Urban Design Advisory Group
Introduction & Overview
February 2014
Lake City & the North Neighborhoods
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the North
Neighborhoods

- hub urban village
- other urban design review areas

Community reporting areas
- Olympic Hills
- Victory Heights
- Cedar Park
- Meadowbrook

North District Planning Area
Components

✓ Commercial Revitalization Plan
✓ Urban Design Framework
✓ Multi-Model Corridor Study
People & Groups
(tentative)

Leadership Group
Steering Committee

- Health and Human Services
- Economic Development & Urban Design
- Parks & Programming
- Safe Walkable Streets & Transportation
Roles (tentative)

• Leadership Group
• Steering Committee
• Co-Chairs
• Facilitator

• Working Groups
  • Safe, Walkable Streets; Efficient Transportation
  • Parks and Programming
  • Health and Human Services
  • Economic Development and Urban Design
Urban Design Framework.

• Framework guiding future development

• Strong Partnerships

• Policy Changes
  • Comp Plan Updates
  • Zoning
  • Design Concepts
Ground Rules

- Everyone’s Voice
- Take Turns
- Listen & Respect
- Keep things Moving
- Positive Solutions
- Facilitation
- Be on Time
- Catch up quietly if you’re Late
- Respect the Process
- Professionalism
Responsibilities

- Attend Meetings
- Positive Communication
- Assist in Outreach & Implementation
- Play Appropriate Role
- Leverage Resources
- Participate
- Advocate
- Bring Knowledge
- Collaboration
Participating Agencies

- City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development
- City of Seattle Department of Transportation
- City of Seattle Office of Economic Development
- Lake City Neighborhood Alliance
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Population has increased from about 23,000 to just over 27,000 (17%)
Employment within the urban village has increased after recent recessions.

Covered Employment

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Employment</th>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>1,688</td>
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<td>1,831</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>1,600</td>
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Employment by Sector

- Services: 68%
- Finance/Insurance/Real Estate: 12%
- Retail: 9%
- Wholesale/Trade/Utilities: 9%
- Government: 2%
The urban village is more diverse than the CRAs or the city as a whole.

Lake City: 3,899
- Asian: 13%
- Black/African American: 20%
- Hispanic/Latino (of any race): 12%
- Two or more races: 6%
- White: 50%

Little Brook: 2,726
- Asian: 18%
- Black/African American: 41%
- Hispanic/Latino (of any race): 12%
- Two or more races: 6%
- White: 23%

Olympic Hills/Victory Heights: 14,587
- Asian: 8%
- Black/African American: 16%
- Hispanic/Latino (of any race): 7%
- Two or more races: 5%
- White: 64%

Cedar Park/Meadowbrook: 12,798
- Asian: 13%
- Black/African American: 9%
- Hispanic/Latino (of any race): 13%
- Two or more races: 8%
- White: 65%
Adults within the urban village are relatively young

Dashed line shows all hub urban villages.
People are more likely to drive to work alone than in the city as a whole.
Household income varies among the community reporting areas

- **Olympic Hills/Victory Heights**: $59,400
- **Cedar Park/Meadowbrook**: $67,100
- **Seattle**: $61,900

Bar chart showing the distribution of household income across different income brackets.
More renters live in the urban village but more owners live in the combined CRAs.
The City funds a small portion affordable housing in the urban village

Lake City & Seattle as a whole

- COS-funded units
- All other housing units

**Notes**

The Development Siting Policy, which is part of the City’s Consolidated Plan that is adopted by City Council, states that the Office of Housing (OH) will not fund a project if it would result in the total number of subsidized units serving Extremely Low-income (ELI) households (below 30% area median income) exceeding 20% of the total housing units in the Census Block Group, unless alternative conditions are met as determined by the OH Director. The Downtown, Uptown and South Lake Union Urban Centers and the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Area are exempt from the siting policy.

*Units in existing and permitted buildings as of the end of 2012, provided by the Department of Planning and Development.

**Extremely Low-income (ELI) units includes housing funded by the City of Seattle Office of Housing, Washington State’s Housing Finance Commission, HUD and Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) through 2012. Data for tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) administered by the SHA is not included.

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**Census Block Groups With Over 20% ELI Units**

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<th>Total Units</th>
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<td>100.3</td>
<td>826</td>
<td>250</td>
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**Percentage of ELI Housing**

- 0-5%
- 5-10%
- 10-15%
- 15%-20%
- over 20%

**ELI Units by Project**

- 1-10
- 11-50
- 51-100
- 100+
There are more children and more single mothers than in the city as a whole.

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<td>Average household size</td>
<td>1.78</td>
<td>2.16</td>
<td>2.19</td>
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<td>Households that are single mothers</td>
<td>9.0%</td>
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<td>People under 18</td>
<td>15.0%</td>
<td>21.9%</td>
<td>24.0%</td>
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Existing zoning in the North District

- Neighborhood Commercial
- Commercial
- Lowrise (multifamily)
- Single Family
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Pedestrian Master Plan
High priority areas
Frequent Transit Network

The Frequent Transit Network (FTN) guides service priorities in Seattle. Service in Seattle is largely funded and operated by King County Metro Transit and Sound Transit. The Seattle Department of Transportation is responsible for simplification of downtown transit pathways. Direct: stop consolidation on Metro routes operating in Seattle, and Guides how signals are achieved. These partnerships will support successful inter-modal connections—and carry the most travelers—between key hubs.

Effective partnerships with Metro and Sound Transit must be in place at the staff and executive level to ensure these objectives are achieved. These partnerships will support successful inter-modal connections—and carry the most travelers—between key hubs.

The following service principles were used to guide transit investment, and restructuring.

- Direct:
- Simple:
- Intersection and Signal Management:
- Mobility Corridor Development:
- Design for transparency and ease of use
- Recommended Future FTN Service Levels
  - Priority Upgrade to Frequent Service
  - Future FTN Candidate

*Assumes planned and funded improvements (e.g., RapidRide) are in place.

Recommended Future FTN Service Levels

- Very frequent
- Frequent
- Need Upgrade

2012 Service Levels

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Two North Link light rail alignments being considered.
Opportunity Map: King County

This map displays the spatial distribution of opportunity in King County, based on education, economic/mobility, and housing/neighborhood indicators, at the census tract level.

Source: KCGIS, Washington State Report Card, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, National Center for Education Statistics, Census 2000, U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, King County Sheriff’s Office, Seattle Police Department, municipal crime statistics, King County Department of Assessments, HUD, EPA, ESRI.
Opportunity Map: Central Puget Sound

Opportunity Index
- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High