

TRANSFORM SEATTLE – AMHARIC Breakout Questions & Answers

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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:

- It would be a neighborhood where there are safe and competent schools
- Library where children and elders will spend their time;
- neighborhood where there are Recreational Parks, close by groceries,
- Closer, clean and more secured sidewalks and bus stops;
- where there is more job opportunities and most importantly safe neighborhood

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?

Question #2 Responses were:

Day today choices simple to major choices will impact our environment both positively and negatively for example

- Not turning off our lights when we get out of our offices or homes
- Not choosing to recycle and throwing garbage/trashes everywhere
- Efficient use of water both hot and cold
- Unplugging our electronic devices after use
- The City of Seattle can help us make better choices
- By creating awareness on how to use our resources more efficiently
- Guiding and instructing how to use home appliances
- By providing more energy efficient appliances or with reduced cost
- Doing home to home inspection and creating competition between neighborhoods
- By providing incentives in different forms for households that are more energy efficient

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?

Question # 3 Responses were:

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Agree. There will be no traffic jam and i can reach to the places where i want to go very quickly saves me time, money and energy. I will be able to ride the bus and reduce emission on environment caused by driving vehicles.