

TRANSFORM SEATTLE – EXTRA Breakout Questions & Answers 12/06/2011

Question #1:

It is 2030 and Seattle has 120,000 more people and 115,000 more jobs than it did in 2011. Imagine your daughter/son has just moved into a home in a different neighborhood than where you live now. What is the best thing about their new neighborhood?

Response to Question #1:

- Easy bus/train access
- Better transit connections
- Increased public safety
- Built environments that reduce time—lighting, small businesses
- More local employment options
- Parks within walking distance
- Mixed housing and income types
- Better plans for neighborhood for better housing
- Better schools
- Energy efficient homes/bldgs
- Community farms

Question #2:

In what ways do you think the choices you make impact the environment?

How can the City of Seattle help you make better choices for the environment?

Response to Question #2:

- Increased density for less driving
- Upzoning
- More affordable transit
- House sharing—multi-generational homes
- Plastic bag ban
- City income tax
- More in-home business options
- Building destinations close to homes to reduce driving
- Access to healthy foods

Question #3:

To help make buses go faster and to avoid getting stuck in traffic, it may be necessary to give buses their own lane (no cars can drive in these lanes) and to remove parking in some places.

Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?

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Response to Question #3:

- Stop consolidation. Must balance access needs.
- Better transit service makes trade-offs easier
- Everyone (drivers to) wins if transit moves faster
- Want dedicated bus lane on Rainier Avenue S.
- Try neighborhood connectors/shuttle/jitneys to save money and increase service.