



# MOUNT BAKER STATION AREA DEVELOPMENT

## Site Ideas Engagement Summary

December 2021

In June 2021, the Office of Housing and Sound Transit shared site ideas for the City's Mount Baker sites and Sound Transit's East Portal site. The goal was to develop qualities and outcomes desired at the new development. Over 750 people responded to the online survey and focus groups were held in with over 70 people in Amharic, Cambodian (Khmer), Mandarin Chinese, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese.



## Top qualities and outcomes

**Family and community-centered design** in buildings, open space, and programming

Design, features, and uses that celebrate and support the **community's history and diversity**

A development that is **inviting, welcoming, and integrated** with the community

Design and features that **enhance personal and community safety**, including pedestrian safety and safety from crime

**Positive living experience** for building residents, including natural light in units and privacy from other buildings

Open space and programming that is **well-used, promotes health and wellness, and serves all** ages and abilities



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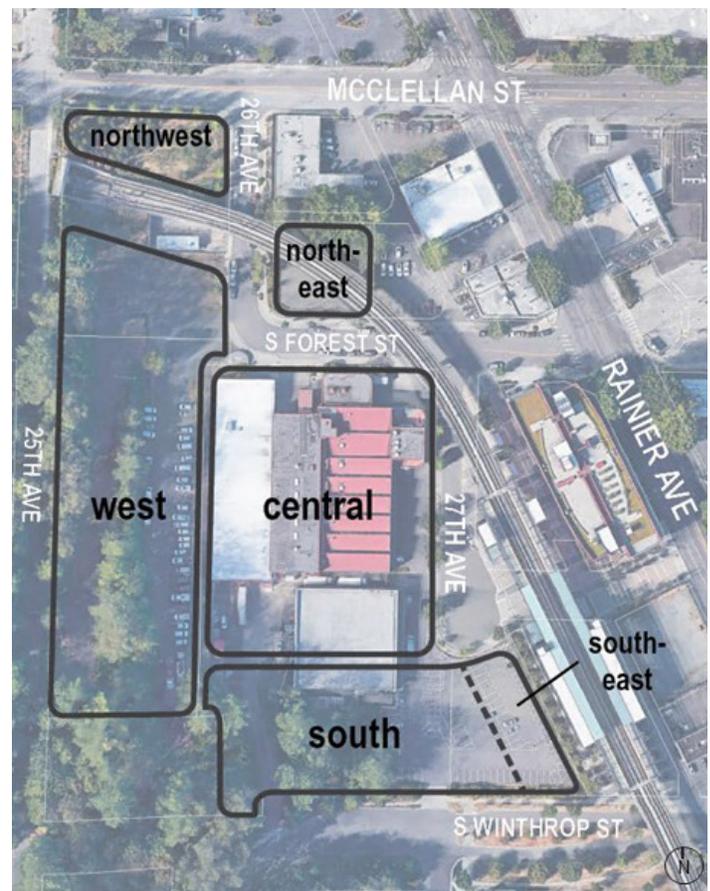
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The City's Mount Baker sites and Sound Transit East Portal site are located to the west of the Mount Baker Link light rail station. The sites were divided into different sections. More information on site section ideas and the full community engagement summary can be found on the [project website](#).

All participants wanted the development to be open, safe, and inviting. Themes of community, equity, safety, and health and wellness can be found throughout all the feedback received. Celebrating the history and diversity of the neighborhood through design and programming was also a high priority. Implementation strategies ranged from murals and culturally-relevant motifs and colors to 2- or 3-bedroom units to accommodate families and open space uses such as walking paths, community gardens, and playgrounds.

Personal and pedestrian safety was a major concern for residents, businesses, and visitors. People and organizations stated that recent crime and violence in the station area had affected residents, staff, and clients, causing fear and anxiety. Homeless encampments and the safety of the unhoused, neighbors, and visitors



was also identified as an issue. Implementation strategies to ensure safety also varied.

Respondents to all future redevelopment Request for Qualifications/Proposals for these sites will be expected to consult the community engagement report, and to incorporate the top qualities and outcomes into their final proposals.



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