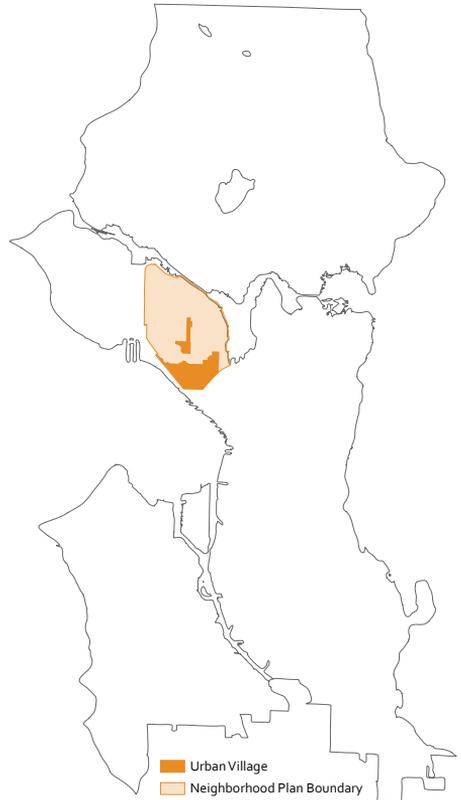


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Who did we hear from?

The online questionnaire included comments from 159 respondents while approximately 13-14 people attended the neighborhood discussion. Online respondents included a range of people who were relative new comers to the neighborhood to those who had lived there for more than a decade. More than half of the people at the neighborhood discussion were representatives from the Queen Anne Community Council and Uptown Alliance. Several attendees also worked on the Queen Anne Plan adopted in 1999. A small proportion of online respondents worked, attended school or owned businesses in the neighborhood.



What did we hear?

- Overall, many issues were both liked and disliked, depending on the location and personal preferences. This speaks to both the diversity and the size of the neighborhood with its many issues, districts and income levels. This is evident on transportation service, density/growth and parks issues.
- So much change has occurred in the last year that the neighborhood plan should be revisited as soon as possible. Queen Anne/ Uptown should be on the highest city priority list. Also the entire neighborhood, not just the urban center and urban village areas should be comprehensively studied as a whole.
- A growing perception about loss of personal safety is occurring in Uptown with more crime and homelessness.
- Vibrancy, livability and walkability has improved as a result of private business investment and new development.
- Public sector investment has been lacking (library, community center, parks and other infrastructure).
- Traffic inconveniences and parking availability has suffered with growth and major projects. Taming traffic for safer pedestrian and biking conditions while maintaining needed mobility is a key goal moving forward.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

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

- Increased density via multifamily, multi-story condos, townhouses, and commercial building development has had both a positive and a negative impact on the neighborhood. More residents, new retail and amenities have resulted in more vibrancy. Adversely we are seeing increased traffic, loss of smaller businesses, and a sense of a loss of established neighborhood character.
- While the addition of Counterbalance Park is a welcome addition, public amenities, such as parks for both recreation, dogs, kids and general green/civic open space, as well as, the lack of a services such as a library and community center in Uptown is not keeping up with the new growth.
- More neighborhood groups are forming and more civic participation and energy is evident in existing organizations.
- More local and more frequent transportation service is desired. Streetcar service is welcomed as is the long awaited Thomas Street pedestrian overpass to Myrtle Edwards Park.
- An overwhelming amount of change is happening in the area with more on the way (Gates Foundation, losing the Sonics, SR 99/Two-Way Mercer and other private development) that an updated plan is urgently needed.



What are the differences between the responses?

- More young people and families with children are moving to the neighborhood.
- Crime and homelessness has increased, especially in Uptown, resulting in a loss of personal safety, unkempt streets, graffiti and vandalism. Losing the Sonics has resulted in deterioration of commercial properties.
- The area lacks affordable housing for both low income and the average workforce households.

In their own words...

How has your neighborhood changed?

The predicted land use changes have taken place. The increased/improved mass transit has NOT occurred! The Uptown Alliance was formed by the QANP members from Uptown.

Improvements to the streetscape, investment in the retail core area, and ownership of the plan/neighborhood by the community....pride of community

more traffic, more congestion, housing prices have gone up.