making transit and other alternative modes attractive choices for residents and commuters.
- SLU-P20** Develop flexible off-street parking requirements that provide parking adequate to a building's occupants and encourage the use of transit, walking, bicycling and other non-automotive modes.
- SLU-P21** Encourage the efficient use of on-street parking for neighborhood businesses, residents and attractions through innovative parking management and pricing strategies.
- SLU-P22** Explore transportation improvements to link South Lake Union with its surrounding neighborhoods.
- SLU-P23** Seek to provide improved access to and connections across Aurora Avenue North that result in a more integrated and efficient transportation system for multiple transportation modes.
- SLU-P24** Create a street network that enhances local circulation and access for all modes of travel by balancing the need to move people and freight efficiently through the neighborhood with the need for increased accessibility and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- SLU-P25** Encourage improvements to Mercer and Valley Streets that support development of South Lake Union Park, improve neighborhood circulation for all modes, and move people and freight efficiently through this corridor.



parks & open space goal

SLU-G10 Parks and open spaces provide an obvious and inviting purpose, accessible to and meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse neighborhood as it grows and changes.

parks & open space policies

- SLU-P26** Support South Lake Union Park as a local and regional waterfront attraction that celebrates the area's natural history and maritime heritage.
- SLU-P27** Support Cascade Playground and related facilities as a community resource and model for sustainable parks development.
- SLU-P28** Support Denny Park's historic character while identifying opportunities to encourage more use of the park.
- SLU-P29** Consider a variety of tools, including regulatory measures and joint projects with public agencies and private organizations to support existing park and open space projects and to provide for new open spaces to support the growth of the neighborhood.
- SLU-P30** Encourage the acquisition and development of public or private spaces that provide for active play and recreation.
- SLU-P31** Use visual and physical connections between open spaces, adjacent streets and surrounding activities to stimulate positive social interactions.
- SLU-P32** Identify opportunities for alternatives to traditional open spaces, including green streets and recognition and use of Lake Union as recreation and open space.

housing goals

- SLU-G11** A wide range of housing types is integrated into the community, accommodating households that are diverse in their composition and income.
- SLU-G12** Housing in South Lake Union is affordable for and attractive to workers in South Lake Union, to enable people to live near their jobs.

housing policies

- SLU-P33** Provide incentives to encourage housing for people across a range of incomes in a variety of housing types, particularly in mixed-income buildings.
- SLU-P34** Encourage affordable housing units throughout the community through new construction and preservation of existing buildings.
- SLU-P35** Encourage both rental and ownership housing.
- SLU-P36** Promote housing, amenities, and services, including schools and childcare, community center, library programs and other public services that promote a healthy community and that will attract more families to move into the South Lake Union neighborhood.
- SLU-P37** Encourage employers to develop and participate in strategies that allow employees to live near their work.
- SLU-P38** Allow housing and businesses throughout South Lake Union to provide opportunities for people to work and live in the neighborhood.



SLU-P39 Identify locations within South Lake Union where housing could be particularly concentrated to create viable urban residential communities.

SLU-P40 Promote the development of live-work housing, especially when designed to meet the special needs of groups like artists and their families.

sustainability goal

SLU-G13 A neighborhood that acts as a model for sustainable redevelopment.

sustainability policies

SLU-P41 Encourage low-impact development and activities that can control consumption of resources, improve public health and safety, and provide for multiple environmental benefits.

SLU-P42 Encourage careful stewardship of water quality in Lake Union, including strategies to improve the quality of water flowing into the lake.

SLU-P43 Provide for a stable and reliable supply of electrical power to South Lake Union, which has facilities with unique load and service requirements, such as high-technology and biotechnology research laboratories.

SLU-P44 Explore new sources of energy for heating and cooling, renewable energy, distributed co-generation, and energy conservation, at the building, block and neighborhood level.

SLU-P45 Encourage building designs that allow for public view corridors through the neighborhood to Lake Union and the Space Needle and natural light at street level.

SLU-P46 Seek to increase tree coverage, reintroduce native plant species into the neighborhood and provide for additional wildlife habitat appropriate to the urban environment.