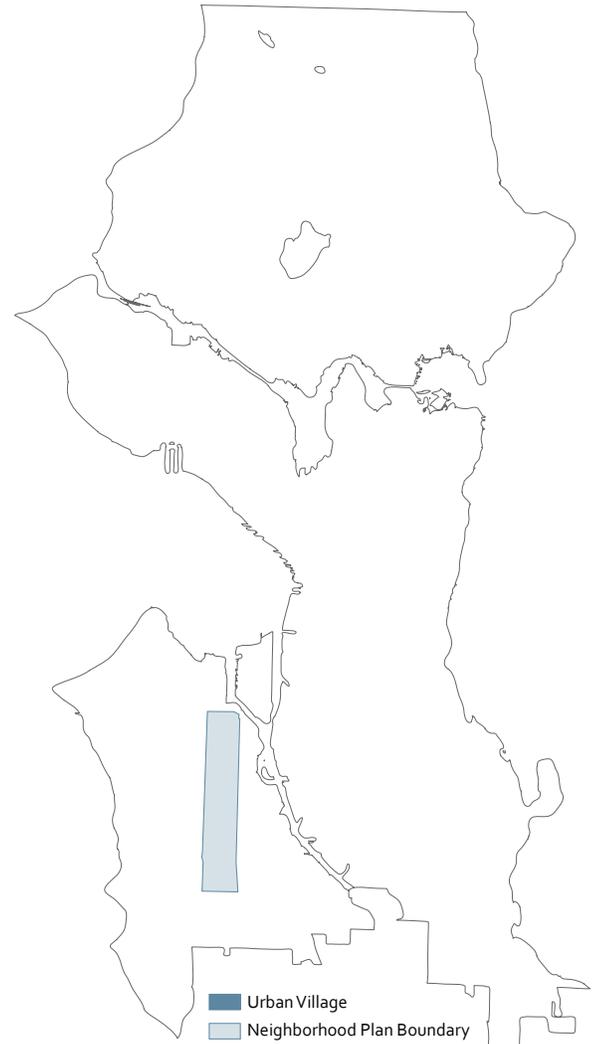
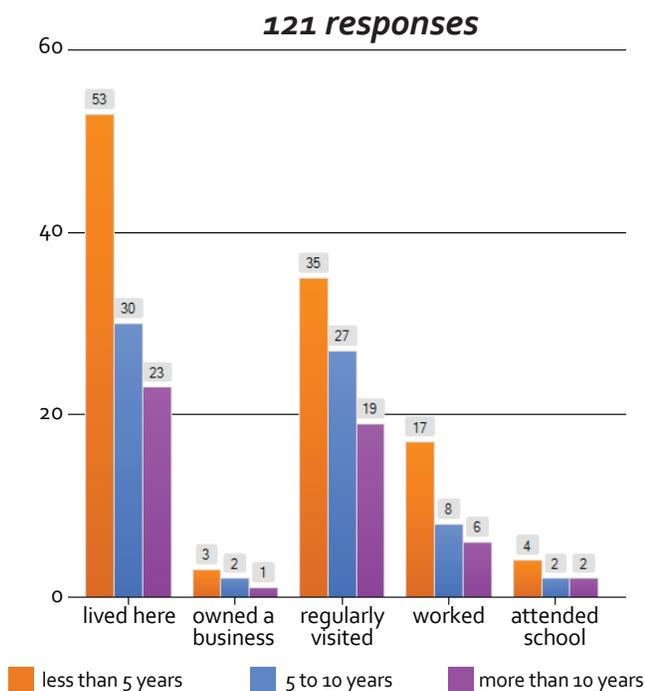


# Status Check

## Transcript of Delridge Questionnaire Responses

The Delridge Neighborhood Plan was adopted in 1999. The map shows the neighborhood plan boundaries.

In 2009, the City began preparing Status Reports for 24 neighborhood plans. This document contains the responses to an on-line questionnaire that asked the questions listed below. The chart shows the number of people who responded.



*Question 1: How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted (or since you've been there)?*

*Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you...  
most pleased about?  
most dissatisfied about?*

*Question 3: Please describe how well your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies are being achieved.  
Are they still the priorities?*

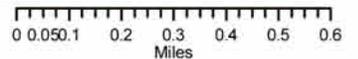
*Question 4: The Status Reports should focus more on...  
they should focus less on...  
Are there important gaps in the Status Reports?*

**PLEASE NOTE: statistical sampling was not used for the on-line questionnaire; responses do not necessarily represent the community as a whole.**

# DELRIDGE AERIAL MAP



- Urban Village
- Neighborhood Plan Area
- Aerial Photo: 2007



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## Question 1: How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted (or since you've been there)?

The new library and Longfellow Creek trails are wonderful. Greg Davis and Cottage Grove parks are great improvements. There is a lot more community cooperation and interaction, thanks in large part to the work of DNDA and the neighborhood councils.

it seems to have gotten nicer, though Delridge itself is still sort of junk-y looking. Would still like to see more commercial development, especially on the highland park side of things.

The neighborhood as brought in a young professional community with affordable housing and near proximity to downtown Seattle. With this growth in population, a number of reputable business have been increasing.

The Delridge corridor around the Cooper School area has improved, and the area immediate to the Southwest Precinct Police Station. However, roads in this area have been neglected, the area around Sanislo Elementary is still a traffic and road condition nightmare, and speeding has been increasing steadily.

Delridge Library, new townhome construction, work on Longfellow Creek trail

We've only lived in this neighborhood for less than 3 years - I'd say there are changes, definitely. However, safety is the number one issue on Delridge

The number of trails has increased, and the North Delridge Neighborhood Assn. has produced some good sustainable development.

More parks, less crime, lots more townhouses.

The areas are too congested now and they are tearing down too many old structures and too many condos!!

More townhouses and neighborhood has cleaned up from it.

The Youngtown Center has been created, the new library is open, they've created more affordable housing, a new play structure was put in at Delridge Park and they are working on getting affordable fresh produce to people through the Delridge Mobile Produce Co-op. Foodservices of America moved out of the building at Delridge and Andover and they've worked to deal with the abandoned houses along Delridge.

Since I've been in the neighborhood there has been significant multi-family / multi-unit housing constructed. However, older buildings remain vacant.

The transportation is working well. Metro does a good job with the timing of the bus. The mixed use building seems to work and create more activity. Delridge needs more retail stores/ A business complex. The nature areas get a lot of attention and are very well maintained.

New Delridge Produce Coop

We moved to the neighborhood while changes were taking place. All of these changes have been great-further making positive changes themselves. For example, the Cooper school has community events and is a base for local environmental groups that help clean up & restore the Longfellow Creek & Duwamish trails. The Longfellow Creek Trails are wonderful and give neighbors a place to walk while protecting the watershed (by not developing the area immediately around it).

Residential density has increased along Delridge Way. Amenities such as the library, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, and community center provide much-needed services. I worry that there is an increase in gentrification, that much of the diversity that I value in the neighborhood may be decreasing. Walkability is still a major issue. Lack of a grocery store is still a major issue. The "neighborhood nodes" are not successful because it doesn't seem to make financial sense for developers. Townhomes are going up in less densely zoned areas, but we are getting very few pedestrian-friendly commercial spaces with housing above.

We have overbuilt on condos that are not filled. We have way too much traffic and not enough parking. We have drug dealers galore and a new homeless population, that are sometimes overly aggressive and inappropriate in public. (i.e. screaming at people with children, urinating in public, etc.)

Not much at all.

MORE CRACKHEADS

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

More owner occupied new townhomes on Delridge Way has brought us a better balance of owner/to low-income/ renter status. This brought more pride and stability into the neighborhood and less turn-over and transition. With these housing balance improvements we now have a successful cafe/coffee shop located in a building that was boarded up for 20+years.

The library is finished; some sidewalks (to not enough) have been poured; the new apartments by Fred Meyer seem to acknowledge the natural water dynamics of the bog; Greenwood Park is open and utilized; there seems to be some effort toward making the Interurban trail (Powerline right-of-way) into a decent trail.

There has been much multi family housing construction along the Delridge corridor. I do not see any place where fresh food can be purchased. To do so requires travel. I am grateful the Library and "City" office is there for utility paying, voting, and access to a representative from the City. Youngstown Cultural Arts Center is a vibrant addition. I see human service organizations (SWYFS and Sea. Parks and Recreation) as foundation for crucial services that serve the population most represented in the corridor.

This neighborhood has seen MASSIVE development of town houses over the past 4 years. This development has seen the demolition of many run down and "problem" houses that became hang outs for druggies and transients. As I type, a major negative neighborhood influence is packing up and moving out - Stoyen Tanev former owner of Delirdge Vacume and TV has finally been evicted and his junk show of a property is being cleaned up. Through volunteer labor the trails and green space along Longfellow Creek have been restored and are being maintained to support broader use by residents. Through the Pro-Parks Levy and local activism, we have seen a number of parks and playgrounds improved - most notably Greg Davis Park & P-Patch and the Delridge Community Center playground. Funds have been secured and community engagements have occurred as Delridge prepares for a skateboard park that will be built on the corner of Delridge and Genesse. The Youngstown Cultural Arts Center has also risen as a community asset from the old Cooper School building. The Delridge neighborhood has seen a few new local business emerge in he last two years. Olympic Pizza, Bubbles coffee shop and Delridge Auto are providing more service options in the neighborhood.

I see more development of multi-family housing along the Delridge corridor.

I've only lived here full time for a few months. I haven't noticed many changes beyond the slow opening and closing of businesses and the fixing up and tearing down of houses.

Longfellow Creek trail was installed, many new restoration sites are under stewardship by volunteers. New housing along Delridge, lots of town houses. Cultural Arts Center completed, library and low income housing completions.

I was hired to open the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center. Since we opened, there has been a great push of economic development activity, but it has also cost us much of our diversity. I think Delridge is a model for for community leadership and grassroots change.

I've seen a surge of volunteerism in bettering our community. A new playground was just installed at the Delridge Comm. Center, work parties take place every Saturday to restore Longfellow Creek, and the Food Initiative group is working hard to have increased access to healthful foods in the Delridge Community.

Some really great development (High Point), and some really bad development (see Delridge Way). DNDA has accomplished great things in the neighborhood, and neighborhood services provided by the city have improved dramatically.

There has been significant improvement with new buildings and services, library and some parks improvements. The traffic is as busy as ever; look is much cleaner with fewer run-down buildings.

More local businesses to patronize. More housing along Delridge. More community-oriented buildings (library, DNDA buildings, etc.)

More (and better) community spaces - new library, enhancements to parks, wading pools, and community centers

much growth and housing development

The neighborhood is clean and I am no longer fearful of driving in the area. THE new housing projects make it a better place to work and live in.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Just moved here four months ago, but my impression of the neighborhood has become much more positive over the past ten years. There has been a lot of new development such as the library, and it seems more diverse economically and less scary.

New library has been the best improvement. Youngstown Center is most visible, but I don't believe it delivers enough to the neighborhood. It needs to offer more broadly appealing opportunities/services or if it already is doing so, needs to figure out a better way to announce/market them.

Delridge is one of the most exciting and thriving neighborhoods in Seattle. Since I've been here (2001) I've seen the rebuilding/protection of Longellow Creek, and the construction of the Delridge Library and community services, the Cooper School/Condo complex, and the New Holly projects. We have made great use of Pro Parks Levy funds to create even more open space than we already have, and we successfully applied for a grant from SDOT to have speed bumps put on our street. We have the fantastic Delridge Neighborhood Asso. to lobby on our behalf, and very active Blockwatches and Neighborhood councils. I can't think of a more progressive or better place to live in Seattle.

Delridge Community Center is serving the community well Cooper School has become a residential and community center South Seattle Community College has expanded in many ways We have a Police precinct that can respond to emergencies much more efficiently The bus routes have been adjusted to meet the needs of the community

West crest park is being developed. SW Community Center and Delridge CC have been up graded I would say very well

Crime definitely has decreased. There's more friendly people. Lots of social groups that didn't exist before.

I have seen a lot of new townhouses/development in general spring up in the past 2 years that I have lived here.

Tremendous growth in townhomes. Makes the neighborhood feel cleaner and newer!

Seattle West Precinct

More high density condo's.

The real estate market has improved, with much new construction. New community facilities have been built. Median family income has increased.

The Delridge neighborhood has become a much better place for families. There are better resources, nicer recreational areas and places for kids to go to showcase their artistic abilities.

Impressive! what a change in how it looks compared to 10 years ago and it's a good feeling for the community, empowering the people who live and work here. At the same time welcoming new visitors each and every day to join Delridge in building their lives here. Proud to be a part of the Delridge neighborhood!

Delridge was one of the last low income neighborhoods to start to gentrify. A number of community driven efforts have started to address this potential change

Library - great addition! More townhomes, better bus service.

Yes, please continue the good work and would love to see more business on Delridge Way.

The neighborhood has experienced great growth. Good thing is that most goals have been met as a result. Bad part is that development has generally stopped. More investment needs to be made to clean up abandoned buildings and local businesses.

I just moved to Delridge the library and parks seem to be clean and very improved hope to see more improvement in the future.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Trails are great! Longfellow and West Duwamish Greenbelt trails are no longer garbage dumps, but useable and beautiful. There are more bicyclists in neighborhood now (sharrows, etc.) and I notice much less obvious daytime crime at Riverview playfield (we are almost in Delridge, almost in Highland Park, officially in neither). The presence of SW precinct (and the nice building itself) and, surprisingly, even Home Depot have greatly improved the Delridge/Morgan corner over Kmart and the Dollar store. The Delridge Library is quite nice and some of the townhomes in the corridor look good, but I am dumbfounded by the intended amount of density plus lack of ANY grocery store in the neighborhood; the first one after the West Seattle Bridge down the corridor is QFC 3 1/2 miles South. All the pedestrian focus is great, but not if we can only walk to gas stations. Two successful businesses at the Holden/16th corner have improved that area (Zippy's and Java Hut) and increased community presence.

Very little change

Delridge has 'cleaned' up considerably. The Infrastructure is getting better also.

Wayyyyyy too many townhomes have been built along Delridge Way - I fear this increase in density is going to make traffic a problem with Delridge only one lane in each direction. Also, when school is in session, the traffic around what is currently the temporary home of Sealth High School (formerly Cleveland, Madison, West Seattle) is almost impossible to navigate

More owner occupied homes, street improvements, longfellow creek trail, greg davis park,

More development, more community involvement...High Point!

Yes

Yes, home prices have gone up significantly and it is not as "safe" as they said it was in 2000. Also, there is no Kmart.

The neighborhood has changed from mostly rented homes to mostly townhouses.

Yes, folks are more against density planning. We want our REAL neighborhoods back.

Yes, lots! Greater density, overall gentrification, and some amazing improvement, notably the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center.

Lots of improvements to parks and walking trails. I love that, the work parties bring community together, and walking in the parks I enjoy "Delridge Days" though I don't know how long that has been going on. The new library and police station have been completed.

1) The Delridge neighborhood is seeing more and more people moving in as townhomes, apartments and condominiums are built. The neighborhood appears to be gentrifying. 2) The Delridge Branch library is seeing increased use, and has become a hub of the neighborhood. 3) A new playground was built at the Delridge Community Center via a grant with KaBoom!

The density that was promised with the Urban Village has arrived, making the fight over the skate board park in 2004 a farce - that green space at Ballard Commons was promised to off set the density and is much needed.

We have a new playground at the Delridge Playfield!

It appears that the neighborhood has improved and that some of the plans have been implemented. I moved into the neighborhood only three years ago. The only improvement I have seen was a recent new playground built at the Delridge Community Center.

The local playground has improved tremendously. We have also enjoyed a new restaurant moving into the neighborhood.

Not much lately, given the economy. But we only blame the economy!

Since I moved in I've seen crime rise in terms of graffiti, car break-ins, etc. There is also an abundance of unoccupied homes that should be condemned/removed. In good news, a new playground went in at Andover/Genessee, but that isn't much use if you don't have children.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

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There has been a substantial increase in the number of housing units in the neighborhood, but not in the amenities. For instance, we don't have a post office substation or a place where one can buy stamps. We do not have a food store within a reasonable bus ride or car trip. Transportation to and from the Alaska Junction does not exist for people who cannot climb the hill to SW Avalon or to under SW Spokane St. We do have a terrific library!

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I feel that initiatives were taken in the past to address issues such as crime, blight and lack of community identity and that some progress has been made. However, it seems that these initiatives have stalled, and some of the gains that have been made are now in danger of being lost. Crime is up, unused or improperly maintained homes are up, the roadway on Delridge is in need of repair... and transportation is still not consistent nor adequate to meet the needs of the area.

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The neighborhood has certainly become more gentrified, but as a whole it still feels entirely ignored. The roads are neglected. The playgrounds are built and maintained by the residents instead of the city. Bike paths are nearly non-existent. There is no encouragement for local business to come and serve the community.

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In the last 2 years that I've owned my home in Delridge, I've seen a mix of things happen. At times I feel safer due to the changes, and at times less safe. I am not a fan of the glut of townhomes that have gone up, but agree they previous structures needed to come down. I would have preferred to see at least some the single family homes that were torn down replaced with other single family homes, not all townhomes/condos. I have also seen crime increase in my neighborhood. Not sure if it's a result of downturning economy and people are resorting to drastic measures, or what's it attributed to. But there are times when I think about leaving because I just don't know if I feel safe.

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I have only been here since 2007, but I have heard from neighbors that Delridge has improved greatly over the last 10 years. I live near HighPoint, and I think this is a big improvement in the area of diversity--both racial and socioeconomical. I am concerned however, that Delridge has no "soul." I noticed that the original plans left room for growth in creating new businesses in this area, and this is an area that seems sorely lacking. There is nothing to do in Delridge!! I am also alarmed at the large increase in townhouses...not that they are bad in and of themselves, but it seems that Delridge is just becoming a graveyard for townhouses. There is a lot of bad design in the townhouses, and they are so prevalent that there is no room for any other homes/businesses that can give the area more character. And I am concerned that with so many townhomes, there are obviously more people, and there are no businesses to support this growth...not even a grocery store. There are also a lot of "run down" areas, although I can already see improvement in this area in the last 2 years. I was greatly encouraged when reading through the plans written 10 year ago, as I noticed that many of them have taken place-- street lights, libraries, park improvements...this is great work. It seems that most things that were directly related to the city or public services have been addressed, but the goal of "a strong relationship between residential and commercial areas" seems like one area that has not improved. We need to ensure that townhomes do not become the only "face" of Delridge...people should be able to get a feel for the neighborhood by walking/driving by...what do we want people to know we're about? We are very culturally diverse and I think we need some of the "nodes" to reflect this with businesses (shops, restaurants) for all the people that live here. Thank you.

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There seems to be more community involvement for the bettering of the neighborhood. Vacant buildings/land are being identified and re-purposed. Delridge has not always been known as being a great neighborhood to live in, I think we're starting to prove that stigma wrong.

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There seems to be a clean-up in housing, and more access to the trails.

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There seems to be more people taking better care of their homes. Many more multi family dwellings built. Slight increase in neighborhood resources.

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Yes -- new library, playground, work parties in the greenbelt.

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## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

- We have grown in population, while the amount of transit allocated seems to have declined. Buses are often crowded and late, and there is no rail transit scheduled for this area (or indeed West Seattle) at all. This is a critical factor in making this a vibrant urban neighborhood. As it stands, this neighborhood is a driving neighborhood, and that's not likely to change in the near future. A lack of retail also ensures that most of us will get in our cars to obtain goods. - More/better parks, to the point where it's questionable that there's enough people using the parkland to justify the cost. Some parks (like those at SW Brandon/26th) sit idle almost all the time while almost everyone gravitates to the park at Delridge Playfield. It's nice to have lots of beautiful maintained land, but what is the goal? - More multi-family development, especially townhouses. This is a positive as many of these units replaced dilapidated buildings. Encouraging buyers rather than renters also makes the neighborhood better. However, there are still numerous rental houses and apartments operated by "slumlords" (enabling drug activity and causing valued community members to move elsewhere), and the quality of some townhouses prevents the neighborhood from looking more vibrant.

We have seen so much of our low income housing stock having been replaced by cookie cutter (some say ugly) rows of townhouses. These townhouses have a huge impact on the pricing of housing as well as not being very pleasant to look at. All you see on the street side are 6ft tall (higher in some places) fences. There have been many positive impacts as well including the new Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, a new food bank building, a new police precinct, a new library to mention a few. But we still are not getting our fair share of investment for the future. The city of Seattle needs to remember that 20% of the population of the city lives on this side of the Duwamish river. Please treat us like we are 20% of the city. It is very frustrating to always have to fight to get what should naturally be sent our way the city.

More housing infill, both SF and MF.

There seem to be many transient people roaming my neighborhood and living in the wooded areas. There are camps along the stairways between Delridge and 21st SW. There have been many break ins in the neighborhood since we moved here a year ago.

There has been a lot of redevelopment in the L2 zones which has brought in more owner occupied housing, a good thing overall versus the distant past. Plenty of new Parks and trail improvements along Longfellow Creek. The Youngstown Cultural Arts Center is up and running, a very good thing. There has been a little development in our numerous NC40 zones, but nearly all of it by public/private non-profit partnerships such as low-income DNDA driven housing in conjunction with a new SPL. Economic development/job creation/business activity is nearly zilch. This is a real problem that needs attention to create a more thriving neighborhood. There has been some improvement in pedestrian/vehicle infrastructure, but Delridge Way lacks a safe and pleasant street-scape. All the alleys are in deplorable gravel, dirt, dust and mud condition or are unopened and therefore not usable, creating yet more parked cars in front yards; on the planting strips, etc. The alley situation has caused many of the new L2 townhomes projects to not use the alley as part of their design/vehicle access and instead they are putting in curb-cuts on Delridge Way, which again is not helping with the street-scape.

Condos along Delridge way. Longfellow creek legacy trail has been build. Undeveloped lots are getting built on.

Most of the houses and single-story duplexes have been demolished and replaced with three-story townhouses. Vacant land available for building sites has been densely developed with three-story townhouses or mid-rise condos. What was once wide-open space is now densely compacted. Neighborhood character or conformity with existing structures was not considered by developers. Their main objective was to maximize their profits. My street is lined with rows of townhouses that dwarf the few remaining single-family homes. Street parking is difficult to find since the townhome owners do not use their garages; but, instead take up most of the street parking. Homes that once had adequate sunlight and ample open spaces between them and adjacent properties are now shaded and closed-in by townhouses that tower over them just a few feet any. Privacy has been compromised since the closeness of dwellings allow neighbors to look into others windows, yards, and doorways. Because of the nearness, intrusive noise is projected onto the adjacent property by conversation and activity of ones neighbor. City skyline and territorial views have been replaced with townhouse exterior walls. The remaining owners of single family homes have stated that they would like to move any from the neighborhood if they could afford to do so.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Longfellow Creek Trail and other greenbelts sometimes littered, graffiti, drug dealing ... Good parks and playgrounds.

DNDA did a wonderful job transforming the delridge corridor. the high-density development and the parks improvement/addition are promising. the area around the new library is especially well done. several things i would like to see: 1). daylight the last stretch of long fellow creek 2). plant more trees along the delridge corridor 3). redevelop the old madison middle school (a potential high-density mixed-use area) 4). implement guidelines to mandate front street presence for all townhouses 5). encourage more mixed-use (retail on first floor, residential above) near the library. it's close to the city and convenient for commuters 6). enhance pedestrian experiences, esp. the east-west connections

There has been a lot of development of new housing, both single and multi family. We have a Home Depot store and Police Station where before there were empty buildings and a large vacant lot. Our parks have seen improvement in upkeep, playground facilities and we have the Youngstown Cultural Ctr. The Delridge library is beautiful, we have P-patches and a lovely path along Longfellow Creek. However, we still don't have a neighborhood grocery store, coffee shop, or other shops people could access by foot or bicycle. most people are still forced to get in their cars and drive to these kinds of services, some take the bus. Given the greater populatrion density the Mayor has achieved and hopes to further and all the talk of getting people out of their cars, it really doesn't mean much when the nearest basic services are not within a reasonable walking distance.

Several new parks have been built within walking distance from my house; Old, decrepid housing has been replaced with new townhomes on Delridge Way; overgrown alley ways have been cleaned out for public access.

completion of Longfellow creek trail - that's great!! We have a North Delridge Neighborhood Council now. two new parks - Greg Davis and Cottage Grove An adopt-a-street effort by at least 3 organizations Youngstown Community Center opened

Yes the neighborhood has changed in the last 10 years. There seems to be more gang and or drug activity in particular along Delridge Way. It seems that there have also been some issues with prostitution in the area. I beleive the neighborhood has gotten worse not better. I am also very much against DNDA purchasing properties and turning them into low income housing. We have enough low income housing in this area. We are in dire need of a grocery store ( a real one! ) not the corner beer buying type of stores of which there are three of within a 2 block radius. I will say that I am pleased with the new library, and the park improvements to the Greg Davis and Cottage Grove Parks. I am disappointed in the play ground equipment. It is sparse and not friendly towards the smaller kids. Also what happened to regular old swing sets and slides and forts A water park feature for hot weather would have been fun and perfect for this space.

I think our neighborhood is improving dramatically. Our neighbors are getting more involved (in a large part thanks to great new neighbors & e-mail). The HighPoint rebuild has helped enormously w/ cutting back on speeders & some marginal characters in the area. Still some issues w/ sex & drugs in the bushes/Longfellow creek.

More litter cleanups, nicer parks, less abandoned-looking places, new/DNDA properties, more volunteers in park improvement.

N. end Longfellow Creek has changed from dirty overgrown questionably safe to a wonderful park. Allstar Fitness has been a good influence with people engaging in healthy activities. Townhouses have brought urbane population. But also less green lawns, trees, open lots. Not many children in the neighborhood anymore not that there ever were many. Not as much wildlife: birds, racoons, heron, maybe this is wrong perception as we see eagles now and didn't used to. Highpoint! YoungstownCAC, Library, police precinct, Greg Davis Park, all GREAT. We decided to stay here as a result and remodeled the house.

\* There has been a lot of 'residential' development, especially townhouses. Most townhome designs are nice, but there are some bad ones that don't make the neighborhood look good. \* There hasn't been any retail development unfortunately, such as a grocery store.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

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In the two years I have been here, one restaurant opened on Delridge, the community built a new playground at Delridge Park, and several townhomes were built.

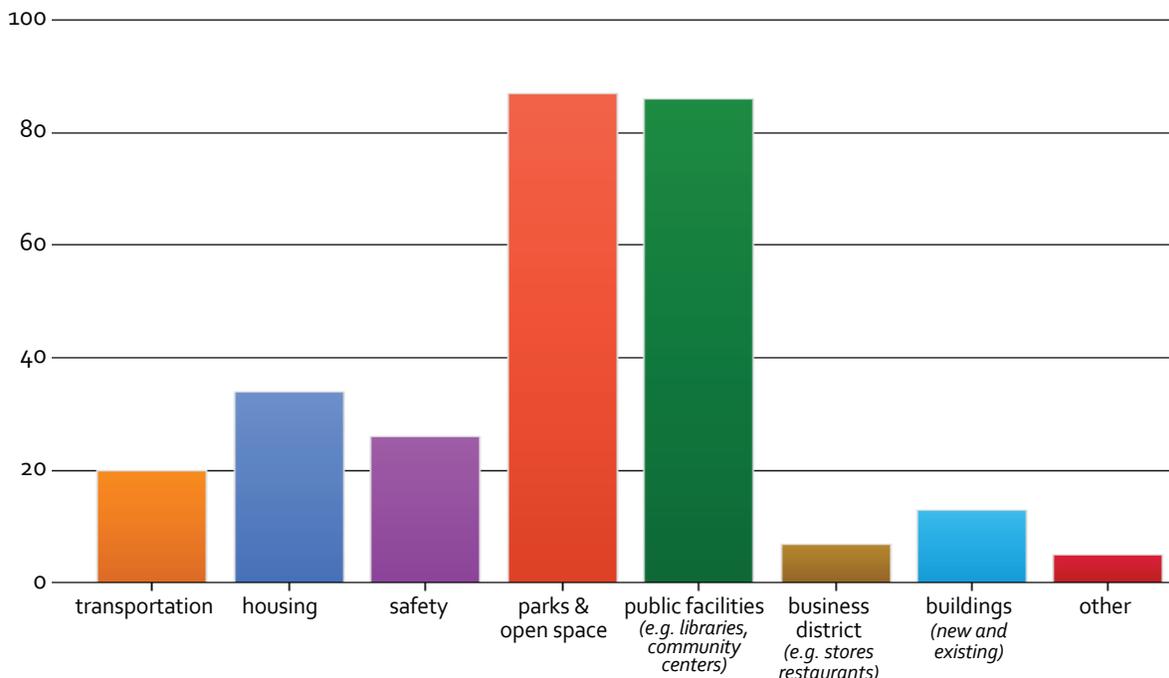
I've noticed a lot new infrastructure -- the new library, the new playground, etc. I'm also excited about the food co-op idea for Delridge.

Lots of home remodeling going on. Some of the green spaces have been cleaned up. Talk of getting rid of the used goods business on the corner. High Point has been mostly completed and Snake Hill got sidewalks. We also got a traffic circle on 25th and Findlay.

Many new town homes and apartments. Improvements to greenspace (Longfellow Creek). More young families with children.

The neighborhood has become more dense with the townhouse boom along the Delridge corridor. This has brought what appears to be an increase in home owners, but at the same time, we also know families who have moved away when they could no afford rising rents, or when rental owners decided to sell the homes which they had rented long-term, or sold the property for townhome development. There is excitement around the recreational, arts, and educational opportunities which are improving with the now open Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the playground upgrade at the Delridge Community Center, and the upcoming Delridge Skatepark.

## Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most pleased about?



New home construction is the major positive in this area.

The library, community center, and Youngstown are well-used and a great resource for the neighborhood.

I'm pleased about the amount of public transportation available but there is room for improvement: namely a Delridge connection to either the Admiral or Alaska junctions and also Delridge - the street itself -- is in BAD shape - repaving is sorely needed.

Longfellow creek is the best!

The improvements in public facilities, parks and transportation are greatly used by the community

I think the community has done a good job with new housing developments, integrating them into the area without destroying open space.

Delridge has a great police presence I love the parks and open space Great public facilities

more diverse than the north seattle

It's great to see the new community center and library being used.

Great work on the G. Davis Park

Enjoy the new development and buildings as well as coffee shops and restaurants.

The parks are so well kept and clean they are great. The new library is great.

### Other things respondents are pleased about:

- Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
- Food Initiative
- diversity
- fitness center off the main road
- Artistic and cultural facilities

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

I enjoy my neighborhood, Pigeon Point. The community centers and library are great. I like that the Duwamish greenbelt is being preserved; I would like to have more preservation of undeveloped property in the area

Love the new libraries, & highpoint is such an improvement! I like that they are 'building green'. I like that some eyesores in the neighborhood come up for sale & are torn down so something better is built, & more homeownership (which equals neighborhood involvement) taking place. I like our new parks, tho not entirely sure I feel safe walking around there at night...

Great parks and arts resources.

I enjoy the library as well as the parks and the Longfellow creek trail. I was thrilled to see the community come together and build the play structure near the wading pool on Delridge.

Love the new library!

Having parks and a library within walking distance is great. Bus service is also great.

Love the library, wading pool, playground

Greg Davis Park, Longfellow Creek, Camp Long, Delridge Library, Youngstown, new playground and Delridge community center are all fabulous!

Neighborhood council activity, neighborhood projects including rebuilding the Delridge Community Center playground. North-south transportation is good.

Feels like there's investments being made, based on building community as a priority. It's rejuvenating to see so many kids and families using these areas.

Really like the new parks, open space, and community facilities in High Point. New library

The Delridge library is great!

I'd like more businesses along Delridge -- a grocery store would be great.

I am not pleased about any of the changes.

Enjoy our neighbors a lot. They are tolerant, diverse and politically aware. Its a good place to raise kids. Too bad there aren't more of them.

Connection to downtown is excellent. The Delridge Library is outstanding. The Delridge Community Center is welcoming, useful, and relevant.

Long Fellow Creek

The new library and NSC next to Ballard Commons is wonderful and opens up the main downtown area.

Greenwood Park is a work in progress, but it's doing well. And though I'm concerned about losing Greenwood Market to the Fred Meyer buildout, the plans we've seen don't entirely suck.

We enjoyed the new playground project at the Delridge Community Center, and would be interested in participating in other future improvement projects.

The Parks have done a great job of maintaining and upgrading existing open space via levy's and community funds.

The investment in Cottage Grove Park and the improvements to the play opportunities at Delridge Community Center are great. Camp Long continues to be a Seattle jewel. The Youngstown Cultural Arts Center brings a variety of opportunities to residents of Delridge and beyond, as well as providing a hub for community organizations and arts groups. Camp Long and the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail are wonderful assets for families and schools--for recreation, fitness and education.

Police presence in the neighborhood has made a difference to the safety level in the 'hood, but I still find that the interfacing with the residents and community could be improved.

I love the neighbors and the community centers. It is most impressive to see what can be done by individuals.

The Cooper School restoration is wonderful.

The new library and changes to the park are wonderful.

The new housing that has replaced the former is a vast improvement in appearance and integrity of construction. It's nice to see "green" housing come to the neighborhood.

Great library, community center and Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

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we lost a kmart, and while there is shopping at nearby westwood, delridge could use more investment in local shops (like the tea shop)

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There are few abandoned buildings. However, the other side of that is there is less affordable housing and more cheap condos.

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I like that community centers and parks are being improved and cleaned up. It's the best place to start.

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There seems to be a fair amount of investment in parks, which is great. Seems safer than when I moved here.

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the new park land and open spaces are great amenities but when they have public safety issues it is hard to feel good about them. We have a new library that you can buy drugs on your way in to the library to get your books.

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Preserving the parks, open space (greenbelts) because there is a lot of wildlife still in the area.

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DNDA has done a great job in housing and other developments

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very affordable housing. creates a diverse population - which other neighborhoods just don't have.

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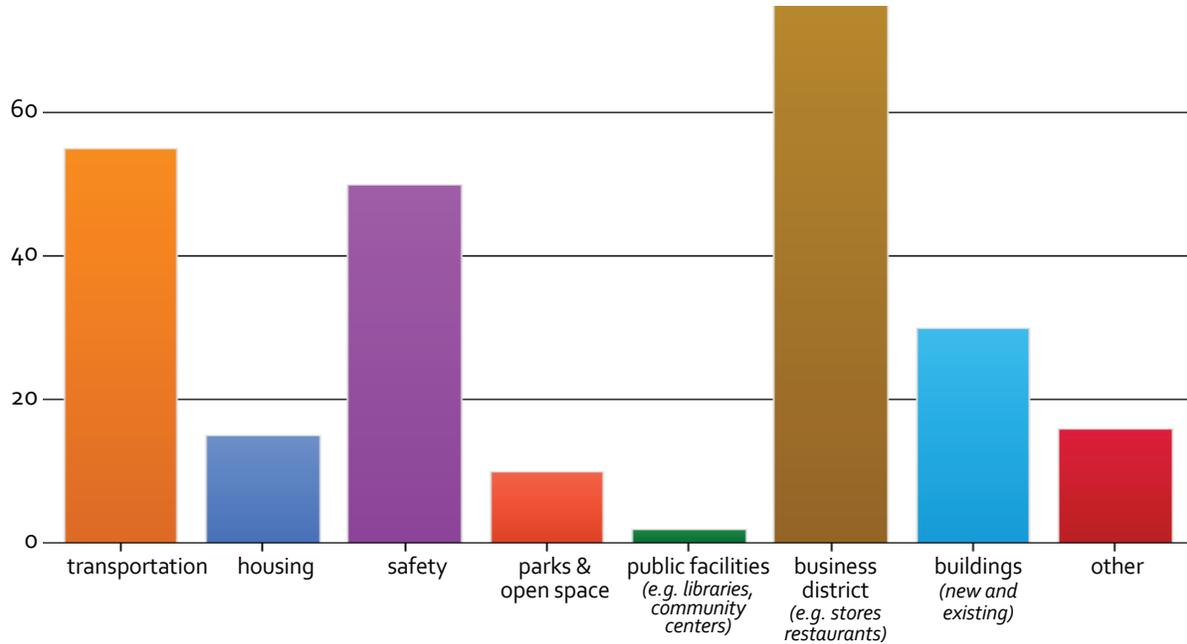
I really enjoy the Longfellow Creek trails!

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Longfellow Creek and legacy trail is wonderful.

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## Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most dissatisfied about?



We are sorely lacking in transportation options, and there simply is no retail business district.

The area of Delridge and Andover has potential to become a small urban village, that can include apartments/condos, some restaurants and a grocery store. I notice that there are a lot of parking lots around 26th ave sw and Andover that are not really used. These could use some development.

There has been almost no business development in Delridge at all. There is still no grocery store, no pharmacy, no bank: none of the businesses that are crucial to daily business in a neighborhood. Transportation to the nearest neighborhoods with those services is lengthy and difficult. There is no direct transportation up to 35th Ave. SW.

From Andover to Thistle there is no grocery store or restaurant. I like the idea of developing the old Louisa Boren site into such a place. We do have the SW precinct close, but it seems like I can hear too much siren noise on Delridge - drug dealers are around, petty theft, litter etc

Need more open space and more retail (grocery)

There are some real problems with the quality of housing that was allowed to be built making a constant flow of transient home owners and renters. Despite the Police station the Delridge Way corridor is not a safe place to walk or ride bikes at night.

Safety continues to be a problem despite the addition of the West Seattle police HQ. Responses are fast, but theft, drug-related activity is still high.

### Other things respondents are dissatisfied about:

- Teenage Gang problems
- there is no grocery store, or other necessary businesses
- Trash on the street
- public elementary school in neighborhood
- old, run-down buildings
- Pedestrian mobility and safety
- gang activity
- lack of a grocery store
- sidewalks
- Trash on the street and sidewalks
- Road quality
- The condition of Delridge Way itself.
- transient problem, overdevelopment
- no grocery store within walking distance
- Abandoned homes
- Delapidated and rundown lots/houses

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

I appreciate the speed of frequency of the Metro 120 route to downtown, but I wish there were direct transit options from Delridge to other parts of West Seattle and 1st Ave South. (It would be nice to not have to drive to get everywhere) I hate the junky yard sale business next to my home. I wish there were more restaurant and grocery-type store options closer to Delridge.

There are a lot of people that drive through on a daily basis, but with our lack of community amenities, we lose their business. Plus residents without cars, have a very difficult time purchasing necessities

lack of pedestrian activities

Transportation along Delridge needs to be addressed and treated as a major thoroughfare - what about a light rail system? What is going to be done with the (abandoned) school buildings when Chief Sealth High School moves back into its new facilities?

TOO MANY TOWNHOUSES and no businesses. We obviously have an influx of people living in these townhomes, but people cannot walk to a grocery store, drug store, etc. Not sure why this is? We need to work on this.

I would definitely like to see some more businesses in the neighborhood, and some sort of supermarket within the neighborhood. I enjoy the new restaurants and coffee shops.

Delridge has so much potential could be even better than Ballard but it needs a grocery store and stores within walking distance. The city should make it a requirement for builders to include a grocery store or retail space in their designs as well as visually neighborhood friendly designs. NO big ugly buildings! The sidewalks could use some beautification and cleanup (plant trees and plants). The Sealth High School looks like a dump and should be redone or beautified.

I think we have a fair police response in my neighborhood, but regularly read, or hear of burglaries and car prowls in the area. I am concerned that some of the green space, along the area of 21st SW and Andover, is up for sale, and would like to see more protection by the city for the existing green spaces.

Concern about a business on Delridge reputed to be a 'fence'. Abandoned houses in the area seem to be taken over by criminal activity/squatters. We have had a lot of drug activity in some of the Section 8 houses, so I wish landlords were more stringent on their screening, or staying involved w/ their homes in the area. We do not have enough bus service, since lower income neighborhood should have more, not less. There's only 1 an hour at night on Delridge, & my stop was just cut out entirely.

There is a serious lack of a business district.

I really wish that some of the single family homes that were torn down were replaced with new single family homes, not all townhomes or condos. I think the townhomes bring too many people, and make the neighborhood too dense. Much prefer single family homes to condos and townhouses.

I see the plan has been to encourage mixed use buildings on Delridge. Still, we have no market serving fresh foods, only one restaurant with tables, and no good shops. With the highest diabetes rate in Seattle, the City needs to take proactive steps to encourage more good market and restaurant choices in Delridge. Also, there are too many abandoned, run down, homes.

would like more commercial space.

We need more community businesses like grocery stores (most important), restaurants, etc.

We really need a grocery store within walking distance! I also wish there were a neighborhood elementary for our future children to attend.

We need better public transit from Delridge to other parts of West Seattle. It is difficult to get anywhere but downtown by bus because there are no buses that run east/west, up the hills, like Genesee Street.

It would be great to have more local restaurants and shops.

We need a grocery store

no grocery store; poor access to other parts of West Seattle.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

The businesses and stores we need for affordable healthy food are not in existence. Not liking some of the designs of the new townhouses and their density. Would prefer height over multiple duplexes.

We need curbs! We also need to address the drainage issues and walkability issues. There isn't place to walk to and buy healthy food...very excited about the possibility of a coop. Lastly, our elementary school choices here in Delridge don't come close to the quality of many of the north-end schools. West Seattle Elementary is a joke, Sanislo is crowded and messy, Cooper is closing, and I don't know much about Roxhill. Why can't we have teacher and administrator quality like the one you find at Bryant or John Stanford or Schmitz Park?

If I could, I would walk to businesses on Delridge, to eat, buy groceries, other goods. Right now, there aren't a lot of places to do that. I am always also concerned about my safety when I am walking. There are so many streets in my neighborhood that do not have sidewalks. and, the speed 'humps' do not do much to slow people down.

East-west transportation is impractical and barely existent. Multi-family development disregards neighborhood feeling...cuts units off from the neighborhood. No urban centers. Maintenance of hill climbs and median plantings is negligible. "Concentrated activity" only at Delridge & Genesee. No central focus like a junction with various daily businesses like bank, grocery, other shopping. Business are scattered, disconnected, and provide no focus for the neighborhood. Chronically bad landlords operate without check. Entrenched crime houses...neighbors are actually required to become police themselves at their own risk to document activity but still getting focused help to clean up the activity is rarely successful.

Makes you feel less safe near them

the roads are in very bad need of repair

Crossing Delridge Way on foot is a life-risk. To many side-streets lack sidewalks, curbs or any sense of decent street-scape/built environment so the look and feel of the neighborhood is in many locations really shoddy looking.

I wish the quality of the new construction was higher.

Junky houses and yards still remain. No attempt to have them cleaned up. I have seen rats in the yard of the 4800 block.

Although there is a lot of green space, most of it is not maintained or accessible. I would like to see a portion of the greenbelts become more like Lincoln Park or Seward Park, instead of dense, overgrown places with no paths or benches. The lack of a healthy business district is a significant problem. There are no businesses within walking distance of my house, and the nearest grocery store is several miles away (Westwood V.) I would like the City to provide some incentives for businesses, perhaps similar to what was done in Columbia City (which included facade improvement and other loans or grants). Bus service could also be improved. I'd like to see express bus service to downtown, for starters.

I'd like to see DNDA or another responsible developer do something with the old Boren school after the SPS is through using it for transitioning schools into their new buildings. With the West Seattle bridge under construction, our chance at Monorail/mass transit gone, and the ever looming threat of Hwy 99 disappearing, I'm always concerned about transportation in/out of West Seattle by car and bus.

Lack of grocery store. Lack of help from police, abandoned homes, junk in yards

No new bus routes, stores, or services in my immediate area to accommodate explosive development. Over development has destroyed the neighborhood character. Vandalism has increased and unfamiliar groups wander the neighborhood at night. Dramatic increase in foot, vehicle traffic, and litter.

seeing a lot of gang related graffiti lately. Don't feel 100% comfortable with my teenager to and from Metro on Delridge. Vacant decrepit houses a concern.

Delridge needs a decent grocery store. Also, there have been two major bike commute accidents in the past week - a bike lane would be a good idea.

Transportation (bus) has been stagnant, if not reduced in the last ten years. No direct East-West service within West Seattle or over to Beacon Hill. Not much change business-wise, either.

East-west connections are still awkward and difficult (i.e. a quick bus trip to the Alaska Junction). Delridge Way is very pedestrian unfriendly. Cars are very unlikely to stop for pedestrians at an intersection -- even a mother with a child in a stroller halfway across the street!

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

### Abandoned houses

I would like to see more buses that go directly up to West Seattle from Delridge Way, not just the 120 to downtown. Would like more grocery stores and restaurants in the area. Would like to see the convenience stores along Delridge Way cleaned up and some businesses gotten rid of - particularly the swap meet/yard sale going on across from Super Store 24

I really wish they would consider Delridge and the greater West Seattle area for mass transit like light rail. The buses do not cut it. Maybe even include water taxi shuttle service in delridge or a shuttle to west seattle junction. Safety is one of my prime concerns per my previous comments on the overall neighborhood. In my short time living here there have been multiple shootings and lots of smaller crimes such as graffiti, car break-ins, and prowlers. I bought a home and really hope the situation gets better. It would be great to have more restaurants/shops in walking distance as well. There is a business office space at the corner of andover & delridge that is not utilized - we need to attract businesses to this area.

THE QUALITY OF DELDRIDGE'S PAVING IS AWFUL! CARS SWERVE TO MISS POTHOLES ONLY TO PUT CYCLISTS AT RISK OF BEING HIT - VERY UNSAFE; there are no public transportation options for N. Delridge folks to get to the Junction; there isn't an active business district, nothing that attracts people to hang around after dark which then contributes to a concern for safety at night

There is no real business district. Delridge is dotted with businesses of varying quality, but nothing enough to draw people to walk from their homes.

Road conditions are very poor, especially around Sanislo Elementary. Business growth has been very limited. I would like to see more restaurants and local businesses, and fewer convenience stores and thrift shops.

While the population has grown, additional busing has not been added. Also, all of the townhomes with non usable parking had all been built by the time the city came out with additional guidelines on design.

Could the person who allowed previous residents of my block to "vote" on whether we get sidewalks please stop by my house for a complimentary smack upside the head? Seriously, infrastructure ain't a democracy issue. Pour the damned concrete already.

There is a lack of businesses such as a grocery store, and other food related options such as restaurants. We also do not appreciate the trash in the streets or on the sidewalks.

Some of the looks of new townhouse buildings do not conform with the neighborhood (colors, fences, etc...)

Transportation: I continued to be very frustrated by the lack of practical public transportation options linking Delridge to the rest of West Seattle. Owning a car becomes a necessity to quickly get to business centers and grocery stores in a timely manner. It takes 2 busses to reach the California Ave business area, and 2 busses to reach an acceptable grocery store with a variety of healthy produce. The increased density along Delridge needs to be managed with an eye to transportation, as well. More and more people are parking along the street, and traffic is increasing during the morning and evening commute hours. Business District: There is NO real business district in Delridge: there are a handful of cafes/restaurants within a mile of the WS Bridge, several mini-marts scattered along the length of Delridge Wy, and a few auto-service oriented businesses, but no decent places to buy groceries. Safety: The dilapidated and vacant homes in the area are also an ongoing problem, which looks like it is beginning to be addressed, but still has a long way to come. Crumbling, vacant buildings and unscrupulous landlords are encouraging vagrants, drug-dealing, and vandalism in our neighborhoods. Since the Delridge Library opened, it still struggles with suspicious and illegal activity outside its doors, making it sometimes a less-than optimal resource for neighbors. The ongoing issue with the second-hand store at Delridge and Brandon also contributes to public concern. There is a mild concern about reported gang activity, but the police seem to be taking this very seriously. Speeding on residential streets and lack of sidewalks throughout much of the area also continue to be a big concern for myself and other folks with children. All this said, I very much appreciate the efforts of the community police team at the SW precinct. Buildings: See above mentioned issues with vacant, "problem" properties. Also, would like to make sure that the town home boom along Delridge is managed with an eye to building community rather than eye-sores, and taking transportation/traffic issues into account.

The roads in the neighborhood, are in horrid condition. Having lived in Ballard, worked downtown, the CD, and in wallingford, there is no doubt that funds and priorities are certainly not in Delridge.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Having a grocery store within a walkable area would be really helpful for the neighborhood.

Roads are all horrible with large pot holes forming overnight causing terrible road noise. Abandoned buildings attract bad activity that leads to tagging on nearby properties. The local vac shop is a known fencing operation with multiple violations yet the city still can't seem to shut them down. All investment seems to be focused on two areas when the streets all need general maintenance and clean up work.

There needs to be a full service grocery store in the area besides just the gas station stores along Delridge that will allow lower priced good quality merchandise.

The lack of a neighborhood downtown is frustrating. I think the Delridge Produce Cooperative is a nice step, and I plan to volunteer with them. What we really need is for Delridge/Brandon to be revitalized. I believe this has to start with reworking traffic flow. Widen sidewalks, add a median, reduce the speed limit. Then provide incentives for a few good businesses to start up. With some new commercial development, it could turn into a great area for the community

Delridge street needs to be repaved. It was not designed for the way it is being used. The center section of the road is failing

There is not an easy way to take the bus from Delridge up to the Alaska Junction in West Seattle. There are no grocery stores along Delridge- you either have to go to Westwood Village, White Center, or up to California Ave. in West Seattle.

While safety has improved there's still room for improvement. There are still activities in our parks that are better left to seedy motel rooms if you know what I mean

New L2 zoned townhomes are not using alleys in their design because the alleys are unimproved and the cost of bringing them up to current standards is we are told, cost prohibitive. We need decent private business development for locals to work at!

No easy transportation connection to West Seattle proper.

this area is just so busy with traffic- can hardly cross the street (except at the light) and safety is concern because of this. some nice green space, but definitely need much more incl. pedestrian-friendly boulevards and even sidewalk(missing on one side near holden going up to 16th)

I do not feel safe entering the parks and wooded spaces developed by the city because of the MANY transient people living/camping there. They are not friendly when they see people.

People in the Delridge corridor without cars, still do NOT have easy access to groceries, to supplies and other staples. There is less affordable housing and more cheap condos, as many of the apartments have been "converted" to luxury condos.

Streets need to be widened if bikers are going be able to travel safely along them. "Sharrows" haven't changed much. Just new paint on the ground to be ignored. Our Metro bus lines seem to have gotten more restrictive as the years have gone by. 10-15 years ago, West Seattle was a great place to live with bus lines going everywhere. Now it's hard to get from one place to another (even within West Seattle/Delridge!). It's been gradual, but it's disappointing.

We REALLY need a bus that goes from North Delridge to the junction. Very disappointed that the propped route 50 didn't get approved. The lack of a grocery store is kind of amazing given the density of grocery stores in other parts of West Seattle. Also would love to see more stores and restaurants.

We need more local services for our growing community. More specifically, we need a grocery store (preferably a natural foods store).

We have to get into a car to get groceries, there is not one grocery store in the neighborhood. You cannot buy a vegetable in Delridge. I am frustrated that there isn't a direct bus to the airport. We live so close to it, and yet cannot easily get there by public transport. I am concerned about long-term quality of some of the townhouses being built in the area; some don't have any tree space allowed for and seem crammed in, not thoughtfully planned. I can't imagine that they won't be somewhat derelict in 10 years. By contrast, the townhomes built both in High Point (yay for the landscaping!!) and at Holden and 11th add to the quality of the neighborhood in their good design.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Only 1 bus route that is always crowded running along Delridge.

We have no business district - unless you consider a used tire store and pizza restaurant a business district. We need a grocery store! The nearest one is QFC - about three miles away and almost impossible to access by bus without transferring. Same for the Safeway.

What about transportation after you took the monorail away from West Seattle. What transportation choices do we have now? AND do not say Rapdi Ride since that is a farce in any meaning of the word that will actually help transportation into or out of the peninsula. Let's have a frank discussion about how we will get about. No light rail, no trolley lines nothing but Rapdi Ride that will sit in traffic like buses do now.

1) Safety- since living here (2005) I have noted several gunshot incidents (where I have heard gun shots fired late at night- maybe twice a year, but that is too many). Also, the first year here, I was intimidated by a group in a car while I was at my mailbox. 2) Illegal Dumping!! Is horrible! I have reported illegal dumping so many times I can't keep count. 3) The best grocery store with quality food (but high prices) I have to drive to...it would be ideal to have a quality food store with in walking distance. Like the plan to have a grocers at Highpoint neighborhood- that would have been brilliant. I think it is ridiculous to have 3 grocery stores in 1 neighborhood (the Junction) where the plan is to have Safeway, QFC & Wholefoods. I still have to drive there. Plus, what is the point? 4) I have never eaten at an establishment in Delridge neighborhood. Honestly, I tend not to stop on Delridge. A friend was harassed at a convenience store once- most likely because of her ethnicity (asian).

the 5800 - 6500 block of Delridge is very unsafe. I always read about shootings, theft, etc. I don't even want to drive on Delridge - it also gets very congested. Perhaps having an express bus (120 or 125) would prove effective.

Too many abandoned houses in North Delridge.

see the previous page WE NEED A GROCERY STORE FOR THIS AREA A REAL ONE

public drug use, crime, gunshots

The lack of a retail core.

Please add more of a business district on Delridge Way.

The amount of rundown, trash-filled, and/or vacant lots/houses/garages marr and otherwise nice and upcoming neighborhood.

I have been burgled several times in the last 2 years. Multiple car prowls, and my garage was broken into last year.

Lack of direct bus/transit service to areas of the city other than downtown, such as Fremont, So Lk Union or U-district. Vacant/rundown structures. Localized crime.

Frequently lights are out on Delridge Way, not corrected until a resident calls in. (street lights) Traffic pattern and speeding is ridiculous, no bike lane Business on Delridge way sw, mainly gas stations, very few others

I am displeased with the 125 bus. It is ridiculous to have that bus be the only one that runs past my house. It runs about every 25 minutes, in any sort of "bad" weather it does not show up, and currently, there isn't a 125 to even take me downtown because of construction up the road. There IS, mind you, a 125 still going to the college. I also do not feel safe in a lot of the areas in Delridge/White Center. There are a lot of run-down homes/apartments with trash sitting out by the curb. On my street alone, there are homes with at least 5+ cars in their driveways at all times. It really brings down the area and is depreciating my home value (which has already dropped by \$40,000). There needs to be better transit (125) and a rule on the amount of cars allowed to be in front of ones home for more than 5 days.

Police response is horrible, high crime, shady characters. Run-down homes, garbage strewn across the streets, reminds me of South Central Los Angeles in some parts along Delridge.

### Question 3: Please describe how well your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies are being achieved.

The development of our open space network seems to have a lot of energy and progress behind it. The development of “nodes of concentrated activity” seems incredibly sluggish. We are so lucky to have wonderful, growing recreational and cultural opportunities through the Delridge Community Center and Youngstown Cultural Arts center. However, business or mixed use nodes along Delridge are pretty much non-existent. The only example I can think of is the DNDA-owned property at the library, and the retail portion of that building has not succeeded.

“Complete and improve the open space network in Delridge” -- pretty good  
 “Develop neighborhood nodes of concentrated activity” -- somewhat started but very incomplete  
 Some incomplete items from the plan:  
 No bicycle lanes  
 No HOV lane northbound on Delridge  
 Median plantings not maintained  
 No transit or commons at “K-Mart” (Delridge and Sylvan/Cloverdale)

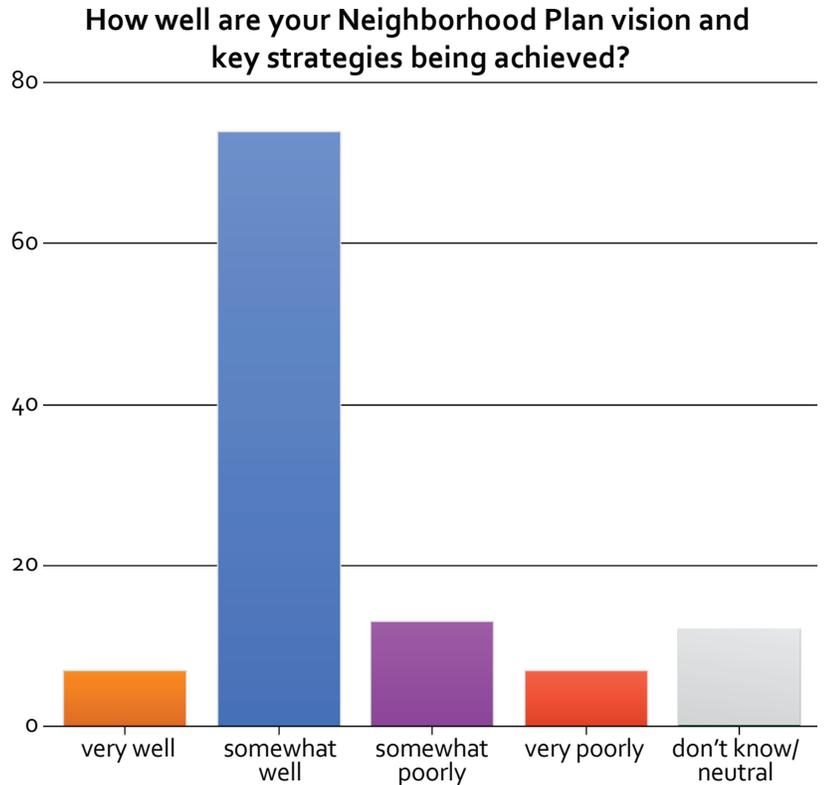
The retail/restaurant options in Delridge are dismal. Except for a couple coffee shops, mini-marts, fast food and a pizza place, there is nothing serving this large community. We desperately need a good supermarket and more restaurants/shops.

open space development has happened, nodes of activity -somewhat

I really enjoy the nature trails that have been cleared and maintained in the neighborhood. I like that my health club is within walking distance but would like to be better connected to west seattle through direct bus routes from Delridge Way.

No thought was given to existing neighbors when new development was permitted. No new accomodations for new development.

I’d like more action on abandoned/vacant housing/buildings in the area. We’re off to an excellent start!



after all of the low hanging fruit was picked the city took its resources and abandoned Delridge. It if were not for some very actively involved citizens a lot of what has been accomplished in the last 3 or 4 years would not have happened. The city needs to come back to this side of the Duwamish river and re-engage with the citizens and give us real services and solutions to our issues.

Both of the Neighborhood Plan initiatives involve integration with business interests - of which there are virtually none in this corridor. There has been virtually no mixed-use development, and virtually no growth in commercial presence that is visible to residents. It is likely that lack of transit options contributes to this.

The park and community center strategies have been achieved, but the economic development strategy has not been achieved (section 3.4).

Since we have only lived in Delridge two and a half years, it is hard to judge how effectively the plan has been followed and executed.

Not safe. Public and green space is nice but drug users and vagrants use it is a refuge making it unsafe for my family. In that case it is not worth having until we clean it up.

### Q3: How well are your Plan's key vision and strategies being achieved?

I think "Complete and improve the open space network in Delridge" has been done well. However, "Develop neighborhood nodes of concentrated activity with mixed use commercial and residential developments, pedestrian and transit orientations along Delridge Way in the north at Andover, in the center between Brandon and Juneau, and in the south at K-Mart" has really been lacking. While residential developments are in evidence, commercial developments are almost non-existent. In addition, transportation nodes are extremely limited, and do not efficiently get residents where they need to go.

Our goal of developing the k-mart area is doing great with the police station and Home Depot. The goal of development in the Andover region seems to be coming along with business space. Time to start expanding these goals.

The "nodes of activities" idea needs expanding, at least the types of activities. Right now the library area, the Youngstown area and the SW precinct area are improved greatly over a decade ago, but they are each still sort of a "one-task/use/activity" destination. I see the need for small restaurants/coffee shops near the Youngstown Center and the library, and a grocery, farmer's market, and other community-oriented amenities between the library area and SW Morgan/Sw Precinct.

The neighborhood still needs more quality, affordable residential supply. Business district is underdeveloped.

I have concerns about speed enforcement on Delridge Way SW and pedestrian issues

complete and improve the open space network seems to continue to move forward

Many of the suggested business nodes are not materializing as we had hoped.

besides those mentioned, the new Food and Fitness initiative is a good albeit modest investment; again more greenspace and walker/bicyclist friendly areas would help make it livable vs. a main drag (on the order of aurora). spruce up the lawns?(may be hard due to being personal property, but this is really sore on the eyes!)

Connecting open spaces is going quite well. Creating concentrated nodes of activity just hasn't happened. At all.

Much of the plan has been realized, but the business district needs more attention.

Community centers, library, and Cooper School updates completed.

Delridge Way is an ugly stretch of street without safe pedestrian passage, no bike lane. It needs to be turned into a Boulevard with the center lane turned into a tree lined stripe of green!

The neighborhood node concept may need some adjustment, as it does not seem to be working.

The investments so far, I think have paid off, but there is still more areas of concern. There should be some sort of control on all of the townhomes/condos that are being built on Delridge and give the "face" of the neighborhood. When they all look like cardboard boxes...

No business district; affordable housing, however, does seem to be improving but where the heck are people supposed to go?

The neighborhood plan allows for more business development in the specified nodes, which would be really great, but hasn't really happened.

The open spaces are developing really well, and a lot more work can be done to link them together, and to link Delridge to other neighborhoods with walking paths and other transportation options.

The Chief Sealth school site has been tossed around as a possible location for the Delridge Commons. I think waiting for that is a pipe dream. Let's start with the streets we have

Clean up needed!

The overall look of Delridge is improving.

### Question 3: Please describe the priorities for your neighborhood.

With the King County Food and Fitness Initiative being implemented in our community, continuing work to develop recreational and fitness opportunities for Delridge residents is important. However, no amount of open space can make up for the incredible lack of opportunity to buy healthy food, or practically reach business districts to do one's general shopping on Delridge. The only mixed-use building is the DNDA property--there seems to be little incentive or encouragement for developers to invest in such opportunities in Delridge. I still have high hopes that the Boren School area could promise to be such a site of concentrated business activity: a grocery store, maybe some ethnically-oriented businesses, entertainment or recreational opportunities. It is on a bus route, it is easily accessed, there is plenty of room for both business and park development on the site. The city, the DNDA, and the Delridge community should pursue negotiating with the school district to begin to develop this opportunity.

Ramp up the develop nodes...in particular a Junction-like node for shopping, etc.  
 Need to consider multi-family development, business development.  
 Make Delridge way walkable. It is not pedestrian friendly. The NP had this as an object, "Develop a pedestrian oriented environment along Delridge Way."

An urban village in North Delridge is ideal since its proximity to the bridge for access to downtown. Encourage more retail, restaurants in the area and service businesses.

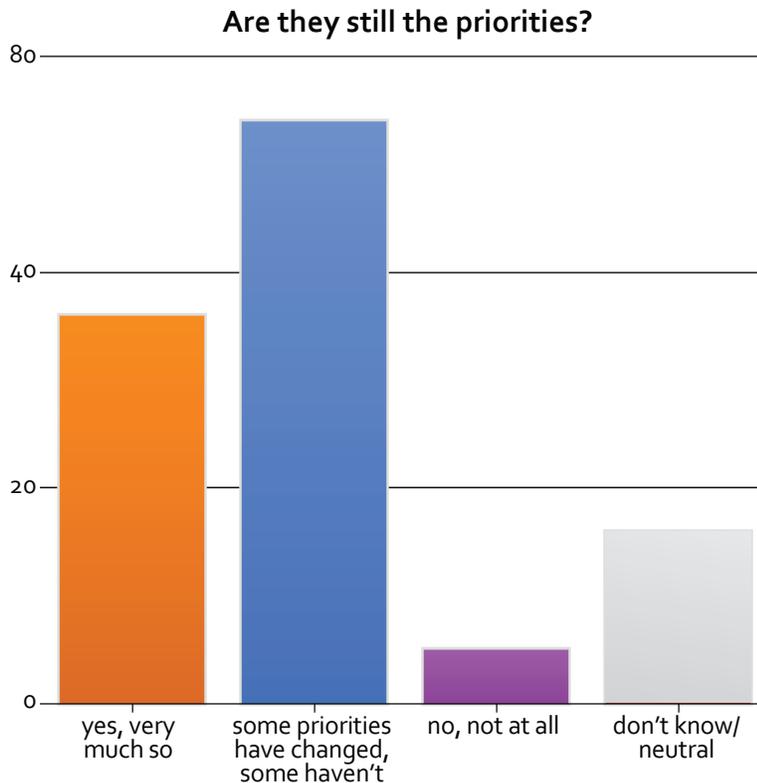
particularly the integration of development and natural areas.

the direct bus routes to West Seattle (California Ave)

You can't undo the damage that has been done to the neighborhood.

Delridge has drastically changed but since we are not Paul Allen Lake or near a light rail station we do not get the same attention as other areas of the city.

Again, with the influx of condos, rents are going up, and housing is costing more and more.



With parkland all but completed, the emphasis should shift to the problem of making Delridge a more urban neighborhood, with a vibrant commercial presence and transportation options that will discourage drivers from clogging Delridge Way and encourage walking and transit use.

We still need to achieve all of these!

Need for better transportation, higher density housing and light industrial work zones...

transportation is still an issue

I think the open space network is a defining characteristic of Delridge, and should continue to be a priority. Because of the distinct lack of commercial development and efficient transportation, the second key priority should continue to be a priority until it is better achieved. In addition, I think safety should become a priority.

now, the priority should be to concentrate more businesses at the home depot node.

drugs, crime, gangs should be the priority.

### Q3: What are your neighborhood's priorities?

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Mixed use space? There is hardly any except for a LOT of new townhouses along Delridge that seem poorly planned. How about a supermarket, how about a variety of eateries?

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We need a grocery store, more shops, visually appealing looking sidewalks, and the Sealth HighSchool needs some major renovation.

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As above, I think the priorities have moved to expanding the business/services areas in healthful ways (ie not more convenience stores or gas stations), and more strongly connecting the pedestrian trails along longfellow to Delridge so that people are more drawn to use them, as well as improving the visual tone of the street.

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Attention to our parks and greenspace is good; looking forward to the new skate park

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the goals are still priorities but the successful implementation has some challenges when working to collaborate with commercial and residential. Tying in pedestrian and transit issues make for challenging and expensive obstacles for successful completion.

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Business nodes are still needed. It would be nice if the housing design along Delridge could move away from the cookie-cutter townhouses into something more connected to the street.

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The connections to nature and walkability should still be a priority.

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There needs to be pride in the neighborhood and perhaps education- it's not ok to litter. It's not ok to dump your trash in someone else's backyard- we all pay to clean it up.

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Delridge Way needs right of way improvements.

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## Question 4: The Status Reports should focus more on...

Transportation, growing density wisely and in a way that more fluidly integrates townhomes into the existing community, preserving affordable housing, increasing business nodes along Delridge.

Not sure yet.

Urban center, multi-family development, making the neighborhood safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Encourage bicycling and walking for health, conservation and public safety. (More people out and about help keep crime down.)

people

building businesses in Delridge

public amenities (fresh food market, restaurants, shops)

east west transportation  
connecting the open space/natural areas by pedestrian/  
bike trails.

environmental concerns: Longfellow creek watershed  
water quality, energy consumption, access to healthy  
food.

Direction for multi-family development so that it  
contributes to integration with nature concept.

developing the business district and speeding through  
neighborhoods and on Delridge itself

The sidewalks (along Snake Hill is great, thanks for doing  
that!). Trimming some bushes for visibility. Safety in  
Longfellow Creek/parks.

Water run-off from Golf course (& parks?) keeps eroding  
our alley behind 26th SW (btwn Hudson & Brandon)

Improving the business district in this area.

There should be more focus on the greg davis park  
playground equipment

eliminating drug houses and drug dealing as well as gang  
related activity, graffiti etc. Repave Delridge. We need  
fewer gas stations/convenience stores -- they add to  
the litter problem and are hang-outs for drug dealers.  
Businesses like the used tire store just south of Juneau  
on Delridge are unsightly, as well as the ongoing eyesore  
that is the second hand store on the east side of Delridge  
that always has mega-sidewalk sales throughout the  
summer.

Cleaning up old businesses and bringing in new  
businesses such as grocery stores and restaurants.

SERVICES and safety

Safety, proving natural environments that children and  
families can use without being afraid of transient people  
camped there, making Delridge more shaded (adding  
trees so the street doesn't look like it's been stripped/run  
down)

promoting small businesses integrated into residential  
nodes  
public safety

mixed-use and pedestrian

what the residents want for their neighborhood

Retail, open space

security and local business development

development and zoning, and opportunities to improve  
transportation.

On neighborhoods that are not near light rail and on  
neighborhoods that are not owned by Paul Allen.

Transportation and safety

Affordable housing;  
Access to services.

abandoned/vacant housing/buildings & transportation--  
specifically bike lanes and metro bus lines. Both of these  
will increase interest in our area -- both in property value  
and in bringing reputable business owners to our area  
(which brings better job opportunities nearby).

Attracting business

Transit

Enforcing housing code and laws

public safety, crime prevention (car break in's, home  
invasions)

promoting/creating economic development

Transportation, community involvement, security.

Transportation, housing and small businesses

#### Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

East West transportation from Delridge valley west to West Seattle proper

More focus on transportation and attracting businesses to Delridge.

Cleaning up the neighborhood! I think there have been some good efforts toward this, but it is still a need.

Cleaning up the neighborhood and creating new business opportunities.

I think all of those items are crucial.

pedestrian safety.

easy access to groceries (walkable distances, VERY SHORT bus rides)

There should be focus on the east-west connections in the neighborhood- the stairs as well as bus access to the Junction. Metro should look into route 50 revisions again.

Making sure that input gathered for reports isn't filtered to validate preexisting conclusions or priorities held by the City of Seattle.

drugs gangs and crime.

Safety, eliminating crime, making the side streets safer to drive as too many are used as shortcuts with unsafe speeding.

biking transportation, car-free transportation

cleaning up the neighborhood, paving streets, planting trees, keeping public areas mowed, tearing down neglected houses, issuing violations to people who do not keep up their houses, etc.

Safety with regards to the rising youth gang problems

Bringing businesses in, improving walkability

Renovating Sealth Highschool

Putting in Grocery Store

More places for retail

Fix the sidewalks plant more trees and plants make it visually appealing.

Making sure that new buildings placed in Delridge are visually appealing and not more big ugly box like buildings with no community feel.

Balance of quality services (groceries, farmers markets, bus routes) to growth in density.

General clean up: side walk bench repairs and garbage receptacles, round about center island landscaping, road resurfacing, abandoned building removal, community programs, local service businesses, crime prevention

Business, business, business&all I want is a bar/pub and grocery store near my house.

public amenities, transportation

safety measure for the neighborhood

More commercial infrastructure.

Access to healthy foods.

Speed Enforcement and pedestrian cross walks along Delridge; I would like to see the turn lane converted to a median with plantings to reduce noise and add to green space

safety and affordable housing

Public amenities.

Healthy corner stores.

Get more open space saved for all of WS Especially in the business areas

I think this neighborhood in particular is on tract in all those areas. Would be great to have some kind of cross-town link to the light rail from Delridge.

improving streets to handle transit buses

Pedestrian safety

Nice low income housing and grocery store

mass transit

Keep doing what you're doing

public amenities

transportation networks

#### Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

assisting property owners to keep things up - and new projects, while being 'dense' must also be 'clean and bright', not become run-down in appearance!

Transportation & land use, especially creating areas of concentrated activity (compact, walkable, inviting).

We need to more education on eating healthfully and more outlets for bringing fresh food to the area. The limited amount of public transit makes getting to grocery stores and the Junction's Farmers Market difficult.

Affordability and transportation

Water drainage and permitting of impervious surface development.

Getting strong businesses into the area (without having to go south to Westwood Village)

Retail services for the community

Development patterns and public amenities.

Basic infrastructure issues. The sidewalks, again, but these bursting water mains lately... sheesh.

fixing potholes

safety

the transient issue, creating a better/safer bike plan (there were THREE bike vs. car accidents in ONE DAY in Ballard this week), less development and/or safer driving/parking options

Creating a financially attractive zoning strategy to encourage neighborhood businesses.

businesses

Safety- what are the statistics on gang activity in the neighborhood

Walkability; I want a grocery store in the N. Delridge area

Accessible grocery stores, businesses.  
Better transportation to other parts of west Seattle.

Keeping the greenbelts.

Keeping it safe and less construction.

I would like to see more focus on implementing strategies to improve water quality in the creek, and to bring the salmon back.

Police presence, police response to 911 calls. (waited almost an hour when my house was broken into).  
Cleaning up Delridge so it doesn't look so rundown.  
Tear down old homes, clear out the shanty low-income apartments, have a police station closer to Delridge community center

Creating a business district that appeals to more than services for the poor. Would like restaurants and other shopping along the Delridge corridor, not just at Westwood.

Transportation & Safety

transportation - especially as the plan for the viaduct moves forward. Also maintaining affordable housing.

I would like to see improvements in businesses on Delridge Way.

## Question 4: The Status Reports should focus less on...

Not sure yet.

Statistics that will be obsolete in a matter of months.

cars

parks and other recreational public space -- there's enough of that already.

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BUYING MORE HOUSING AND TURNING IT INTO LOW INCOME RENTAL PROPERTIES. WE HAVE ENOUGH

population density

what the city wants to make more income by catering to developers

condo/short plat construction. I do not feel this type of development makes the neighborhood a better place for its residents.

demographics, especially those that are over 5 years old.

beign politically correct. Let us make some tough decisions within our lifetimes. Analysis to death is not helping our city. Hold a set of hearings and then make a decision and move on. You do not need to hold 16 hearings so you can hear from everyone that lives in Seattle. You get the gist after the first few speakers. Gather the date, analyze it and make a decision and lets get things done.

I don't think we're focusing on anything that should get less focus. We're doing great, we just need to add a couple more focus items.

Parks

Mitigating traffic block-by-block

building all townhouses/condos.

more Parks. I think we have great ones now.

Open space & parks

Creating centralized business centers. There is plenty of room for businesses to move into the neighborhood along Delridge Way S.W. We really need a grocery store.

Creating mixed us commercial options.

mixed use buildings.

Building residential townhouses on Delridge.

zoning

Industrial and commercial development

n/a

construction.

The parks are fine now.

demographics

non-applicable-- this neighborhood needs all the improvements we can offer!

Housing and parks

planting trees and building trails that transients and crackheads use.

traffic

DEVELOPMENT!!!!

Maintaining the previously defined distinct ""nodes"" along Delridge Way. There should, however be restrictions to restrict the development of convenience stores and fast food chains, or other businesses aimed at capturing commuter traffic rather than fostering pedestrian-oriented neighborhood businesses.

Multi-family units; there seems to be enough development and too many units are empty...make the area walkable and maybe those units will fill up

Construction

Patting selves on the back because of ugly new townhomes situated next to rundown homes. What a contrast and what a joke.

Convenience stores, gas stations, affordable housing. Fewer apartments.

## Question 4: Are there important gaps in the Status Reports?

With the housing boom along Delridge, the current and future availability of affordable housing needs to be assessed and maintained if our neighborhood is going to hold on to its ethnic and economic diversity.

Not sure yet.

Can only enter comment if I answer ""yes,"" but just want to comment that it is a few pages, mostly graphics and a very summary. If anything I'd have preferred bulleted objectives from the plans over than the pie charts.

But I don't know them since I've been too busy to spend too much time in community meetings lately

Delridge needs a grocery store, fewer gas stations/convenience stores.

the city needs to listen to the residents instead of planning their own agenda

Business types

It is the city point of view not the neighborhoods point of view. Stop focusing so much on the portions of the community that are not at the table. You are driving off the the folks that have helped make Seattle the city it is today. Some of our neighborhoods have been totally neglected by the city and if it were not for citizen activists much would not get done.

Status of transit and commercial improvements is missing.

see above

too many to point out. get this stuff figured-out. The current draft only shows some updated demographic information. There is no mention of the updates or even any new ideas. It seems to just explain the DNDA's vision and key strategies - strategies which are simply copied and pasted from the initial report created 10 years ago. It just shows or lists those completed projects from the previous report.

Issues of safety. No matter how nice a neighborhood is, or how many amenities there are, people will not move there or want to live there if it is a haven for crime, drugs, gangs, and property damage.

No talks about grocery stores or shops within Delridge. Fixing the Highschool. No talk about fixing the sidewalks! Delridge has potential and needs some work.

Traffic enforcement and more attention to beautifying Delridge; commuters use Delridge as a freeway to and from Seattle

Keep it simple and broadly disseminate the information, please.



Food/markets, this area needs more food options (supermarkets etc) instead of just gas station stores

status of those out of work, house foreclosure, burglary and assaults, information & availability of small business services and tie-in with the community, childcare rating

calming the traffic needs to be more of a priority- as well as making more pedestrian-friendly livable neighborhood feel to the area.

Transportation is an area that needs more attention.

I'm not sure if this is the place for these comments, but here goes. As I rent, I am concerned that zoning will be changed to allow for more density in the residential areas of my area (Delridge.) It makes me concerned to think it might become more lucrative for a landlord to tear down existing housing in order to, for example, place more than one unit on the property. I think that the housing density should be kept on Delridge itself.

Upcoming Census Data needs to be incorporated.

TRANSIENT ISSUE

Walkability; cyclist safety

2000 census data is really old as far as the home prices are concerned.