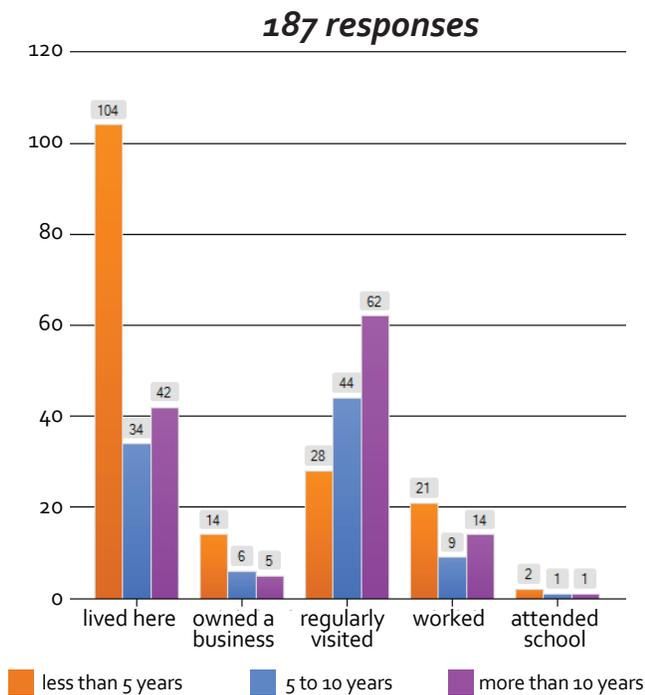
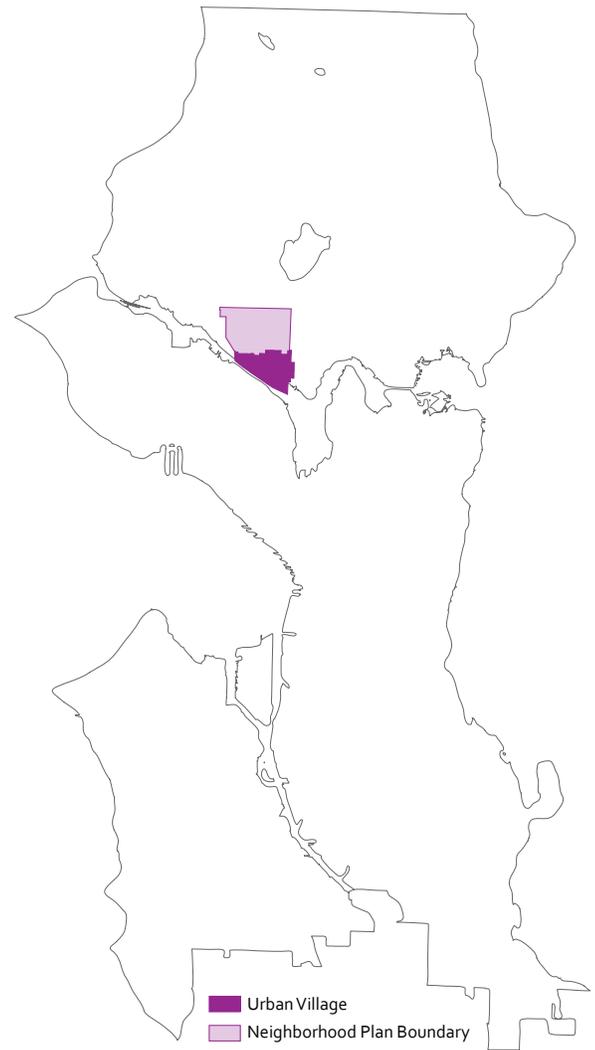


# Status Check

## Transcript of Fremont Questionnaire Responses

The [Fremont Plan](#) was adopted in 1999 and includes the Fremont Hub Urban Village. The map shows the neighborhood plan and urban village 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.



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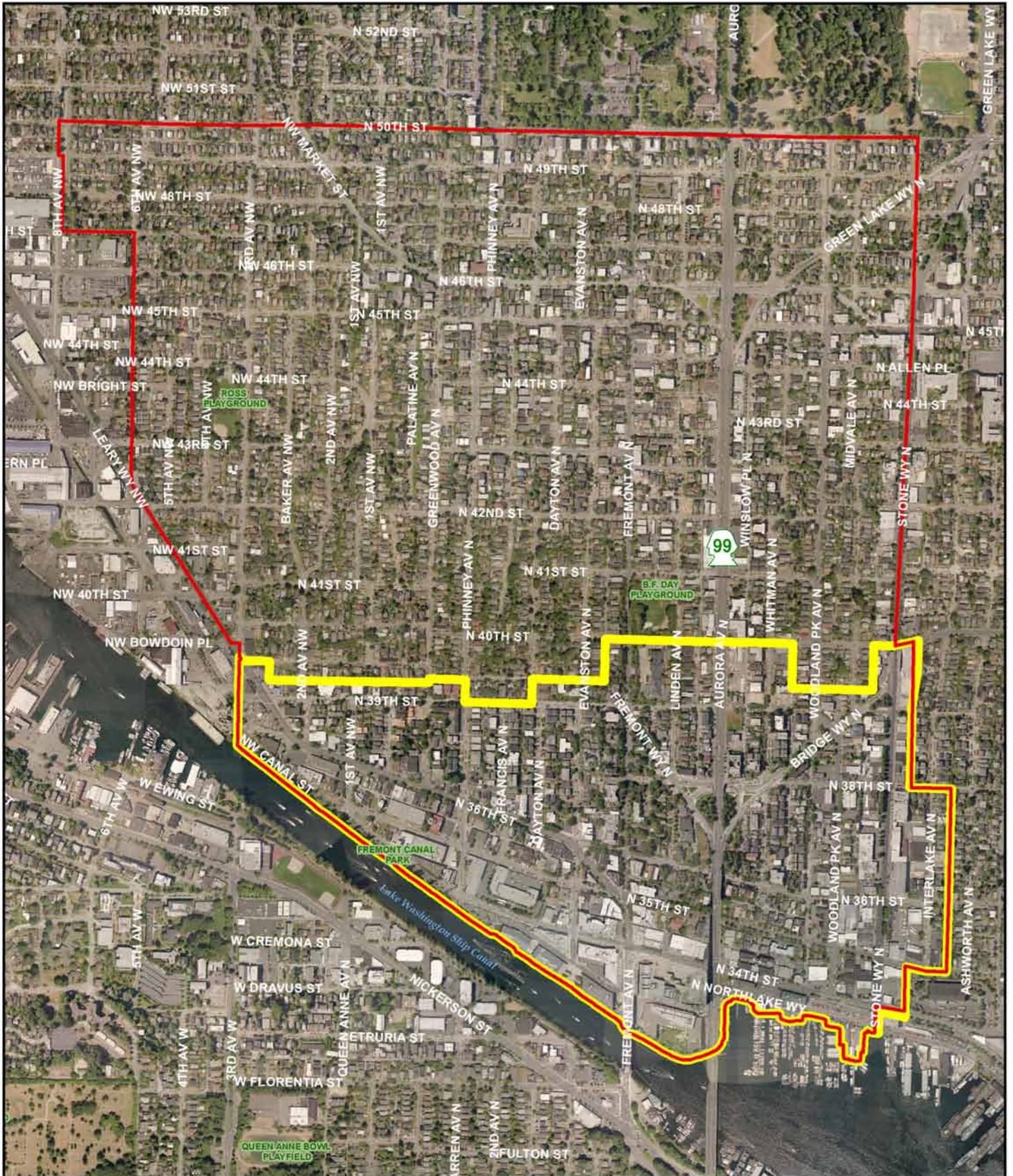
*Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you...  
most pleased about?  
most dissatisfied about?*

*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.**

# FREMONT AERIAL MAP



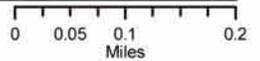
Urban Village



Neighborhood Plan Area



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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)?

yes, many townhomes have gone in.

Density and crime have grown while neighbor to neighbor communication have gone down hill IMO. More rentals, greater density and non sustainable growth have contributed to a breakdown of communication and cooperation of residents. Traffic on Leary Way with two lanes each direction and a turn lane between has grown exponetionally has contributed to a less than friendly walking experience.

Single family homes replaced by condos or apts. More trucks in our area and parked on street, sometimes in middle of street while they unload. Roads & parking even more congested...often bad because N 50th & N 46th represent a major traffic conduit into Fremont/Ballard. Experienced 2 residential burglaries and attempted other in last 10 years (drug houses). Police and residents having major problems with Isabella/ Italia, Wallingford and Fremont Inns (disruptive behavior, shootings, prostitution, drugs & drug dealing etc). Prostitutes (transients) big problem especially now. Also recently found sleeping in our yard. Needles found recently. Trash. People shouting. This year Police have come thru yard a police dog, also tasered a man jumping our fence while running from them. SDOT needs to re-add delineator posts from current posts on Sbound Aurora south to intersection of N. Allen Pl and Aurora Ave N where N Phinney Way merges onto Aurora (ridiculous # of auto accidents) caused by vehicles turning west over merging traffic onto N. Allen Pl. (800 block). Microwave congestion in this area. ETC ETC ETC

Traffic projects (e.g. Aurora Bridget approach) have been an improvement. Our specific street(s) have seen a large amount of development and redevelopment. There has been some slight increase in density, which is good.

The main thing that has changed over the past few years is the crime and illegal activities by Aurora and the motels located there. I live by one and it has created a disturbing, unsafe, and loud block to live on. It has made our condo building a horrible place to live and I would move if I didn't own my home. I would not recommend living in this area to anyone and will not live by here again.

Way to many townhomes, lack of care for historical character, large increase in crime and general problems, too many residence not enough parking, motels on Aurora bring in bad element, drugs and prostitution

More small businesses on the western side of N 36... Seattle Fish, Petpoluzza. Don't like big box stores..like Fred Meyer. Like small businesses. Better pedestrian, bicycle & vehicle traffic safety with the new lights and bicycle share-the-road signs. Not fond of the parking meters, but understand their need.

Installed paid parking meters some of the areas around my home have had sidewalk improvement work done on them (ramps at corners for strollers or wheelchairs) More and different businesses coming in more townhomes and condos going up better sense of community increased car break ins some neighborhood parks put in

The main business district has become a nightlife hotspot which has gentrified the neighborhood to some degree. Overall, though it seems cleaner and more active. transportation projects around the bridges have been a big help with traffic flow.

I realize there's more constructive use of the survey than this, but I live half way up Fremont Ave, between Fremont and Aurora. In the 7 years I've been living here, the immediate neighborhood has become a dangerous place to live. The Motels on Aurora, particularly the Italia and the Fremont Inn, are open incubators for drug dealers and prostitutes, who find the less traveled space between Aurora and Fremont Avenue as perfect for deals, pick-ups, shooting-up and coming down off highs. There are afternoons, evenings and weekends that feel as though they out number us. Even with an incredible block watch group, who document license plates, take photos and have the process at hand for reporting - the neighborhood is always on edge. It has the potential to be a wonderful place to live, but the owners of the motels on Aurora apparently are allowed to have their own 'plan'.

I've seen a lot of infill development without a lot of small-area planning which leaves single family houses next to the "Mushroom-House" projects. Cars seem to go a lot faster on 36th St than they used to, which makes crossing it hard with small kids. It also makes the Fremont business district seem more like a thoroughfare district than a Biz District. The library is nicer!

I have lived here for 3 years and I love the area. I do think that there are some busy streets that can be hard to cross as a pedestrian, and I don't know if those are better or worse than before.

much improvement

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Yes. The density has increased dramatically. But the transportation has not. I still can not take a bus from 42nd & Fremont to shop at The PCC or any other Fremont business. I don't drive. I often do not have time to walk down, and then up the hill. How do I support the neighborhood? Also, the drug dealing / prostitution problem originating at Aurora hotels and invading my street of North Motor Place have gone totally out of control. I see drug deals and John pickups everyday at 7:15 AM walking to the bus. And at night, I hear the altercations outside. Is anybody listening? I find syringe needles from drug use in my front yard, homeless people sleeping in my basement stairwell. and cigarettes from who knows who in my back garden. Does any one care? This used to be a nice neighborhood, and I need to live here the rest of my life.

Many more apts. More business too. Community involvement still high, but not as spontaneous and "Funky" as Fremont used to be. No place to park in the retail core, used to be no problem.

Infrastructure changes mentioned in status report are definite improvements. On the downside, my immediate neighborhood (N. 42nd St and Linden Ave N, N. Motor Place) has taken a dive in the last three years because of drugdealing, prostitution, and petty crime all associated with new ownership the following motels on Aurora: Italia, Isabella, Fremont Inn. The motels are clearly centers for these activities and I and neighbors have documented this. The owners of these motels, Mr. and Mrs. Inman, have not done enough to control these activities that take place on or near the motels and have not been responsive to neighborhood calls and petitions to do so.

a lot more bars have opened, a lot of old houses have been torn down replaced by generally ugly condominiums and downtown fremont feels like it doesn't have the same sheen as ballard, like it's gotten run down without a high standard of business investment.

More art development, more restaurants/bars, less parking

There has been many new and updated condos, but the addition of such establishments as Nectar and The Ballroom has brought additional ruckus to the neighborhood. There isn't a weekend where I am not awakened at 2:00 am with drunks getting into their cars on phinney ave. Where are the police?

There has been a lot of development of housing and business. It has lost its unique identity somewhat. For a while, it seemed like it was becoming the northend Belltown as far as nightlife.

More frat boy bars and fewer counter-culture people.

Unfortunately, things have been good, except for the inordinate increase in bars and cocktail lounges in the neighborhood that has expanded outside the core of the Fremont business district. There's been a significant change with the demolition of single family dwellings being replaced with 4 / 8 / 12 unit townhouses which has impacted the "family" or neighborly atmosphere of the community.

The urban village area has become very alive with activity and there are many new and exciting businesses.

Fremont's bar/drinking environment has become more rowdy and dangerous. There are routinely fights at bars such as The Ballroom and Nectar on Friday and Saturday nights. These bars and/or police do not do a good enough job at preventing fights, and vandalism in Fremont.

1) Too many old homes have been replaced with generically designed townhomes lacking in parking. Our neighborhood in upper Fremont is losing more and more of its interesting small scale street character and the area is getting more congested and dangerous for pedestrians.  
2) Many new restaurants and retail businesses have replaced the myriad wholesale and service businesses that used to be in upper Fremont. Again, more congestion without mitigation.

More parks and art and open space

Remained the same

Yes. Some things are improving (traffic, parks). However, drug sales/use and prostitution are getting worse.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I love living in Fremont. I value having an arts council! Lots more art has appeared in down town Fremont. Nice. To many of the old houses have been torn down for really cheap and small condos. Sad. Density factor very noticeable even though many of the condos are empty. Even sadder that they replaced homes and they are un rented. I am surprised by the rental report in Fremont (if I understand it correctly) I would expect it was higher. I guess my experience is families of 4 and they can't live in these tiny new condos or a 1 bedroom apt. So it is higher cost for families living here. The crime level has increased substantially on my street past 2 years 42nd and Fremont because of the Aurora Hotels. Lots of tweakers braking into cars for drug money. prostitution heavy. The Buckaroo Tavern is fine. The cliental actually helps watch what's going on on the street and has apprehended criminals from their location on occasions. Nice. The police say until those hotels are torn down and replaced it will remain a bad seen. They can't really do much. Like heading cats. Eye opening. These young folks have no teeth. They walk up and down fremont with crazy eyes, ripped pants, sockless. City gives vouchers to people to stay there that are all drugged up. Guess they gotta sleep somewhere. They need management and councilors there to rehabilitate those really lost souls. It's never been like this in the 20 years I've lived here. I have security on my house now. Everyone around here has had to replace car windows and been ripped off. Some times it's worse than others. Police say it's cause they do sting operations and the action shifts from neighborhood to neighborhood. There needs to be a cross walk at 42nd and Fremont Ave North. It takes along time to cross that street and there are popular restaurants, businesses, schools and apartments on both sides of the street in both directions. Tavern, dance studio, apartments, Swing side, Pasau,. Tons of accidents have happened on that corner as well. I am concerned that parking fees and permits maybe installed in Fremont like other neighborhoods in Seattle! Strongly against that. Who ever came up with those meters did not take into consideration RAIN and WIND and women being vulnerable to attacks while screwing with those meters (men too) easy targets. Life is stressful enough. I do not want to have my guests rumnning around moving cars every few hours like on capital hill. . .Quality of a neighborhood is being able to relax in your own home. We need to stop anymore desity if we don't have room to park.

I don't know. I've lived here for one year.

We moved to Fremont because of its closeness to the city and the sense of community. But after 2 years living in the area we are finding that the motels that surround our building and are an incredible source of problems and delinquency. We can not understand why the City of Seattle has no power on revoking the licenses of these places, we have to call the police almost every day, and that is a waste of money and time, because it doesn't change anything.

i have seen and appreciated the start of improvements on roads, paths and sidewalks for pedestrian and cycling safety. i also appreciate the care given to the wonderful public areas and parks in the neighborhood

The demographics of the people that live here have changed dramatically. Out are the older cars that people kept limping along; in are shiny new cars with names like Audi, Mercedes-Benz and BMW. People that could work in something other than an office setting used to thrive in Fremont; those people have been forced out in favor of office workers. Fremont used to be a community with an interesting and thriving art scene; now it is a postcard of what it once was. The image of Fremont is what is being sold to people who really aren't interested in living in Fremont so much as they're interested in living in a cheaper Queen Anne or a cheaper Bellevue. It is becoming its own, odd status symbol in a way. Development in all parts of the neighborhood have radically changed the character of the neighborhood. These changes have had both positive and negative impacts, but overall I'm not yet terribly impressed with what we're turning into.

Fremont has gotten VERY CROWDED and too dense. Fremont Ave itself need repaved as you go up towards 46th - it is lumpy and has gotten worse since the old stripes were ground out to make new bicycle lanes. There should be a left turn signal for Fremont Ave and 46th - there is one for the 46th St traffic but not for Fremont. The new light for the onramp to Aurora is ridiculous and causes horrible backups onto Aurora at evening rush hour. The people who run the light on eastbound 46th approaching Aurora contribute to the backup as well.

Traffic and congestion has increased and on-street parking in the core is much more difficult . There has been an overall increase in criminal behavior around the hotels on I-99. Density is good but infrastructure needs to keep pace.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Gentrification and town house proliferation inversely proportional to the sense and sensibility of the neighborhood. That is while the cheap, chock-a-block subdivision of house lots into town houses took place at a horrofyng rate the funkiness that is Fremont has bled out and been subdued.

Not alot. I've only been here about 1 year. There is quite a bit more high-end commercial office space and a few condo buildings are being developed.

An increase in crime along the Aurora corridor is very noticeable in upper Fremont. It extends into the residential neighborhoods and creates an unsafe environment. It seems to have gotten worse since I moved here in 2007.

Increased office (high quality) construction along canal -- desirable white collar/high tech workplace upgraded commerical area, small interesting shops, cleaner/better esthetic excellent upgrade to bridge approaches, with good treatment of burke-gilman trail/public access more bars and night places, draws in larger/younger evening crowd huge increase in coffee outlets very nice/modern grocery store Good increase in parking. Neighbor still, mostly, convenient by car residential neighborhoods in "better" condition -- homes and gardens. Big increase in multi-unit housing -- 4-plex townhouses, condos, apartments. Some interesting/good quality fairly steep climb in housing prices -- considered an very good "location", fairly good&desireable neighborhood good schools (west woodland and BF day) -- problems at McClure, improvements at Hamilton. Ballard good h.s. option Industrial areas seem active Increased traffic/backups on 36th/leary, 39th, market street/46th -- only likely to get worse (to transport big population increase in Ballard) crime seems low. low vagrancy.

Has become less of a small quirky village and very much a party club scene. On weeknights Fremont is still somewhat friendly but on weekends it becomes a drunken college student hangout. We walk with our kids into Fremont regularly and now have avoided the weekends, the only good aspect of this I guess it shows the kids what fools drunks are. the new Fremont is nothing like what the neighborhood plan intended I am sure, unless it is about the bar scene.

I live in the Urban Village. We're one of the last single family homes left in the area. More density, more traffic, and a ton more young couples (moving into the newly constructed townhomes).

Better bike path access. More interesting restaurants, retail businesses. Pretty extensive gentrification of nearby properties. Swarms of crows chasing the bald eagles away.

While I have not been living in the Fremont neighborhood for the past 10 years, but I have been there for nearly five. I really enjoy the community and arts focus of Fremont. I specifically enjoy the Abbey Arts Center and the Fremont marker.

It's lost some businesses and gained new ones. Seems to be a good amount of turnover in the retail district.

There is very little parking and the businesses are not helping by not providing parking for their customers.

Traffic flow reworked, much more nightlife, more owned (vs. rented) residences, library park, more restaurants, many new businesses, phasing-out of funkier businesses and activities, overall slicker.

More townhouses, new businesses, some development of the commercial "houses" along 36th.

Many more businesses in Upper Fremont/Fremont Village area. Density seems to be improving but still has too much freedom for ugly condos that ruin the neighborhood aesthetic and health. Fremont Abbey which is a community arts center has grown and developed but is still yet to be recognized as the Community Center called for in the neighborhood plan. This may be due to it's location at 43rd/fremont but we'd like to see that improved.

Higher housing density. More traffic. More bars along Leary. More litter. More people running red lights, stop signs; speeding.

Parking is a nightmare now that it has been zoned. The noise from late night bar/visitors has spread into the quiet residential streets due to the zoned parking restrictions.

Well, as with most neighborhoods in the area...condos condos condos. And now the parking is restricted, which as a resident I was/am VERY opposed to.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Many of the independent businesses have disappeared, with nothing taking their place. The property cost has gotten out of hand and forced them to other parts of the town, or out of business completely.

Motels on Aurora and Aurora Ave. have become more of a magnet for drugs and prostitution. However, due to neighborhood participation, residents have worked to clean up the area (mainly between 40th and 46th Avenues and bordering Aurora Avenue).

Many unruly bars and nightlife crowds. Parking is difficult to find. Sidewalks are often littered with trash & broken bottles.

The only noticeable change I have seen is in regards to parking. I live just outside the metered area, therefore it is much harder for residents to find parking on our street since visitors to the neighborhood seem to park there.

Townhomes have destroyed the neighborhood feel. In our area you see house, house, huge townhome complex towering high over its neighbors, house, house. Something has to be done to regulate townhome development. I am tired of seeing townhomes sprout up right in the middle of single family homes. I think townhomes should be clustered around each other to protect existing neighbors and make the appearance blend in. Right now they stick out like sore thumbs. I think there should be a stronger push for townhomes to have front doors that face the street. It is creepy to walk in front of all of these dark parking-access driveways. You never know who is lurking in the shadows. And with the townhome residents living only on the 2nd and 3rd floors there is no eyes and ears on the street level to help deter crime.

more car traffic, more graffiti on walls, but seemingly less crime along Aurora Avenue

It became more crowded. Large number of ugly townhouses went up that are less and less affordable.

More color. I love that. I feel that there is also more solidarity found in the community members.

Way too many condos and apartments in areas that are too close to L1. Downtown Fremont is lively, but a little too much with the bar scene. Additional parks are good.

Tough traffic flow through downtown Fremont -- many more traffic lights that are poorly timed. Huge change to late night party destination with proliferation of bars (I believe it's the 2nd largest concentration in the city) with crowds of drunken partiers 3+ nights/week. Great improvement w/ Fremont Peak Park and the park adjacent to the library. Repeated challenges for bike commuters traversing Fremont w/ repeated prolonged closures of the Burke-Gilman trail under the Fremont bridge.

Updated grocery store (PCC). Better driving traffic patterns. Lost a couple of pedestrian-friendly crossings on 36th. Lost a local drug store. Lost some "working-class" public art projects (the TV wall.) Gained the Peak Park which is amazing and fabulous--I visit it every day. Lost the Still Life. ;-( Lots more nightclub/bar establishments and people coming into Fremont in the evenings. Fewer artists and more boutiques. I miss some of the old creative energy.

Since I've lived in Fremont, an RPZ was enacted which significantly and negatively impacted my quality of life. After reviewing the status report, I believe there is a major disconnect between the vision statement and key strategies and what I experience in my daily life. And, as a new resident, I find some of the strategies not in line with what I need from an urban experience (for example - the Fremont Troll as a key strategy?) and others not being addressed at all.

Area in and around the Fremont bridge has been developed extensively. Unfortunately most of the older homes have been knocked down (instead of renovated) to make way for high density Town Homes.

The completion of the park next to the Fremont library was a positive development. Adding the left turn signal from 35th ave, going East, to turn up the street by Lenin is another good thing. The artistic additions, e.g. the lamppost and colored glass in the ground near Kinkos have kept things sufficiently "Fremonty." Other than that, I've noticed the commerce/businesses that have gone in and out of Fremont change the most over the 5+ years I've lived in the neighborhood.

More townhouses, more development, neighborhood park built

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

shops have gone more upscale with prices increasing. parking has become very difficult and now more costly. however, the area is very pleasant and accessible. many of the small conveniences though still must be found outside of fremont, in neighboring wallingford and ballard.

Density of the neighborhood feels as if it has increased (town homes/condos replacing single family homes in the urban center), parking situation has worsened, positive changes in the retail establishments (excellent restaurants) and additional retail space along Fremont Ave

I can't tell

Gotten much more gentrified.

Bridge Way redesign and RPZ has improved traffic by my house.

Increased population density, traffic, and crime. Proliferation of cookie-cutter townhomes and bars. Increased gentrification at the expense of working-class and low-income residents.

More condo complexes exist. Younger demographic. More drinking establishments opening.

Major redevelopment adjacent to the Fremont Bridge, while the rest of the neighborhood feels unchanged despite many new housing apartments, and town homes having been built.

Overall it has become nicer but recently the crime rate has sharply increased.

single family homes being replaced with multi-family homes/townhouses. more businesses. lack of parking!!!!

High-end/specialized/luxury retailers have moved in while older businesses (e.g. Sonic Boom and Asteroid Cafe) have closed their locations.

In the 3 years since I've been there several of the nicer businesses/restaurants have closed (eg Asteroid and the sicilian restaurant that used to be on 34th) and instead we now have more bars that attract drunken louts.

My street 36th avenue became a dead-end street and the motel was removed, both huge improvements to increase the sense of community and safety on my street.

Yes. More condos, less low-cost housing, more corporations, less small businesses, paid parking where it once was free.

Yes

There has been more development. Particularly, in the last two years, there has been more sub-dividing of the lots in the neighborhood for townhomes and cottages. I think this is actually an excellent plan, and has really cleaned areas of upper Fremont (Linden and 40th) up nicely.

Since I've lived in Fremont I've seen the construction of several new apartment buildings/ condos along 36th St that look like they will go a long way toward redeveloping that section of the urban village. Several new storefronts have opened up in that area as well.

The neighborhood has changed drastically over the past 10 years. Mostly through the development on Fremont and 34th east. There has also been a massive amount of single standing homes converted to townhouse complexes. Parking and traffic are definitely getting worse. The pedestrian aspect seems to be better.

New bridge, more commercial space, newer apartments.

Very much. A definite move from being an artsy community with interesting shops to a destination for young white party seeking types. Parking in the neighborhoods has become worse. The changes in the "Urban Village" seem to be less geared for serving the surrounding neighborhood than trying to attract people from the outside.

1) Fremont Bridge approach completed, with positive results for trail use and less traffic congestion. 2) More homeless people camping out on Burke-Gilman trail, along business doorways near Peet's Coffee, and in unmanaged and undeveloped land around Troll.

The biggest change is the demolition of single family homes and construction of ugly massive multi family buildings.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Increase in number of bars and restaurants, creation of many new jobs by the building of software businesses, loss of some "funky" flavor due to gentrification (townhouses, soaring property values, expensive boutiques, etc.), improved library, two new parks, more bus service, loss of Empty Space Theatre, PCC Market - all in all, a mixed bag. Would still not want to live anywhere else in town.

There are more bars and restaurants now particularly on the west end of 36th. There are also more townhomes in the main 'urban village' area. There have been a lot of improvements to parks and public spaces.

Yes.

I have only been working in Fremont for one year. The changes that I have seen are the current parking changes...ie meters, stickers, metermaids.

In the past 5 years, many more townhouses have been built -often on the backyards of existing family homes. This has decreased available parking & increased traffic. The City of Seattle has imposed parking charges in the urban core of Fremont against the wishes of most residents & shop keepers- this has caused me to plan shopping & dining excursions with friends OUTSIDE of my residential neighborhood- when in the past we would have often stayed in Fremont. The prostitution & drug traffic has seemed to remain at the same (fairly high) level - but the petty crime has increased such as business, residential & auto break-ins & muggings. When we moved in- we were told that Seattle police was cracking down on this crime- but it has not happened. It has caused me to consider moving to another neighborhood- I certainly would not like to retire here- it would be unsafe to be elderly in Fremont.

Total and utter gentrification! I just moved to Ballard. Only hipsters and yuppies live here now. The artists are long gone. A destination party neighborhood---no reason to live here anymore---the noise is incredible and the congestion gets worse every month---

We have more businesses popping up in Georgetown, and I think more young couples are moving in (you have started to see strollers and kids, which you did not years ago). The restoration of the boots, and Oxbow park is lovely, and we enjoy it very much. The Eagles shutting down has improved the feel of the neighborhood-- which used to get crowded (and often rowdy) on Saturday nights. I am excited to see the new development that will go in that space. I like the changes above-- and I hope they can happen alongside Georgetown remaining a place for creative, artistic people to thrive. I like that this neighborhood is a "little different", and I do not want to see all of these changes come at the expense of us having a distinct personality.

I enjoy Fremont Peak Park, walking there to see the sunset several days a week. I appreciate the additional new public art, the lighted sculptures in front of Kinko's to our neighborhood already rich with public art. As more visitors come to enjoy the night life, they often leave behind beer cans and bottles on the sidewalks and streets before they drive home to their own neighborhoods. The bottles especially are a hazard to cyclists who use Fremont Ave on their commute to work. I would like to see if there are ways our local bars can prevent their patrons from littering Fremont.

The sense of place has grown and continues to grow.  
groth

Seems like more crime on Aurora corridor (prostitution, drugs, burglary, theft, vandalism). Most of this seems linked to the low-rent motels between N 50th St and Aurora Bridge. Better traffic flow around Fremont core. More vibrant night-life.

More high-density housing, such as taking out one old house and replacing with 4-6 townhomes.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Moved here in 1984, bought a house and rehabbed it in 1985-87. Neighborhood is still a mixed demographic, but the number of young professionals just out of school has increased. Still very white, but an increasing number of immigrants, especially from Africa. New buildings--e.g., at Stone and 45th, including apartments with retail on 1st floor, one excellent very well-run building with subsidized rents for low income/ disabled--and lots of new cookie-cutter townhouses. A number of upgraded and refurbished properties, with improved gardens, but some empty buildings as well (e.g., at 45th & Stone Starbucks and Jamba Juice closed; the Beso Del Sol restaurant closed and has never been replaced, and the rest of the building is underutilized now that Bastyr has moved out), while others have opened (e.g., Tutta Bella). More properties on Aurora Ave N are chainlinked wastelands, but others on Aurora are now large apartment buildings with office rentals on first floor. Aurora motels have changed hands but several are still problematic sites of drugdealing and prostitution. Fremont business district around N. 34th is far more upscale and less interesting, but does offer PCC and other useful retail. Ship canal access more attractive with the Fremont Bridge overhaul and accompanying bike and foot paths. Traffic much worse, and some traffic revisions hurt rather than help, especially at N 46th and Aurora. Bus access to downtown, N Aurora, UW, Seattle Center very good, though crowded and the 358 runs late almost all the time; bus access from Upper Fremont to Fremont business district VERY difficult--no direct service so we tend to use Wallingford instead.

I have noticed a dramatic increase in traffic (human and auto) as people come to visit and live in the area. Overall a great increase in commercial activity; restaurants, stores, etc. Since I have lived here (33 years) Fremont has cleaned up quite a bit. With our new notoriety of course has come the bars and social outlets. Where I enjoy the impact from more commercial ventures I think we can do without the mulitutde of establishments that sell alcohol. Some are good; what we have are too many. This has been an ongoing issue hot debated for quite awhile. Obvioulsy its not the bars but the people who come from outside the area and behavior that is displayed on their way to and from. I appreciate the recent parking restrictions. It does control some of the problems in our area immeaitly north of "party town".

parking enforcement has improved

1. Higher residential density as result of townhouse and condo development 2. More higher end retail, restaurants, bars 3. More apparently homeless or transient people

Lots of gentrification. Much higher density of living, and more general shopping, due largely to Fred Meyer. Traffic has become much more congested and especially dense on Leary Way. Crossing Leary as a pedestrian is difficult at peak times.

More dense housingn construction

\* Too many single-family homes were torn down in the past 2 years and replaced with monotonous-looking townhouses. That sapped away some of Fremont's character. \* Green sign at the Fremont Bridge entrance to Fremont summed up the dissipating character of the neighborhood when it was changed by an unknown person to read: "Welcome to Fremont - Center of the Universe - Where Bellevue Meets Ballard." That last phrase previously read "Set your watch back 5 minutes." (The sign later was removed.) \* Increasingly unaffordable. Across the street from me, a rambling house divided into 6 apartments provided affordable housing for UW students and others. It was replaced with fewer townhouse units - 5 - that are bigger in size (bad for global warming). They sell for \$439,000 and up. \* People live in campers on Fremont's streets. The city has an affordable housing crisis. It will not help if you allow more density in my neighborhood for new buildings that charge outlandish purchase prices and rents. \* Harder to find a parking space. \* Less conducive for parents with young children. I'm Crimewatch captain for my block; the seedy motels on Aurora attract drug dealing/prostitution, which has lead at times to car break-ins, home break-ins, condoms found in alleyways, the occasional hypodermic needle found on the grounds of BF Day Elementary School, human feces found in lawns and in my garden. \* The greater density has led to LESS of a community feeling, as too many short-timers choose NOT to participate in our annual Night Out block party, tending to the traffic circle, helping our Crimewatch or FAWN, the city's oldest organization of its kind. \* Fremont Abbey moved in to the dismay of some residents, as alcohol at times is made available to participates. I DO NOT WANT RELATIVELY SLEEPY UPPER FREMONT TO BECOME LIKE ROWDY LOWER FREMONT.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Too many bars. The institution of paid on-street parking over the protests of all of us who live and work here. Too many new condos, concurrent with the tearing down of older affordable housing, so less artists. On the good side, PCC is bigger, and we've got some great places to eat.

The city has adopted parking hours that are unrealistic and crazy. The trees on Fremont which could make for a lovely green avenue are butchered because of the power line.

My neighborhood has less police protection than ever before, and it's noisier. These are the main reasons people give me for moving when they do. This is what I care about the most. I don't care about who is or is not creating public art in my neighborhood. I don't care about a "Mosaic Toolbox and Neighborhood Design Plan". I don't think there's anything in this that will make me feel safer. I'm tired of graffiti, and the city's response to it is not to catch the criminal who is creating the graffiti, but rather to penalize the property owner if the graffiti isn't removed. I want businesses at 45th & Stone, not vacant storefronts. Aurora Avenue, as the Mayor of Bremerton recently said in the newspaper, is a disgrace. It's one of the ugliest, least people-friendly urban spaces I've ever seen, which is even more of a disgrace considering that on either side of it are some pretty decent neighborhoods, and I've lived in Atlanta and Indianapolis. I see nothing in the "draft status report" about that. Did you know that most people in my immediate area don't know if they live in Wallingford or Fremont? I'm glad we have parks in the area, but very few people use them. I want less noise and more safety. You can "plan" all you want, but without those two basic things, any ideas you have about making my area more "livable" are much less meaningful than they would be otherwise.

Didn't mind the hi-tech coming in (I work at Adobe). But resent the parking meter situation and could do without all the bars. Bottom line, it is doing better than I expected.

Yes, there have been many changes - Fremont is cleaner, safer and has an upbeat urban feel.

Very much for the better. We now have vitality.

More art, more parks, more infrastructure and more growth. Also, we've gotten paid street parking and an RPZ foisted upon us. Our Chamber of Commerce and Arts Council have grown stronger and more effective, although the Neighborhood Council has only done one project (a HUGE one - they built low income housing) but they also meet regularly. We may, finally, get a safety barrier on the Aurora Bridge and we've been more cohesive, throughout the neighborhood, in what we want, or don't want, for the neighborhood.

The only completed change since i have been there is the new parking situation.

Much greater density because of the proliferation of townhouses replacing single-family homes. More robust business environment, better parks and amenities, but still no real community center.

We have been here 2 years. The only significant changes in that time are the continuing townhouse developments and the recent parking changes.

There has been considerable townhouse development in recent years, including the loss of historic houses. The commercial district is more vibrant than ever, however, traffic, parking, and loss of historic character are serious issues. The development at 34th and Fremont, including the PCC and housing is out of scale with the neighborhood and has had an adverse effect on the character of the area. The RPZ has helped somewhat with the local parking issue. The commercial center of Fremont should have been designated as a historic district 20 years ago. I am involved in neighborhood preservation efforts, which have been relatively successful to date. More recognition of historic buildings and opportunities for preservation need to be realized.

The neighborhood has been discovered by both a corporate culture and the young party set. Many of the older single-family homes have been torn down and replaced by '4-pack' townhomes. Some of the designs are aesthetically pleasing, many of them are soulless and downright ugly. Nearly all of them are of the same basic interior design slated toward one demographic: young singles or couples with no children. Yards have been replaced by buildings or concrete driveways and the lost permeable ground and green spaces have not been replaced.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

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number of bars has increased, diversity of businesses has decreased, pedestrian and bike safety have been decreased. petty crime has gone up. drinking and driving accidents have gone up significantly. we watch it on a weekly basis.

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more townhouses, fewer single-family homes more upscale, boutique stores more office space, but much of it unoccupied improved bicycle paths

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More townhomes in upper Fremont, which has resulted in less parking, more businesses in both upper and lower Fremont, and parking meters in lower Fremont, and a great new park, Fremont Peak Park, near my house!

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- Conversion of rental housing to condos/townhouses on a rather large scale - More married couples and more young children - Petty property crimes have waxed and waned but no consistent change one way or the other - On-street parking is a little tighter than it used to be

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Safety improvement at lights at 36th and Fremont Ave plus Evanston Ave. Fremont bridge replacement project. PCC has moved and redeveloped the block they're now in. Long standing businesses have left: Fremont News, Pontevecchio. Library has done landscaping improvements. Other businesses, newer ones have come and gone quite rapidly and often. Roundabout at Troll installed, effectiveness questionable. Pay for parking and parking limits implemented in 2009--effectiveness questionable. Fremont Ave is quite often empty now, where have these cars gone?

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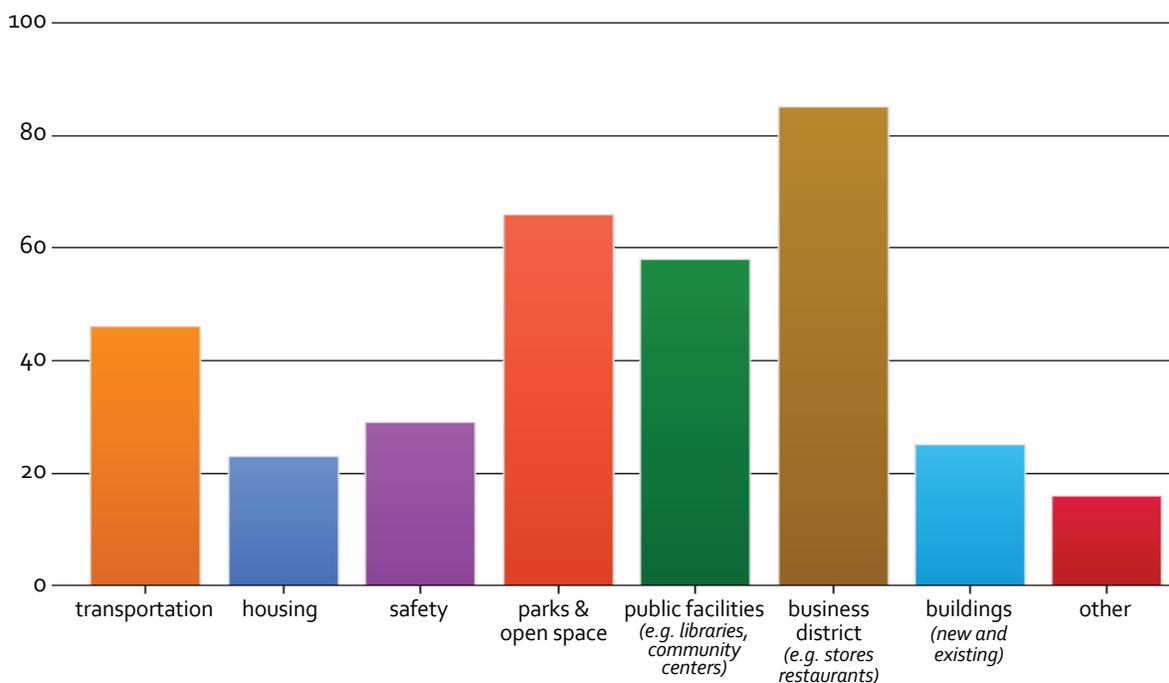
Adobe, Getty Images and Google are changes to the neighborhood since I moved here in 1994. Those changes are OK. The changes that I do not like are all the new bars and the trouble they bring: drunk and loud people and drug dealers on the street.

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my entire street was built out with condos in the last 2 years.

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



### Other things respondents are pleased about:

- Neighbors
- walkable neighborhood, 100-year-old homes
- Fremont library has suffered from Ballard Library being well built and a neighborhood center being locally sited
- Fremont Market, public art
- Arts council being in existence and holding the community together.
- fremont abbey arts center and others in Fremont Village
- atmosphere (basically, all of the above.)
- Easy bus access to downtown - love the #5 bus!
- Great accessible interesting part of Seattle
- Bridge approach reconstructing and planting
- Community people
- historic character
- Still a good walking neighborhood
- sense of place, unique community, strong culture
- Fremont Arts Council and our spirit here
- Community events

It's nice to see new restaurants and shops going in -- prefer that to more and more bars. Library renovation and adjacent park are great, as is the plaza beside the Adobe building (with the JP Patches statue).

i love fremont's unique character and energy! we shop, go to the library, use the gym and do a lot of things in fremont without ever having to leave, never in our car! it's a very walkable and thus sustainable living area.

Fremont is a wonderful neighborhood with great people and outstanding local businesses to support. It is highly walkable and bike-friendly. These are the reasons I moved here and I continue to enjoy these aspects of Fremont.

I like parks and nicely maintained sidewalks and bike paths to help people get to them.

Like the Bridge Way project and the RPZ

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

Density has led to parking and crime issues as well as daylight issues for existing properties, in addition I think the density has led to more older people on fixed incomes being priced right out of their homes and being forced to sell. The 1% for arts has led to outrageous amounts being spent on art often created out of the area and at the same times essential services such as park or community service centers and libraries have had to cut hours. Well meaning as art is we need services for our old and young before we need public monies spent on art.

Gotta love that Peak Park!

The new Fremont Peak park. Canal Front, Fremont Sunday Market, Shops and restaurants, Fremont Outdoor Cinema

Fremont is a vibrant community that supports a variety of activities throughout the day and into the night. Because of this the neighborhood seems able to support a wide array of businesses and generally feels safe.

There seems to be a concerted effort to improve public facilities, especially Ross and Fremont Peak Parks, library, canal walkway.

Safety and walking/bus accessibility

public transit is easy to use - we ride the bus every day to work and use bikes a lot. The peak park is near our house and a real treat - we go there often. Our small businesses are the highlight - going to Lighthouse coffee or the Dish for brunch - or just being able to buy groceries in walking distance - really makes life special.

Seattle does a good job of investing in the shared resources like libraries. The Fremont business district is still vibrant, although in the past 10 years it's become dominated by bars and clothing shops (and thai restaurants).

Appreciate any time there's an effort to preserve some of the history of the neighborhood as the area is developed. Keeping it an area that invites foot traffic is a plus. Encouraging and making it possible for independent, small businesses to thrive in the downtown core has been good.

Other than the occasional incident outside the Ballroom Fremont feels very safe to walk around in the evening.

I enjoy the community feeling of Fremont. I am pleased that there are a variety of shops, restaurants & services in fremont and that they seem to be doing ok despite the economy (for the most part)

Really like the housing Solstice Apartments and the collaborative effort which produced them.

Burke-Gilman along the canal is a very nice public space "Downtown" Fremont is increasingly interesting, attractive, and welcoming.

The Fremont Peak Park is great!

vibrant neighborhood with a variety of housing, and businesses. Walkable downtown with parks.

There are great restaurants and shops, and some beautiful new storefronts.

I love the park beside the library, but the art and the name were forced upon us in my opinion. The neighborhood is more active than ever, and I think that has increased neighborhood safety...

The improvements to Ross Park on the west side of Fremont! Love the new facilities! But most of all I like new businesses.

Love the businesses - small restaurants, Marketime, Persimmon, Via Tribulani, etc. And, love the library!

Like the neighborhood park

Resident participation. Marketime Store friendly, convenient. Transportation ample but sometimes a little scary on Aurora. It's wonderful having the zoo in the area, ditto Green Lake.

Have worked hard on safety issues and on neighborhood community building and have seen some success on both.

Redevelopment of the Bridge Way/Aurora on-ramp intersection improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety. More viable businesses and better overall business climate.

I helped with the Peak Park construction and am very pleased with its final outcome and the general useage by the public of the park. Great wins!

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

I'm really happy there are new housing units going up, and that there is quite a bit of new office space for future jobs. Transportation is pretty good. Easy to drive in and out of, and easy to bus downtown or to the UW.

city and neighborhood seem to be on the same page about increasing public space/parks in fremont

Appreciate the new lights. Accidents at 36th/Fremont have diminished.

Better traffic flow around Fremont core. More vibrant night-life.

i like that the library and other buildings are being kept as original as possible

Although a bit unorganized, Fremont is a fun place to walk around and discover things. People are interesting and always ready for a conversation.

Walkable access to a grocery store and being close to the canal, Burke Gilman Trail and other neighborhoods.

love the emphasis on unique art

The Peak Park is a wonderful gift to the city.

It is nice that they renovated the library. I still prefer the Greenwood branch to the Fremont branch of the SPL, but frankly, I prefer nearly any King County Library branch to nearly any Seattle Public Library branch (excluding the Seattle Central Library). Fremont Peak Park is brilliant!

The improvements to traffic signals and crosswalks have been good, though The city needs to repaint/refurbish the Fremont bridge, it looks terrible right now.

I very much like that I can walk to PCC, the library, good book stores, a few useful boutiques, a great fish market, some decent restaurants and coffee shops.

I like to see the community grow, but am sometimes dissatisfied with the architecture. Obviously the growth leads to traffic and parking issues.

I love Peak's Park, and there are plenty of bus routes.

I really like the diversity of people that are brought to our neighbourhood by the public events and businesses in the urban viillage.

The Fremont Library and BF Day School are important community resources. Historic buildings in Fremont need to be preserved before the community loses its distinctive historic character.

I love the zoned parking!

Still a very beautiful place---plenty of good community spaces. Good business district, all yuppified alas---

I appreciate the new stoplight next to Lenin that allows much better pedestrian movement through downtown Fremont. The PCC and library are great downtown Fremont hubs. Wish the neighborhoods had more trees!

Opening a few parks is great....

Love our library and the Fremont Peak Park and PCC.

We now have more real stores, restaurants and nightlife. We also have 3000 new tech jobs with no loss of our maritime and construction, home remodel jobs (until this downturn). We did a great job on Fremont Circulation and rebuild of Fremont Bridge. 2 new parks WE chose and put in.

PCC, etc... serving the neighborhood and high tech business core. Increased jobs in the area (unrelated to "nightlife").

One of the nicest aspects of this neighborhood is the number of high quality older homes. It's a really great place to walk around in. THE nicest aspect of this area is the ability to walk to the business district, excellent restaurants, and multiple parks.

I think they have done a great job w/Oxbow and the play fields, but we can't stop there. We also need continued investment in our business district.

The bus system works great and almost always on time. The library is a great place not only because of its service but also because of the great building it is. There are plenty of restaurants and little stores that we like to support because we want them to stay in business. We also enjoy walking the Fremont market every Sunday.

Fremont Peak park and new businesses south and west of the rocket are fantastic. New construction is of variable quality- some great (condos on Evanston and 39th) and some bad (lack of parking, ugly - condos around Evanston and 43rd, condos on Dayton and 36th).

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

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The Fremont Peak Park and The Fremont Abbey Arts Center

Love living in fremont. Community and city partnership on new fremont peak park in wonderful.

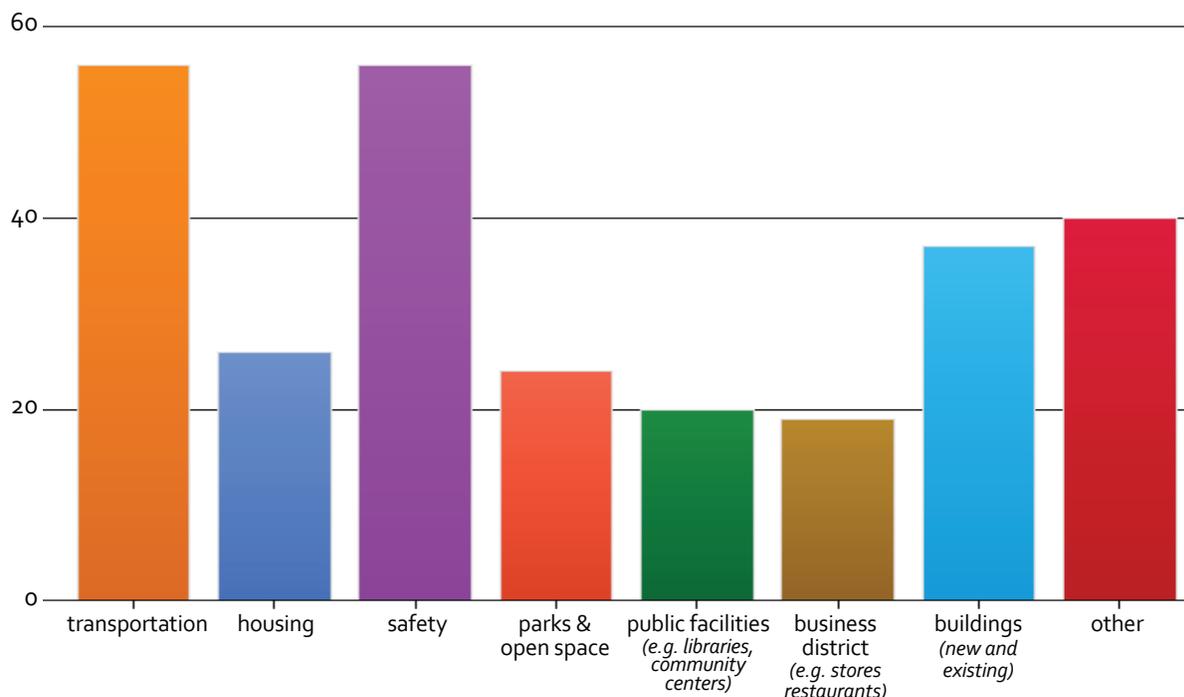
I'm pleased with new parks built with Pro Parks Levy funds, and with vibrant new businesses in th neighborhood.

Fremont struggles to maintain its character.

The 5 bus runs frequently and on time.

This is an awkward question

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



### Other things respondents are dissatisfied about:

- drugs, prostitution; **STOPTOWNHOUSE PROLIFERATION**
- walkability - sidewalks on Fremont need widening; need safer crossing areas on Fremont Avenue also
- too much new development that seems out of place, not enough historic preservation
- urban density has contributed to parking issues not compatible to neighbor friendliness
- punitive parking fees in a formerly friendly neighborhood
- Cheap, crass, soul-less townhouses and the stupid fences many put up.
- vandalism, parking enforcement
- bars
- parking meters
- Cross walk on Fremont N and 42nd. Have requested but no response.
- already ranted
- PARKING!!!
- overhead electric/phone wires/cables -- a disaster!
- drug dealing, prostitution, crime
- Boat access to the canal.
- extremely dangerous crossing at 43rd/ fremont, many people almost hit every day
- Hookers, Pimps, and Johns
- lack of pride by bar business owners to keep their property clean.
- street litter, lack of public trash cans at bus stops
- parking (lack of) & better transit options to the eastside
- proliferation of clubs and bars
- graffiti and drug dealing on and around Aurora.
- parking
- Suicide prevention "cage"
- Crime on my street (Linden)
- parking availability and prices
- lack of parking in business areas
- The piss poor bus service provided by the #5 line that is 90% of the time not on schedule because Metro insists on a route that goes to White Center and then back. The results is you cannot rely on buses going north ever being on time. AND they DON'T GO!
- motels
- party noise, street trash, ageist townhome design, proliferation of bars
- Pedestrian Safety
- Paid on-street parking! Bad for us
- Doggie boutiques, spas--the usual signs of creeping soullessness.
- corporate buildings
- drug use on streets, prostitution
- The push for condo's / town houses has overwhelmed and destroyed the neighborhood, with no "Urban Village" benefits coming in to play.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Fremont bars can draw a badly behaved crowd at times, though I don't feel unsafe walking around. Homeless encampment and a suspicious fire on some property near the Fremont Troll. I wish something would get built at the QFC development at Stone Way and 40th instead of a giant unsightly hole.

1) 4 motels on Aurora -- Italia, Isabella, Fremont Inn, Wallingford Inn-- attract many police calls; all 4 owned by Dean and Jill Inman of Bothell. Letter signed by 60 residents/businesses urgd them to clean up the situation. It's an ongoing nuisance. 2) I hate that old single-family homes are torn down and replaced with four (typically ugly) units. It's changing the character of the neighborhood.

STORES: Displeased with lack of full featured grocery store. Using the Ballard Fred Meyer or 24 hour QFC/ Safeway of lower Queen Anne as desirable examples. We are a 3 person family that gave birth to a son since living at 708 N 35th Street. Family income is between 40K-50K. We are car-less pedestrian commuters to work and shopping. Our demographic, anywhere in the city, needs practical stores within walking distance. Currently we do use and enjoy the Ballard Fred Meyer, utilizing the excellent Burke-Gilman trail as the route. We would still like a closer practical store. BUILDINGS: We are currently renters, and will likely become condo purchasers in the near future. We absolutely love Fremont and want to stay. We would like to see more urban density, specifically, greater heights for residential buildings. In common language: a lot of high rise apartments and condominiums. We absolutely love the aesthetics of Fremont, and feel high rise condos would be a positive addition to those aesthetics. Green spaces, trails and views of water and mountains are a major reason we love Seattle. Our needs as a family and in our income bracket are such that a greater supply of 2 bedroom affordable condos is a must for us to thrive in Fremont. Greater height, and less city code stipulating small green patches on the property will help families like us live in Fremont for the long term. I feel so strongly about the above issues I'm giving my address for future correspondence: Lance Miller 708 N. 35th Street APT 304 Seattle WA 98103

Transportation - the #5 bus is chronically late and unreliable. The #358 is awful to ride because of the stinky and misbehaving people on it. Safety - several out-of-control low rent motels on Aurora in upper Fremont continue to reduce the livability of the area. They are at 4117 Aurora, 4129 Aurora and 4251 Aurora. Public facilities - we do not have a community center and this is something badly needed for the residents here. Buildings - new and existing: we need encouragement and support from the city to help draft design guidelines. The new buildings are largely built by developers from outside the neighborhood who do not care about how well the new buildings fit in.

the new developments, where entire blocks of old houses have disappeared seems haphazard, unplanned, unaffordable and lacking diversity in accessibility to many people.

I wish there was a bus that went from the top of Fremont (46th and Fremont or Phinney) to the heart of Fremont and back. The 5 bus doesn't work for this purpose.

A few bad apples are really ruining things for everybody. There is a chain of sleazy motels along Aurora that fosters drugs, prostitution, litter, graffiti, and other crime. It contributes to an unsafe, dirty neighborhood only a few blocks from BF Day school and a wonderful park.

Would like more frequent public transportation between Fremont and downtown that does not require going to 99 to catch a bus. Would like more green space in the heart of Fremont.

Increase in vandalism

Too many to list but paying for parking in Fremont has led to more poor feelings toward a dismissive leadership in city government and a dis-enfranchised tax paying neighbor feeling for long term property/business owners IMHO.

Existing transportation options take a very long time to get from Fremont to (for example) downtown. Lack of express service.

Give the buses traveling west on 35th St (26, etc.) a turn signal. They tie up traffic and create a very unsafe situation as they rush to turn as the light turns red (I take it that buses are exempt from having to obey red lights when turning left?).

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

bus number 30 used to go up all the way to 46th on Fremont - now it doesn't. If an individual has limited mobility it is difficult to get to upper Fremont/the zoo.

Fremont's bar/drinking environment has become more rowdy and dangerous. There are routinely fights at bars such as The Ballroom and Nector on Friday and Saturday nights. These bars and/or police do not do a good enough job at preventing fights, and vandalism in Fremont. Safety is now a major concern in the Fremont area.

I really detest the balkanization effect that these town house sidewalk-facing fences have on the neighborhood.

condo, condo, condo! What community center?

Vandalism has been a recurring problem near our home; parking is somewhat scarce so people seem to improvise on what is suitable for their vehicle or what is actually a parking spot.

There seems to be more traffic than the neighborhood can safely handle. Pedestrians are at peril, especially along Leary. Some - not all - of the new construction looks mass-produced and boxy, definitely not in tone with the neighborhood.

There is some open drug use at Ross Park and the Peak Park which results in me being nervous about having our child there. Graffiti in the neighborhood has been a problem, and also at the parks. We had a crack house in our neighborhood which lucky for us was able to be taken care of with the help of the cops. I still feel safe at night but we have a very active neighborhood watch and so I know that there are episodes in our neighborhood all the time. It's much too nice and quiet a neighborhood to have that type of crime! With buildings, I think there are way too many homogeneous condo or townhouse units being built. I am terrified that one of the small houses in our neighborhood will turn into a mega-unit built right out to the property line. I don't think there is enough existing zoning protection to preserve the small homes and prevent them from being razed for Mc Mansion style properties. This has happened in other cities and I hope it won't continue in Fremont.

I won't beat a dead horse but the noise and rowdiness does not encourage people (other than a very young crowd) to the center at night.

I wasn't happy to see parking meters installed

Being one of the few long-term owners in the densest part of the Fremont urban village, I have found that the city's obstacles to obtaining services place huge barriers in the regions that need them most. I was involved in the traffic mitigation plans for N 36th St near the troll, and the standard SDT rules of getting signatures for x% of the residents is a HUGE problem in a high density, high rental area. In a single family, owner occupied neighborhood, obtaining the necessary signatures is not a big deal. In an urban village, we had to get several hundred signatures, from a somewhat transient population; it took a team of about 10 of us several months to obtain the necessary signatures. However, we're exactly the place that needs mitigation more (compared to single family zoned neighborhoods). Same with developing open space, or tree plantings, or energy audits. The city should make it easier for the regions that are accommodating growth to mitigate the downsides of that same growth. The city has an interest in having the densest regions be attractive places to live, to reduce the demand for low density single family houses. However, the city does not appear to provide extra support for Urban Villages. My other big concern is the lack of children's play spaces. From the map of open space access, it's clear that the densest region of Fremont has no walkable children's play area. All the development has led to many young couples moving into townhomes (which are the only affordable option, given the prices of SF homes). These couples are now pregnant or pushing strollers, and those kids are going to need places to play. So, while the 2000 density of homes with children was low (7%), it's going to be rapidly supplemented by the large wedge of "families without children" (18%). But, given the obstacles facing urban villages, the city is way behind the curve in serving this growing population (and truly, from walking around the neighborhood, y'all should be preparing for a serious bubble in the next 5 years!). I think the obvious solution is to start planning for a park with play structures in the open space surrounding the Troll. There is a group that is starting to look into it, and the city should offer them all means of support -- it'll be complicated because there are long standing controversies about who is responsible for upkeep of that land (SDOT? the city?).

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

New cheap condos. Most are made so cheap everything will need replacing in a few years. Yuck. Destroys the character and charm. Also I hate the down hill bike lanes on Fremont and other steep hills. Too close to parked cars zipping SILENTLY down faster than the speed limit. Someone will get killed! Pedestrians don't wear helmets. Up hill is fine, down hill the bikes should be in with the line of cars. The city is creating a dangerous situation that some one going to have a law suit one of these days

The new paid parking is a total disgrace. I live in Epi apartments and there is now nowhere for my friends/visitors to park free within a reasonable distance. 35th may still be unrestricted but is always busy with people trawling for spaces. I purchased a residents parking pass specifically to get a guest parking pass - but there are no residents spaces near me. There should have been residents parking added on 35th between Evanston and Phinney!

I do NOT think that the problem of crime- prostitution, drug dealing, robbery, theft, graffiti are dealt with seriously enough. I know we are "urban"- but that does not need to mean seedy. Seriously- Bellevue would never put up with this problem!!

Still no community center, prostitution and crime increases on Aurora still not satisfactorily addressed.

Bury the wires! Beautify Seattle's neighborhoods -- what a great way to improve quality of life! Increase in east-west traffic (getting the Ballard population through the neighborhood) is a big problem and getting worse.

See previous comment to question 1: motels on Aurora act as centers for drugdealers and prostitutes who are visible daily on N. 42nd St, Linden Ave N. and N. Motor Place. This has been a chronic problem for the last 3 years. The only solution seems to be closing down these motels (spec. the Italia, the Isabella, the Fremont Inn, and the Wallingford Inn) since the owners make no serious attempt to control the activity that happens on their property or to deny entry to dealers and prostitutes.

Really concerned about the high level of car break ins in the neighborhood. Our cars have been broken into at least 6 times in the past 3 years.

I live on 2nd Ave. NW, across from a Seattle Public Housing unit, which has led to a great deal of dissatisfaction with the safety of the area, particularly after our child was born. In addition, having the industrial area south of 36th St. so close to where we live has created some noise issues, particularly with Praxair.

Too Many Mushroom Houses (those "condos" with the overhanging living space over the driveways). I really wish we had light rail or a streetcar to downtown--why does Ballard get all the interest? Lastly, the public stairways in the neighborhood should be in better repair and with more periodic maintenance. Some of the risers are badly worn and a real hazard when the leaves have been falling (esp. those going down to Palatine Ave).

The building on the west side of the Fremont Bridge is simply one of the ugliest buildings in recent history, and the urban planners missed a huge opportunity for mixed use and pedestrian access to views and shopping.

Leary Way runs through downtown like a small highway and crossing is not pedestrian friendly. Downtown core needs to be better connected with more friendly pedestrian crossings. Fremont & Ballard need a direct connection to light rail with light rail or an extension of the SLUT. Bike trail needs to be connected via Ballard Bridge, and to Golden Gardens bike trail. Boat access for temporary docking and small boat launching.

extremely dangerous crossing at 43rd/fremont, many people almost hit every day also need to trim trees and add lighting around sidewalk near BF Day so kids and everyone can walk up the hill safely

It's not ideal to watch people shooting up on the foot-bridge over Aurora...perhaps adding light would correct the problem...no junkie likes light when they're trying to be sneaky. The zoning of new structures...does it exist??? Who thought building really ugly condos amongst mid-century Craftsman homes was a good idea...really...the appearance of the neighborhood should be taken into account when construction plans are submitted for approval. "Does the facade of the new construction fit within the existing theme and appearance of already existing buildings?"

Take a Saturday or Sunday morning stroll along N36th st. after a "night of partying" to see for yourself. Often times looks like a warzone.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

I have 2 small children, and I am sad to say there are very few good parks in this neighborhood. I live near Ross Park, and we use it regularly. Compared to other neighborhood parks, it is in desperate need of a face lift... the play equipment is outdated and the fences look poor. It is a high use park (the only one in the vicinity) and deserves more improvements (the shelter was a nice first step! Let's keep it coming).

The new lights and channelization are FABULOUS, and great improvements, but the parking solution SUCKS! (... and I use that word deliberately.)

In upper Fremont there's a lot of overflow from Aurora, foot traffic, etc.

I am noticing more drup deals and even an occasional prostitute in Fremont off Fremont Ave. Needs to be addressed by police

Fremont has too many frat bars and it seems like they keep adding more.

When will the old hotels come down and nicer mix use buildings go in? The Wallingford Inn, Fremont Inn, Isabella/Italia motels always seem to attract an unhealthy element.

Do not like the paid parking or the parking permits

Parking is tough - new townhomes are being built without consideration for the number of cars it adds to the neighborhood.

Newspaper stands on Aurora and 45th - bad idea. They are damaged and non attended by vendors.

Very concerned that, as we lose the viaduct as our main N-S route to points south and downtown, and as other transportation projects not useful for us (SLU trolley and other trolleys, light rail) take \$ from Metro buses, it will be harder and harder to get places easily as we do now. Need more affordable and well-managed low income housing, and need to convert the chainlinked properties and troubled motels on Aurora to useful development compatible with the neighborhood. Need to retain the trees and gardens and architectural variety here and encourage new townhomes, etc., to use more imaginative and varied design. Wallingford Library, accessible on foot from here, very small, really only a bookmobile without wheels. Fremont Library not accessible by public transit from Upper Fremont, and too far to walk. Need to continue efforts by Seattle PD and city atty's office to rid Aurora of crime.

Ugly cookie-cutter townhouse developments. I blame city regulations as much as developers.

1 - we need more green space accessible to many areas of the neighborhood. also, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT! the entire south edge of fremont abuts an amazing waterfront amenity, but to little gain of the public. 2 - be careful what we tear down for new development. old buildings creat the character of our place, and must be retained and reused

We desperately need light rail. The streets are too narrow downtown to handle the amount of bus and car traffic that is funneled through the neighborhood on a given day.

The motels on 99 attract drugs and prostitution. There is not enough enforcement nor police presence. The drug dealing and use spills into the BF day park and the porta-potty which, from what I can see, is pretty much only used to shoot up in.

The business district is pushed too tightly up against the busy streets (36th and Fremont). The sidewalks are too narrow and unfriendly. Also too filled with homeless people panhandling and bumming. Bars along 36th are too loud at night. The cabs waiting out front are a hazard, and the patrons do lots of stupid stuff - they park like animals, yell at each other and relieve themselves on anything handy!

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

transportation: transportation in seattle is an abomination. movement should be nodal, there need to be buses that go directly to capitol hill, directly to downtown ballard, directly to eastlake. whoever developed this transportation system should go spend a few days in freiburg, germany. housing: housing in fremont is terrible - there is no diversity of housing anymore. the apartments are basically slums where tenants are double-dipped with third party billing. new housing tends to be converted apartments (all of which are awful) or 4packs (2 duplexes on a single lot, also awful) public facilities: is there even a community center for fremont? buildings: new construction in fremont is awful. as an architect, it pains me to see the boxy, soulless abortions being built all over the neighborhood.

Troll area should really be developed. Pay to park is not helping the area and just causes more congestion as employees have to move their car every two hours.

Seems like more crime on Aurora corridor (prostitution, drugs, burglary, theft, vandalism). Most of this seems linked to the low-rent motels between N 50th St and Aurora Bridge.

it would be nice to have more family areas and parks to visit

Fremont needs: a pharmacy, a post office and a regular grocery store. I have to leave the village when I want to get medicine, mail a letter or pick up the kinds of groceries the PCC doesn't carry (or prices too high).

Living so close to downtown, Ballard and other urban villages, I am amazed at the difficulty in access to these major hubs via public transportation. Fremont needs to be better connected to the regional rail system through a light rail link or trolley. Since the push to move transients and drug addicts from Ballard parks this year, I have experienced a significant increase in aggressive panhandling and drug addict presence in Fremont. We can always use more park space. I am saddened by the state of the Fremont business district which has few every-day services for me to use and seems to cater to the bars/nightclubs at the expense of reasonably priced services for residents. The Fremont neighborhood is not particularly pedestrian friendly (due to Leary/39th traffic) and the streets/sidewalks in the business district are filthy. New construction of multi-family housing is ugly and adds nothing to the character of the community.

no transportation between upper and lower fremont

We have no community center! Why does metro not actually have a bus that goes from "Upper Fremont" to "Downtown" Fremont? My perception is that many of the Neighborhood Plan directives have not yet been met.... Troll East & West Parks need to be created as "Parks" or such where people can work on them in safety, rather than being concerned about the transients camping out there (realize something was started/talked about just recently-not up on it).

I have been sad to see the loss of "useful" businesses, such as the hardware store and pharmacy. How many Thai restaurants does one neighborhood need?

I don't know where it would go so not that high on list of dissatisfied things, but more greenspace would be nice.

If you want to make downtown Fremont more walkable and usable by the folks that live up the hill in Fremont, perhaps there should be a bus that goes from the area around N 46th to the area around N 35th (like there used to be). Either quit with the stupid townhome density rules, or change the building code to allow something other than ticky-tacky cardboard-cutout duplexes. It will not be long (in the great scheme of things) before this density plan backfires and people wind up buying both halves of a too-small duplex and knocking holes in the walls making instant McMansions. This is already happening in Delridge. Safety is markedly worse than it was twelve years ago. In the first seven years I lived in Fremont, I neither took the keys out of my van's ignition, nor locked the front door of my house. In the last five years, I've had five car prowls and come home to find a homeless woman relieving herself on my lawn. The business district in Fremont is nigh on useless. If it weren't for Peet's and the occasional trip to PCC, I'd avoid downtown Fremont like the plague. New and existing buildings? What existing buildings? There used to be a lot more buildings in Fremont that were built in the 19th Century than there are now. Fremont's not toney enough for anyone with money or panache to care about our old houses (with the exception of the one at 43rd and Phinney), so they just plow them over. Stupid, stupid, stupid.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

If the neighborhood is to support the density that is called for in the plan status report more emphasis needs to be placed on attracting neighborhood businesses that provide goods and services for residents. Night-life and bars have become far too dominant, while the main business district still lacks a drugstore, dry cleaners, now a modern music store, and choices for groceries that are present in many other neighborhoods. Improvements in density of employers and residents are good, but more work is needed to draw more goods and services. Perhaps more residential density in the main business district like the Epicenter apartments (PCC) would help.

The motels on Aurora in Fremont are used for prostitution, drugs, and other illegal activity. They have ruined the blocks they are located on.

Fremont is becoming like a tourist town visited on nights and weekends by a swell of youngsters intent on getting drunk. A few people benefit from this weekly influx, most of us residents suffer for it due to increased noise late at night, litter and property crime. The 'urban village' development so far caters to this young population and the designs encourage purchase by those who might rent or buy a townhouse or apartment as a transition residence in which to 'play house', then move on in 2-4 years, without investing in the neighborhood. Furthermore, no new green space has replaced all the yards now converted to concrete and structures. I can appreciate a few bars and music venues in the neighborhood, but I don't see any need for the current proliferation of little tacky liquor joints that are sprouting up along 36th. Many of the bar owners, old or new seem to be tending to the neighborhood in terms of the litter they create. I don't understand why it is not the business owners mandatory responsibility to maintain a standard of cleanliness in and around their building everyday. Although, so far, I still choose to live here because I like the walkability and location, I think the general character of the neighborhood has fallen in the last 7 years with the loss of vital and diverse businesses like Long Shoreman's Daughter, City People's, Still Life Cafe, Fremont News, record shops, grocery stores etc. And the subsequent establishment of other nocturnal businesses that don't contribute to the lives of people who actually live here. I wish and hope we, as a community, can become more thoughtful about the types of businesses and residential development that make the kind of neighborhood espoused in the statement I read earlier.

Not much public parking at all. I like the library, but am not aware of any community center that is in the works. Would love to have something like they do in Queen Anne, Ballard, and other neighborhoods.

It is very expensive for a low-quality apt, and the condos all look the same.

Fremont needs a post office!

Some apartment buildings are poorly maintained by absentee landlords with no apparent vested interest in the neighborhood than getting as much profit as possible for as little investment as possible - essentially free riding off those with a vested interest.

I would like to see continued development in the upper Fremont part of our neighbourhood. I am also very concerned about drugs and prostitute issues that continue to plague the aurora corridor. The motels there continue to harbor criminals and attract unwanted crime to our neighbourhood.

I would love to see a community center in the area and I think that pedestrian safety could be improved in many areas of Fremont.

Traffic and parking are problems in Fremont. There have been some recent road improvements, including the signal on 36th & Fremont and the improvements related to access on Aurora. There are too many intersections that lack stop signs, and many people drive too fast through the neighborhood. My biggest concern is with the proliferation of townhouses, which are squeezed onto single-family lots and should not be developed in the "double decker" form. A true townhouse is a rowhouse that does not have another set of row houses behind it. Townhouses should not be allowed to front on driveways! I am concerned about the continuing loss of historic buildings in Fremont.

I would like to see the addition of new stores and restaurants, similar to that of Ballard Ave.

The City of Seattle completely ignored the input from the neighborhood about paid parking. We were treated as if we didn't exist.

All condos---where to put the cars? Nowhere--- congestion worse all the time. Safety worse because there are no real people living here anymore---no one knows anyone else, so crime is much easier---

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Despite the community center being a priority of the neighborhood plan there appears to be zero movement in that direction. Despite my appreciation of improvement to pedestrian movement, I'm frustrated with the untimed and multitudinous lights one must traverse when driving through Fremont. Too many bars! Sorry the solstice parade has become more mainstream. Love the peak and library parks.

I wish there was public transportation linking downtown fremont to greenwood. It kills me that there is no bus service all the way up Fremont avenue.

As with all of Seattle, the essential message of the last 15 years is, "The money won."

Is there a community center in Fremont? I'm not aware of one.

As I stated earlier, the proliferation of bars and cocktail lounges has created noise and safety issues in the night. The explosion of multi-family dwellings has changed the timbre of the area as well.

There has been a big growth in the "night life" aspect of Fremont and a general "upscaling" of the area which has reduced some of the grass-roots arts creativity and arts projects. Also, I would still like to see a drug store be able to stay in the urban village.

Less support to our Police - we no longer have Business Watch and Community Policing is on life support. We have built lots of housing in the Commercial area (high cost) but it is a big struggle to build in the residential areas WHERE IT BELONGS for families. We hate pay stations and new 3-way street we didn't ask for.

The focus on making Fremont a "destination" has made the surrounding neighborhood a target for crime.

Way too many townhomes

Public transportation to downtown is great, but to other places can still be problematic. It's there, but bus wait times can be long in the middle of the day, and routes aren't always the handiest. WE NEED TO KEEP PRESSING FORWARD ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

Better transportation options and less public nuisance issues.

Safety is a big issue, as long as we have the motels open and functioning we will still have problems with it. Parks don't seem to be well kept and there is not really a place to walk. The new buildings have no sense of style and resemble more boxes than anything, we wonder if there is a city plan (like the one Portland seems to have) where new constructions are community friendly and nice to look at. We would like also yo see more respect to old buildings, try to keep them and not turn them down for new and ugly constructions.

The development around the center of Fremont, especially the huge amount of concrete and corporate space around the waterfront, is terrible. Arterials on 39th and 36th through a zone with lots of pedestrians are poorly managed (not safe for walking, and too slow/ congested for driving). Fremont has great commercial space but poor community space, which is slowly improving- keep up the work there! New construction is of variable quality- some great (condos on Evanston and 39th) and some bad (lack of parking, ugly - condos around Evanston and 43rd, condos on Dayton and 36th).

too much late night noise from all the new bars in the downtown area

it seems that safety has gone downhill in recent years with car break-ins on our street. Transportation is generally great by bus, but it would be great to have other source come soon. Highway 99 section could be improved, and recent upgrades to intersections have increased congestions. It's Fremont - do some thing different and consider roundabouts instead of lights :) New housing types that are being approved are disappointing. Code allows for bad design and should be updated. The standard 4 townhomes on one lot is changing the character of the neighborhood and they are bad community design in many ways. I would like to see more diversity in high-density housing types going in, multi-use, apartments, condos etc, and keep the currently zoned single family areas in place to preserve some family housing as well.

The traffic/parking changes implemented in the past year have crippled Fremont. My commute is ten minutes longer than last year - all the extra minutes are in Fremont and up Stone Way. Taking the bus would add 50 minutes to my commute. SDOT should be shot.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Paid parking is so bad for our small businesses. While we need density, expensive poorly-built condos are not the answer. We needed more affordable lower-to-middle income housing here so that artists and students can live in Fremont

I am dissatisfied with my house being devalued to \$1000 and ny property taxes way more the doubling due to the fact the city wants four town homes instead of my beautiful garden here., just because of zoning. I am still me. A moderate incomed single individual. living in my little house (not 4 town houses as it is being taxed} - and wonder how the city thinks I am to survive.

The new parking system is a mess. It has created nothing but headaches and mass confusion. Fremont is no longer Fremont, it is Feemont.

My car was stolen from where it was parked outside my apartment building on 46th and Evanston. There's a meth house on the next block over and several sketchy people that hang out around it. I wish the police would crack down on known drug houses.

5+ way intersections, badly timed lights, badly regulated traffic flows on Fremont Ave near the bridge.

Fremont, Wallingford & Ballard seem to be completely ignored during discussions of increased public transit. Given the population density of this part of N Seattle, it makes more sense to extend light rail or a streetcar line here before heading up to Shoreline.

I live near the abandoned future QFC, on Stone way. I am tired of looking at that huge hole in the ground...and broken fences.

I'd like to see some of the unused space that is currently overrun by weeds and abandoned trailers used as green space/possible off-leash area instead (35th & Canal)

More bus routes to/from Capital Hill, Eastlake, and/or the U district.

Need stores like Riteaid within walking distance. Also more grocery store choices than just PCC within walking distance

Pimps coming off Aurora are increasingly a problem; information about available public facilities isn't readily accessible; new condos built in the area are cheap and ugly.

The open space map on the draft report suggests that there is a shortage of open space & P-Patch community gardens. Considering the neighborhood density and the long wait lists for P-Patch space, I recommend prioritizing these needs.

There are few playgrounds in the neighborhood. Ross park play area is in need of updating. Would like to see Fremont included in future light rail or trolley plans.

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

It seems the focus is on government needs (revenue, jobs) than neighborhood needs (open space, easier parking opportunities)

i don't think any of the major tenants of the neighborhood plan have been achieved outside of increasing open/public space.

it's certainly not safer for pedestrians or bicyclists, there isn't as much bike parking in fremont as there should be. none of the lights west of the downtown business area operate well for pedestrians to cross, and since we lost a few crosswalks, it's actually more dangerous since people cross in the middle of the street.

As I stated in the previous page, if you bulldoze all the single family houses and build townhomes whose floor plans are suited to a specific demographic and concurrently allow one certain type of business to flourish above all else, that is the kind of neighborhood that gets perpetuated. I didn't see anything in the 'plan' about creating a neighborhood mainly suited to nightlife, young people and non-families.

Transportation improvements and some new parks have helped the neighborhood. I do not think that the plan envisioned Fremont becoming a neighborhood of anonymous unappealing townhouses.

No community center

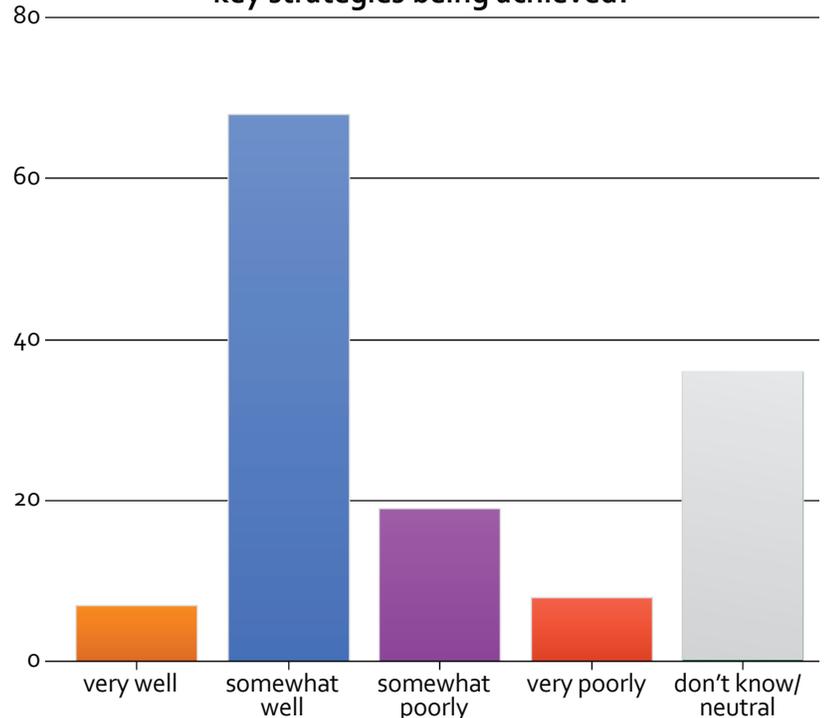
It is difficult to tell what the action steps are for the 'key strategies'.

We didn't have complete buy-in originally so I can't say that it is 'very well' done, but we've gotten a lot of improvements.

We got our Circulation plan, but recent changes to parking and channelization down the roads (like Stone Way and Fremont) have interfered with the improvement.

My understanding is that SO MUCH new building has already occurred in Fremont in recent years that the neighborhood already has absorbed all the new housing expected to be erected here by 2015 or 2020.

How well are your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies being achieved?



I think the market had more effect on the neighborhood than did the plan

The neighborhood information is being shared by the council.

Traffic and congestion was evaluated and positive steps were executed to solve problems.

We don't have the diversity of people or of housing we claim in our goals--yet. We definitely don't have the safety we claim there, though we're working on it.

Can anything stop gentrification?? Suzie Burke bears a lot of blame for this---

Peak Park is nice, but there is far more tree destruction due to over sized housing projects geared towards the high end. I've seen very little emphasis in maintaining the artistic and artisan side of the equation. The area continues to lose its community atmosphere.

See previous comments. Artists are more or less priced out of the local market, and there is still a lack of community space, but the increased commercial district and artisan spaces south of 36th has somewhat improved the area according to the vision.

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

We're not as vibrant. We don't have a community center. We have become a place where people from other neighborhoods come on Friday night to drink and litter.

I love the street I live in. We threw a block party August 1 and had over 100 neighbors show up. That is fantastic!

Transportation appears very much unchanged despite the work to the Fremont bridge. No community Center. Area under the Fremont bridge is not a special place.

Bridge approach, Bridge way, 36th st all functioning well after completion.

I don't think Fremont has achieved any of it's key strategies.

Would like to see more energy put into community building for people who live here and into stores that provide basic services for residents. Transportation for car traffic has been greatly improved; I am not sure that the pedestrian experience is any better. And I actually don't know where our community center is...

i think all/most of the needs are being addressed, but perhaps not well advertised. (Take for instance the community center... Fremont HAS one - the Fremont Abbey Arts Center. It exists for the community.)

for the key strategies outlined in the draft status report:

transportation: pedestrian circulation is improved. vehicular circulation is much worsened. disagreed with implementation of paid parking.

mosaic toolbox & neighborhood design plan: I have no idea of what this means.

community center: no action on this front, which is a huge bummer.

fremont troll: not sure what "several actions" are referred to. troll is still the essence of fremont and still strongly recognized. new developments like topiary dinosaurs along the canal are great. much more good be done.

The influx of unregulated townhomes have really destroyed the nice neighborly feel of the area. The landlords that sold off their rentals to developers have really driven up property values. The developers created a speculation market and have kept regular families from investing in the area. Developers have told me they are creating "affordable housing." I'm sorry but a \$600K townhome with a teeny yard is not affordable, at least for a family.

Bus service is spotty at best. Parking is difficult. The park aspect is great, and keeping the patchwork of unique businesses is also good.

SPD constantly in attendance around the five motels that are owned by a consortium (I think they need to be apprised of conditions) that do not live in the area - Thank You, SPD. Neighborhood walks conducted weekly. Urban Fremont Village developing nicely. Upper Fremont is close to Wallingford, Phinney, Ballard and Fremont Village. Truly the center of the universe!

No community center. In fact, we lost our neighborhood service center some years back. No emphasis on the Troll.

maybe losing diversity of residential pricing options. neighborhood is way too childless/lacking families with children.

Not increasing much in racial/ethnic diversity

"clean" and "healthy" it is not. I walk every day on a piece of sidewalk that is more used for chewing gum than pavement and where, more often than not, I get a dose of second hand cigarette smoke. It's just gross. Though, to be fair, this only exists in pockets. We really need help from the businesses on 36th to get things cleaned up. They are too tolerant of their patrons antisocial behavior.

Definitely a mixed bag.

meh

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

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Our neighborhood plan vision seems to be to sell ourselves out, and we're doing wonderfully. The infrastructure that we're getting at the bottom of the hill -- the part that people seem to really care about -- is really nice. At the top of the hill, the city crews can't seem to connect all the new side sewers into the sewer main under N 46th very well, so we go through weekend after weekend after weekend of traffic disruption, craptacular road patching, and occasionally jackhammering at 6AM on Sunday mornings (which the Seattle Police Department would shut down if a contractor did in half a heartbeat). It really seems like the top of the hill is paying in density for the improvements that are going on at the bottom of the hill.

I think they've been ignored for the part....

the parks are definitely progress. I am not sure what the housing or zoning strategy is but it seems to be "build town houses with the entire lot line paved into a parking lot" and I would think we could do better than that.

For all the reasons mentioned earlier, diversity of businesses is, I would say, decreasing rather than increasing, and density within the urban village is not increasing to an appropriate level that will support the diversity of those businesses. Transportation and pedestrian safety have been improved, but congestion could be improved with better synching of traffic lights close to the Fremont Bridge especially after bridge openings (both sides of the canal).

No real planning for density other than allowing it, no aesthetic requirements, total loss of historic homes for poor townhomes

It seems to be all about more development to ensure density and who cares about the older residents on fixed incomes.

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

You tell me.

I'm upset that parking meters have been introduced into Fremont, against the wishes of the local merchants. This felt like a cash grab on the part of the city, not something to help local businesses. It meant my neighborhood is a residential parking zone now, which costs money every year for something that used to be free. And it means that parking patrols my street and gives bogus tickets much more often now -- I'm currently disputing a particularly frivolous one with the city.

the city still needs to address the strategies and proposals from the neighborhood plan in an efficient and effective manner.

Personally, yes. But frankly, Fremont feels like a transitional neighborhood now - at least in the slated 'urban village' - and that doesn't seem to be in line at all with the original plan.

More emphasis should be placed on retaining Fremont's character. Also, more transportation improvements are needed, and parking continues to be a problem.

Still the priority with whom? It is difficult to tell as a resident if the neighborhood is maintaining the priorities set out in the Neighborhood Plan.

People who live in Fremont really care about it and are always planning ways to make it better

We still need a community center, of some kind.

We still want a community center and more commercial redevelopment, more diversity in housing, and better flow including sidewalk repair. We like our crosswalks, too!

We would sure like a community center!

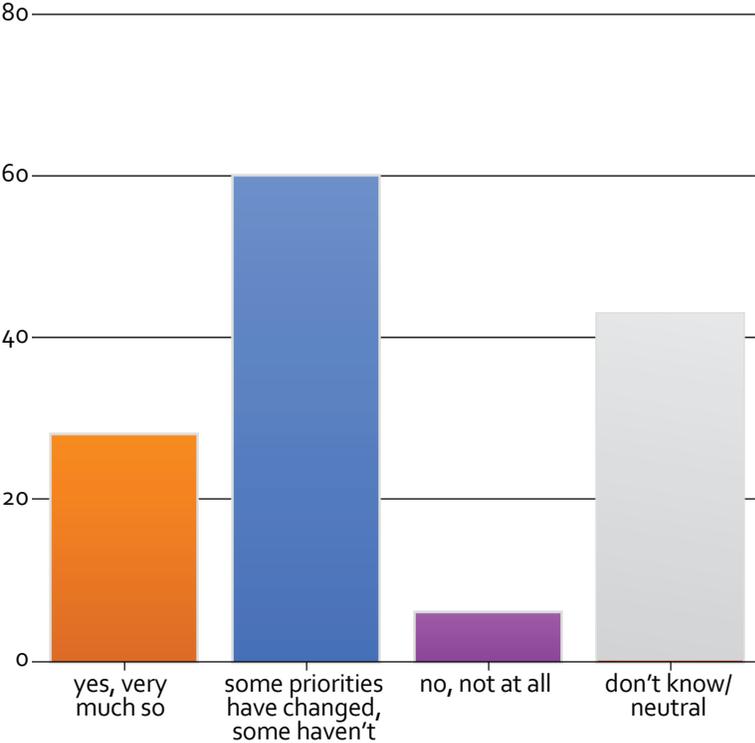
Still needing more green space and a safe playground for kids.

What ever Suzzie Burke wants is what we get so why complain.

There is poor oversight into new construction - some of the new townhomes going up are cheap. It is obvious that Fremont underwent one ill planned building boom... let's try to do better.

The trolley should extend up westlake to Fremont.

Are they still the priorities?



All the goals are good and would love to see more in that area.

Transportation will become even more important with the changes to the viaduct downtown. An increase of traffic on Leary Way should be expected with the completion of the tunnel, which will conflict with slowing down traffic and making downtown fremont more pedestrian friendly. Light rail, trolley, monorail are an imperative. Bus can not be the only option for public transportation.

Haven't seen much impact from non-traffic related improvements

transportation continues to be top priority, would like to see alternatives presented to the local bus option

I think the Transportation issue is still a priority, maybe even expanded from it's current scope. I think the other three are no longer valid and are short-sighted, dated, and not reflective of the needs for a forward-thinking urban community.

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

I think traffic is no longer a priority. Creating pedestrian zones might still be something to work on. I think one of the main priorities is how do we continue to create community for the residents of our neighborhood so it is not displaced by the incoming nightclub community. Developing the community center seems like a big priority.

transportation is still an issue. the proliferation of bars & drunken nightlife a new problem that must be addressed. community center still a priority. troll & character of fremont must remain front & center.

I want to see the city focus on requiring townhomes that have a common green space for its residents so more families will move in. More of a european model.

Not so sure about all the focus on "the troll"

I don't hear any community center talk in the community groups I'm involved in. I actually don't care that much about the community center -- so far, the business community has been pretty good at letting people use their spaces for meetings.

What's with activities centered around the Troll? Seems strange to me --other, better community spaces... Get Lenin outathere, please -- or paint him yellow.

The goals seem good, but the strategies only work for people who are interested in helping themselves. There needs to be some effort put into changing the behavior of people who aren't attached to the "traditional" neighborhood community - like the bums and the people who just come for the bars. Wider more brightly lit sidewalks to discourage loitering. Enforcement of the smoking ban. etc. The new parking zone is a good step in this direction.

Not feeling any emphasis to pedestrian focus. In fact some of the road work has been downright anti-pedestrian. The loss of the crosswalks on Leary, federal guidelines be damned.

They may be the priority for somebody, or even several somebodies, but I'm not at all certain that they're mine.

Creating a safe environment in fremont should become a priority for the Neighborhood Plan. Several bars in the area routinely have fights (Nectar and The Ballroom specifically) and make walking around Fremont late at night very unsafe. I would like to see the Neighborhood Plan updated with goals to address these safety concerns.

I think they've been ignored for the part....

The Troll is a community focal point? er, "Special Sense of Place"? You mean I should be happy about taking friends to a dank space under the bridge to show them the big art in the neighborhood? Are you joking? If you're interested in the "Special Sense of Place," buy Lenin and make him permanent.

With whom? Sometimes hard to get done. City often seems to make it harder and more costly than it could be.... Seems a long time ago the plan was made and we worked on it. A lot of things have not been accomplished. Fremont Neighborhood Council is still interested. Many other people don't even know what was in the plan, or have forgotten, or given up, or not had time or end up out of the communication loop... Sad when we spend so much money on these things! How do we keep people in the loop?

We need to get with the real world and invest in the health and welfare of our people, old and young, or our society is nothig but a money grabbing hungry machine never satisfied and Not Satisfying the needs of The People

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

transportation connections

public space

Parks, open space. Troll would be great area to focus on, it's the gem of our community for tourism.

Amenities reflecting the growing population of young children and young families, including maintaining playgrounds and parks, and businesses friendly to kids (NOT more bars!).

Greening up and cleaning up the right-of-way around the Troll.

Maintaining our excellent parks and library, as well as our great bus access.

parks & open spaces, trails, sidewalk improvements, bike lanes, helping small businesses survive this tough economy, and less new construction (until things catch up, and then the new construction should have more parking spaces IN their buildings!)

housing affordability, pedestrian and bike safety, public transportation, diversity of business

demographics (can empty nesters really climb all those stairs as they age? Do people have to move in order to have kids?); good reliable transportation; useful functional businesses within the walking region; Thoughtful choice of businesses within the neighborhood.

Neighborhood character and the loss of historic character. The need for neighborhood design guidelines. Retaining existing affordable housing instead of building new higher cost housing units.

The draft status report seems pretty accurate and adequate to me.

Creating a true community gathering space in Fremont

Art in the community

Concrete, obtainable goals

Basic infrastructure, repair and public safety

Security/policing, family friendly housing

Arts and Culture

Streetcar extension to Fremont and beyond. Traffic congestion on 45th between Aurora and the University.

Fremont's history, showing an appreciation for its character and old homes. Redevelopment or renovation of ratty Aurora motels; turning Aurora into a tree-lined pleasant entryway to Queen Anne/downtown instead of a graffiti-/litter-strewn eyesore.

traffic and traffic patterns.

traffic safety

public transportation

neighborhood crime

Developing shabby motels into properties that will benefit the neighborhood, rather than allowing them to support illegal drug and prostitution economies that contribute directly to increased neighborhood crime and decreased property values.

Affordable housing; safety, and redevelopment of troubled properties on Aurora; community building of all of Fremont; better transportation

- The impact of a growing percentage of children with the need for playgrounds, school improvements, etc.

Safety, economic development.

Congestion---more apartments, less condos, less parking spaces. From 2-7pm it's gridlock---

stopping crime

community building

Pedestrian safety, neighborhood character

Affordable housing for a diverse mix people.

1) Zoning allowing for higher residential building, less green space on the property.

2) Crime prevention

Crime prevention, transportation, new construction

development patterns, public amenities and transportation networks

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

I am not sure what has been done to address parking and the community center.

Safety issues relating to drug use and pimps; reducing the number of new ugly condo construction.

Allowing developers to build green and getting permits approved faster than non-green buildings.  
Creating policies that allow more affordable housing for young urban professionals.

walkable areas and pedestrian safety, community spaces, more diverse businesses, the Troll park

Attract a more eclectic / diverse set of businesses as well as keeping essentials within walking distance.

Quality of life for those living here. More affordable housing in the urban village. Better public spaces, like our library and the Burke Gilman. Free parking again

Homeless issues, especially the encampment alongside 99 and the Troll. Definitely would love to see Gas Works Park improved with the addition of the Wooden Boat Foundation. What a win that would be! Need to keep adding corporate level businesses.

Transportation - access to downtown Fremont from areas around the Woodland Park Zoo is limited to pedestrian travel. There are no bus routes, which can be a barrier to decisions to patronize local businesses within the Urban Village area.

parking and access to business area

Transportation, light rail connection. Community Center with an expansion of the solstice parade needs.

crime, pedestrian safety, affordable housing, police emphasis on DUI prevention due to proliferation of bars and nightclubs, parking for residents

Rarely see policing besides traffic enforcement

transportation and improving traffic congestion

transportation. Trolley to fremont & ballard

traffic in downtown Fremont, parks and green spaces

Development Patterns and transportation networks

Single family homes; encouraging family life

community building. affordable housing. basic services for residents to walk to.

I don't really understand this question. I think the report itself isn't the issue. It's the neighborhood plan for Fremont that is flawed and doesn't reflect a growth management plan for the future. I wish I had lived in Fremont when this process was begun so I could have contributed to make this a more meaningful plan.

Connecting with the current exterior resources rather than spreading internal resources thin... Why build a community center, when one already exists?!

places, activities & services that enhance community (community centers, parks, open spaces for community activities) for the residents of the neighborhood.

affordability of the neighborhood, limit on development

crime prevention

Livable housing and encouraging higher home ownership rates.

Public amenities and development patterns

Making business owners responsible to clean their sidewalks and property in a timely manner. Bus service.

walking and street safety - ie. Great City Initiative

Dealing with the parking issue and trying to save single family homes from being demolished.

Affordable rental dwellings; bringing back artist/work studios; making the ultra-bleak canalside complex (Google, Getty, et al.) into something resembling human space; water taxis; a smallish grocery store as an alt to PCC; rendering the Sunday Market actually useful in some way other than entertainment.

Transportation and Safety

Designating open space, green corridors, P-Patch community gardens, and enhancing pedestrian & bicycle safety

Making Fremont welcoming for pedestrians and bikes.

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

Crime rates. It would be good to track how quality of life issues have responded to changes in density.

Public friendly spaces, kids, elderly, The public Plaza feel. fremont has it to a certain extent. Could have more emphasis on this.

Cleaning up Troll area. More police patrols.

increase support/orientation for families -- more welcoming.

Better use of housing (?) -- many homes occupied by single widows, while families cramped in to small units. Alternative to move traffic between I5/Udistrict and Ballard.

Perhaps further increase in office space.  
Access to ""waterfront""

Cleaning up Aurora. Honestly, this would benefit every other aspect of the neighborhood plan.

Modifying the neighborhood to make it feel cleaner and safer. Making the business district more ""professional friendly.""

Pedestrians. People should have the priority in our neighborhood over cars and trucks and even bikes.

Development patterns, housing affordability, transportation networks

Safety.

Crime on Aroua and social situation creating it.

more focus on addressing safety issues in Fremont as a result of bars over-serving people and fights outside of Nectar and The Ballroom on Friday and Saturday nights

Transportation and saftey.

Safety, family, decreasing the ""bar"" community

Encouraging local businesses

attracting new retail and restaurant options. No more bars (ie. sinners and saints) we are drawing the wrong crowd. I would love to see a mix similar to that of Ballard Ave.

Nice parks for families and condo dwellers.

historic preservation, housing affordability

crime prevention and motels on Aurora

1}Monitoring / getting rid of the drug / prostitution Haven Hotels on Aurura = The Itallia, The Fremont Inn (Thunderbird) Etc. Revoke their buisness licenses - make them go away. Make the neighborhood a safer place.  
2}Transportation to lower Fremont from Upper Fremont

crime

development patterns which I interpret to mean improving zoning and preventing mindless speculative building resulting in huge blocks of empty townhouses public transit and community which binds us all together

Increasing housing and business diversity. particularly in the retail core.

Safety and open/public spaces

Parks

Police patrol of 3rd Ave NW...speeders are a real hazard!!

crime

Crime statistics

Whichever bucket you want to put Prostitution and drug eradication, public safety including vehicle safety, traffic and parking decongestion

Real souldtions for real people, long term residents struggling to keep their homes amidst rising costs, and the needs of our children who will inherit our debts and poor choices of today

Diversity in housing types (less townhomes, more variety in high density home options).

Greening the neighborhood and pushing green pilot projects through - green streets, pervious paving. Improving the 99 corridor and east-west access  
Creating car-free zones in shopping districts

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

public art

Timed and fee parking (and I say this as someone who walks to work and home within Fremont).

Hurting local businesses with parking meters and inconveniencing residents with RPZs.

finding back-door ways for the city to make money (RPZ)

I'm not sure what the focus is on right now...

The continuing densification of Fremont. Fremont is a fairly densely developed neighborhood, and this won't change. I don't want to see more single-family homes demolished to make way for expensive townhouses and condos.

traffic

Waiting for the City to do something for us.

What is green and nebulous

sucking up to the bicycle lobby, DPD micromanaging to the point that new businesses and existing businesses can't DO business

Art

making money from parking

Townhouse development, which is driving out affordable housing.

Rearranging parking zones.

Downtown Fremont as if it were all of Fremont

Nothing.

Anything else

The arts

making money off people that come to the community... ie parking meter. Paid lots and free street parking is a nice balance

Ugly condos

1) Adding parks. Currently use the Burke-Gilman trail and Canal Park daily. But do not need more.

housing affordability, demographics

Parks, they are already super nice!

parking meters, new buildings

Nightlife.

Making Fremont a tax revenue cash cow for the city.

New restaurants and bikes, we need to make sure that the changes we are implementing do not hurt the service and manufacturing businesses that form the foundation of the tax base for this area.

Public amenities

paid parking, permitting of multi-family dwellings with inadequate parking, nightclubs

Road work

Housing affordability

Adding more condos and apartments

transportation. "destination development."

not sure

The troll.

demographics, housing affordability

The Troll.

Trees

parking

Building new condos for high density housing

Parks

Accommodating automobiles.

The Troll? What is that have to do with neighborhood improvement?

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

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Troll, Lenin

Holding onto the past for the past's sake. Some things just need to be rebuilt or rethought.

Encouraging development and developers to rip and replace every lot possible into a triplex town house ghetto.

Demographics, public amenities.

multi-family dwellings

Promoting corporate interests

The bridge is finished... the troll is just fine. What are your priorities for the coming years?

More bars ...

buidings

development

property value

Urban desnity and non sustainable transprotation such as the SLUT system

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

How well the changes are meeting the residents' needs.

Sustainability.

When the plan was drafted I am sure the extent of the weekend bar invasion wasn't there. I am not sure what or how but thinking of some way to curb the "spring break" intensity.

I don't know what the "Mosaic Toolbox" is. I read the paper everyday and keep up on Neighborhood affairs so if this is how builders are working, I would like to know more about it

I think the report would be enhanced by showing not just the present land use patterns, but where they were 10 years ago. It would give a much better sense of where the density has been changing (as opposed to just the overall levels given in the tables provided), and where additional services may be needed.

I don't want to come off as a crank- but feeling safe is a major part of being willing to get out & enjoy the neighborhood and using the parks and enjoying the art. Especially in the winter when it is dark. The crime rate should be included in the status reports.

When will Seattle bury the awful electrical wires? Help citizens with initiative to begin the painful/costly process! Our neighborhoods are beautiful - -but you wouldn't know it for all the poles and wires.

issue of crime prevention, cleaning up Aurora

coordination with adjacent neighborhoods regarding transportation issues. Neighborhood urban rest stop or help area for the many transients, homeless, and those living in vehicles parked on the streets.

Fremont RPZ is not addressed as it is newly instituted. In my opinion it is not working as planned.

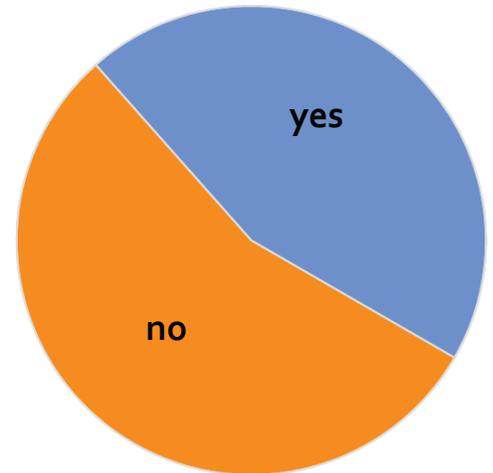
The demographics seem odd about homeownership - what about houseboat owners? Do they fall into "1 - attached" or "50+ units". We do have some houseboats in the outlined boundaries of the Fremont neighborhood - although only about two dozen.

education level of residents. number of self-employed's. number of businesses per resident.

Transportation issues and crime on Aurora

Homeless encampments and retaining manufacturing businesses in the area.

The homeless / bum population. It's not talked about anywhere in the report, and they really need somewhere better to go.



How to invigorate community involvement in the neighborhood plans. There are FEW reputable and safe lodging options in the area. There should be focus on improving what we already have. Bring more art (back) into our community.

The status reports are very positive and flowery in their appraisal of the neighborhood. Come visit my street on any day of the week and you'll see a lively drug and prostitution market. It's difficult for me, as a resident and worker in the Fremont neighborhood, to take the report seriously when it's portrayal of the neighborhood ignores serious problems that I see daily.

The community investment section does not really tie into the key strategies in a meaningful way.

Maybe a processing or perception error, but I don't actually get where my major focuses of concern fit in your "reports". Don't seem defined to fit...

I wish I had the draft here where I could go over it. I'm not sure.

Community Center?

I really think there should be something mentioned about increasing are in the neighborhoods

Crime and safety are not addressed

#### Q4: What are the important gaps in the status reports?

They don't really give sufficient detail to analyze whether the Fremont neighborhood plan has been implemented successfully.

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See above---if it's not too late---

what makes a good community/neighborhood? how can businesses that contribute to the health of the neighborhood be encouraged?

The report does not address the neighborhood area outside the urban village. I think the urban village is nice, but the surrounding neighborhood is suffering.

See above.

Your demographics are given in a vacuum - what are they compared to? Are they applicable to "Big Fremont" or "sub-Fremont"? Do "home values" include apartments or condo units? You obviously don't catch our Houseboat, Housebarge, and live-aboard units (0.0%) Also, the writeup on Fremont is full of mis-statements - I got tired of editing it. It's nice to talk about the parking plan we designed, sold to community and implemented in 2002. The problem is the SDOT undid it without our approval in 2009.

Attracting interesting businesses into the area that help balance out the artist / artisan side of the equation.

Addressing whether the transportation upgrades have made significant difference.

It would be good to have information about the amount of low-income housing in various neighborhoods, in order to ensure it is distributed equitably.

Drug use and prostitution still make the east side of Fremont unpleasant. I would like that issue to be addressed in the future.

You mean the summary? The 'investments' should be described as 'accomplishments' in order to separate what is being done from what has been accomplished. You should include some of the action steps as well. Just a comment... I feel as if I had to memorize or be intimately familiar with the status report to answer these questions. The status report basically gives the Vision, key strategies, accomplishments and neighborhood demographics so it was awkward to answer this survey. Also, I don't like to be forced to give my name and email address... particularly if there is no comment about what will be done with them.