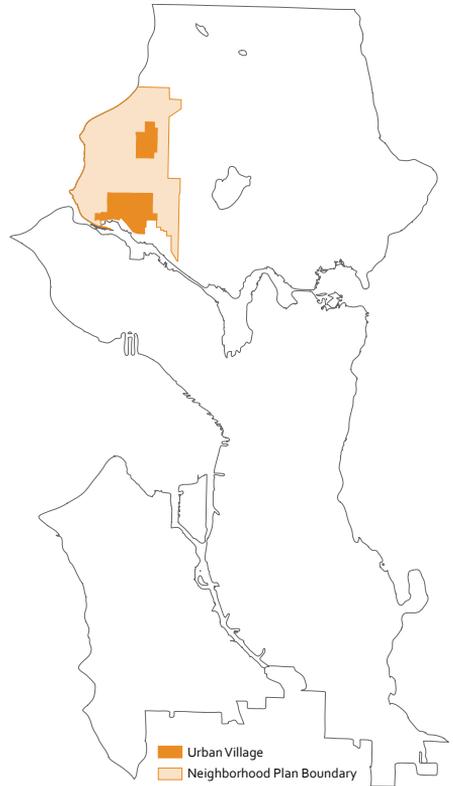


# CROWN HILL BALLARD

## Who did we hear from?

901 people from Crown Hill/Ballard participated in the online questionnaire compared to attendance at the neighborhood discussion that ranged from 19-22. Many of the in-person participants had worked on the original neighborhood planning effort and a majority of these people meet regularly as the Ballard Plan Update Committee. In general, both the in-person and online respondents seemed very well informed and well organized.



## What did we hear?

- People are generally pleased with the amenities that come from new development (i.e., libraries, parks, open spaces, new businesses, etc.) but are equally concerned that about increased traffic and public safety issues.
- People in Ballard are poised and energetic to engage in a community-wide discussion of their neighborhood plan, with an emphasis on transportation, affordability and public safety-related land use issues.

## What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Within the both the in-person and online responses there is relatively high consistency of responses: Most people believe that Ballard's downtown core redevelopment successfully achieved many of the goals and policies in the neighborhood plan while Crown Hill has been largely left behind. While many people laude the private development and public amenities recently created in Ballard, they remain concerned about public-safety, affordability and access issues. Ballard residents are likewise concerned about affordability, the scope, scale and number of new

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residential developments, many of which are condominiums, and lack of appropriate transportation alternatives. In Crown Hill, people want basic public amenities, including sidewalks and better transportation opportunities, as the starting point. Both areas expressed desire for bus rapid transit as a means to better connect and move people to and from their neighborhoods.



The changes or aspects of the neighborhood people are most pleased about are, in descending order: public facilities; the business district; parks and open spaces; housing; transportation; safety; and buildings (new and existing). Residents overwhelmingly expressed appreciation for the new library, new public open spaces, Ballard's walkability and the vibrancy of its business district, including the Sunday Market. Many residents remained concerned about public safety and affordability, with many families with young children and others moving out of Ballard to Crown Hill to "stay in the neighborhood."

The changes or aspects of the neighborhood people are most dissatisfied about are, in descending order: transportation; safety; buildings (new and existing); housing; "other"; business district; parks; and public facilities. Within the online responses, many people expressed concern about perceived increases in homeless population, people living in cars, increased competition for on-street parking and public safety issues.

## What are the differences between the responses?

There is a relatively high degree of consistency between the in-person and online responses, with most people stating they are pleased with how much has been accomplished under Ballard's neighborhood plan, that a revision to the plan's goals and policies should be undertaken to update the focus on remaining and emergent issues (i.e., transportation, etc.) and that Crown Hill requires more attention (both from a planning and development perspective) and amenities.

*In their own words...*

### How has your neighborhood changed?

*I really like the influx of new businesses to Ballard. I think that Ballard has one of the best business districts in Seattle! There's a great selection of stores, restaurants, and bars.*

*Nothing has changed in Crown Hill. Still no sidewalks. Unacceptable.*

*Public transit has not kept up with the growth plan and the new condos being built will greatly overwhelm what is here. RapidRide will help, but is not here yet and seems to have its funding in doubt.*