

Welcome

COMMUNITY DESIGN FOR THE NORTHGATE LIGHT RAIL STATION AREA
OPEN HOUSE #2

6 p.m.

Open House

6:30 - 7 p.m.

Presentation

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Open House /
Q&A

Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work, Learn and Play

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HEALTHY, FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

What are the most critical housing needs? Your ideas for solutions?



How can we improve public safety and sense of security?



ACCESS TO SERVICES

Your ideas for improving access to childcare, medical or other services?



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ACCESS TO GREEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and green space needs



Public recreational activity needs



Socializing opportunities for youth and families



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Your ideas on how to support and grow an economically stronger Northgate community?



Online Survey Results - Healthy Community Qualities

HEALTHY COMMUNITY TOPICS	COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS
Safe, accessible conditions for walking and biking	156
Safe, reliable transit	115
Safe, inviting and accessible parks and open spaces	86
Mixture of jobs and businesses	59
Access to healthy food	56
Noise level management	52
Opportunities for social interaction	46
Good quality and affordable housing	41
Good air quality inside and outside buildings	32

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Seattle-King County Public Health will continue in 2012 with an assessment about how to create a healthier community in the Northgate area.

The survey results can be generalized into the following categories of desirable community qualities.

GREAT COMMUNITY QUALITIES:

- Active and Safe Travel 
- Access to Green Space, Parks and Recreation 
- Sustainable Economic Development 
- Healthy, Fair and Affordable Housing 
- Access to Services and Healthy Food 

DO YOU HAVE MORE INPUT?



Concept A: 'Creek Street'



- Green Street corridor with active street uses
- Plaza and 'creek street' corridor
- Possible future residential infill under existing zoning (85 ft.)
- Possible town-homes on 3rd Ave NE
- Possible new streets
- New offices could make more efficient use of these sites

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Looking north on 3rd Ave NE from NE 100th St.

Concept B: 'Station Place' Transit Plaza



Plaza would connect the transit station and green street corridor to the east

One example of building to existing zoning (125 feet)

Possible future commercial infill redevelopment

Rail station plaza and bus/rail transfers

New streets and sidewalk corridors to break up large blocks

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Concept C: 'Park Place'



Up to 240 foot residential towers

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Open space & amenities could be part of zoning rules

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Possible townhouses on 3rd Ave NE

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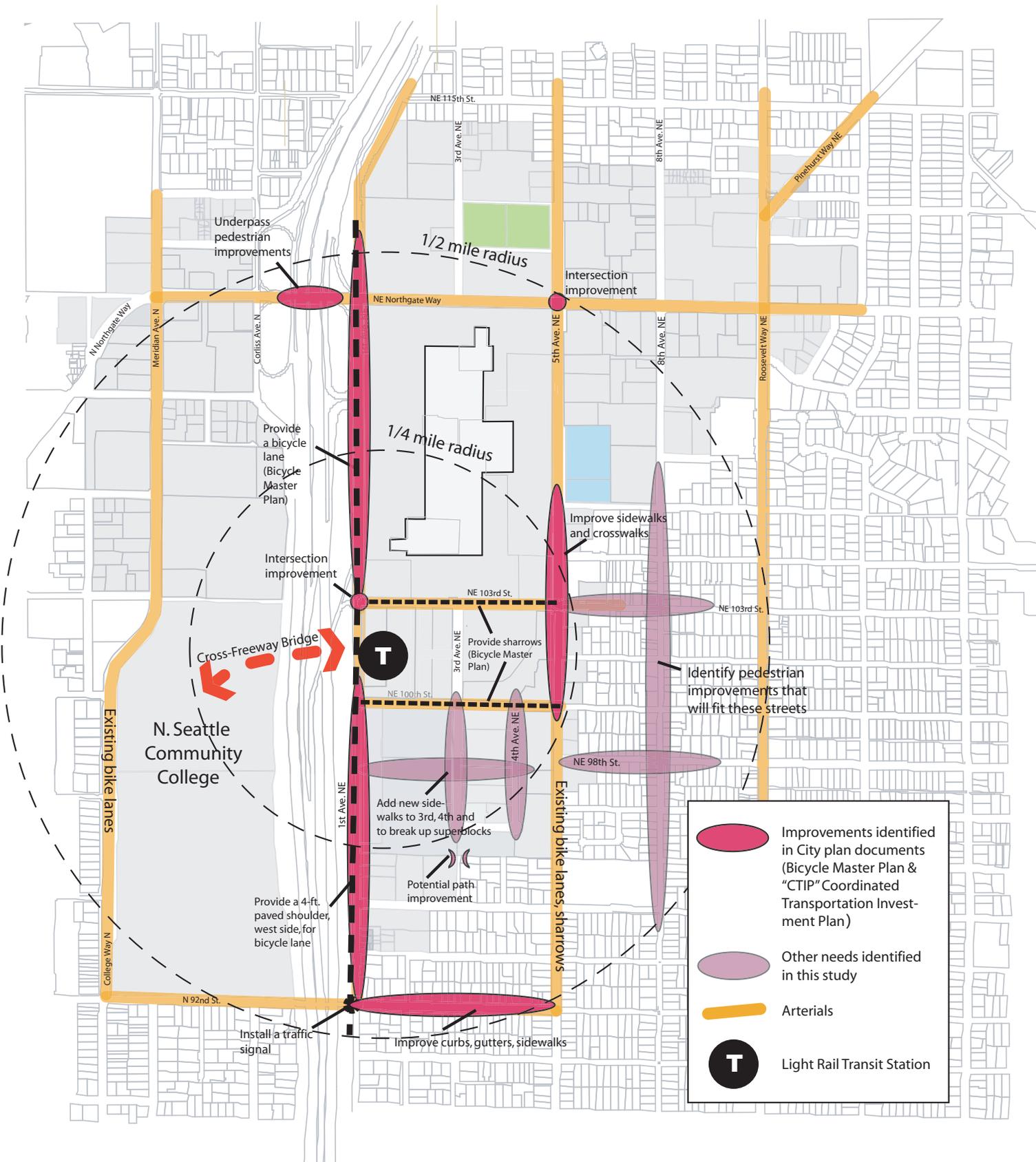
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Identified Street/Accessibility Improvements



What We Heard -- Public Comment Themes

BIG THEMES

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"Urban" character rather than suburban, with a sense of place & identity

Prefer dense residential uses to enliven the area

"More residents will help create a stronger neighborhood community in Northgate"

Activated and livable

Walkable, interesting and vibrant

"Need a place, not just a space"

More street-level retail: attractive small businesses, cafes

"Nice gathering spaces, with coffee and food nearby, will turn this into a thriving area."

More varied uses will add to the sense of community

Useful and serves needs

Grocery store, hardware store, cafes vegetable stands, street vendors

"Businesses to meet people's needs, not just high-end boutiques"

Bicycle station at the transit center

"There needs to be sidewalks near the station, and bike-locking racks"

Affordable housing

Add a variety of housing for different income levels

"Price the housing right: a mix of condos and apartments"

Buildings that are well-scaled

Majority preference for Midrise, Lowrise scale

"High-rise just doesn't fit the neighborhood profile."

Also, contrasting opinions favoring higher scale for residential buildings

"Encourage highest density residential and offices right where good transit is available."

Pay attention to building setbacks and massing

"Consider the human scale" in street-level uses and setbacks

Attractive public spaces, with recreational value

More gathering spaces: public spaces, with festivals

"We want spaces that will always have people in them"

Greened and well-scaled sidewalks and streets

Public spaces not too large, & with active features. Empty plazas not preferred.

"Smaller scale, more intimate spaces work better than large spaces"

Walkable loops for exercising

"Parks and open spaces everyone can use"

Dog park, gardens, swimming pool

Environmental, green features

Green spaces, & sustainable features to humanize the area: trees, gardens, water features

"interacting with nature is part of quality-of-life"

Farmers markets, community gardens

"I really value green infrastructure and other sustainable features"

Feels Safe

The I-5 bridge crossing would improve safety for walkers and bikers

Currently, walking distances to I-5 crossings can be a challenge, and bicycling can be scary on auto-dominated streets

"Take measures to proactively prevent crime"

Walkable, linked into the community

Good pedestrian connections to the library, the creek area, and residential areas including near Northgate Way, into Maple Leaf and to the south

"The lack of sidewalks in Maple Leaf will be an obstacle"

Remove impediments (poles) from 5th Avenue sidewalks

Need good pedestrian sidewalk routes to the rail station

"Northgate needs more pedestrian-friendly streetscapes"

Healthy community

Safe conditions for walkers and bikers

Encourage new residents, in order to "avoid dead zones that would be unsafe at night"

Providing safe conditions in public places

Questions About Access Improvement Priorities

Which walking or biking routes are most in need of improving? What ideas do you have for solutions?

What are your top three priorities among these accessibility improvements?

_____ Sidewalk crossing safety

_____ Bicycle parking at the station

_____ Wider sidewalks

_____ New sidewalk routes where lacking

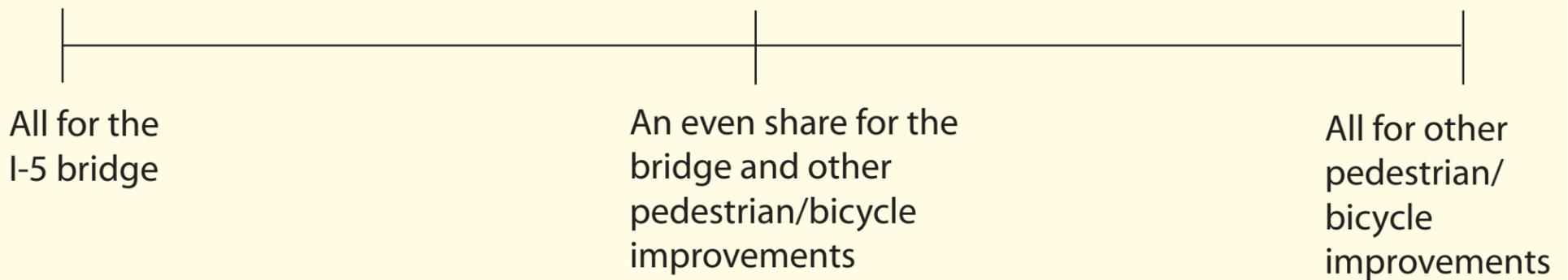
_____ Good lighting

_____ Better road safety and traffic controls

_____ Safe and clear-marked bicycle routes

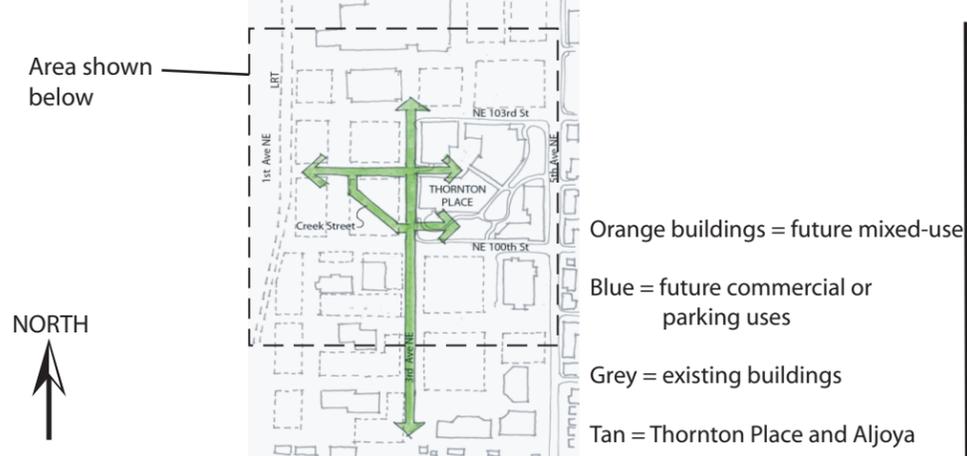
_____ Easier, faster access to buses

How would you prioritize funding between the I-5 bridge and other possible pedestrian and bicycle improvements?



Open Space Layout Concepts

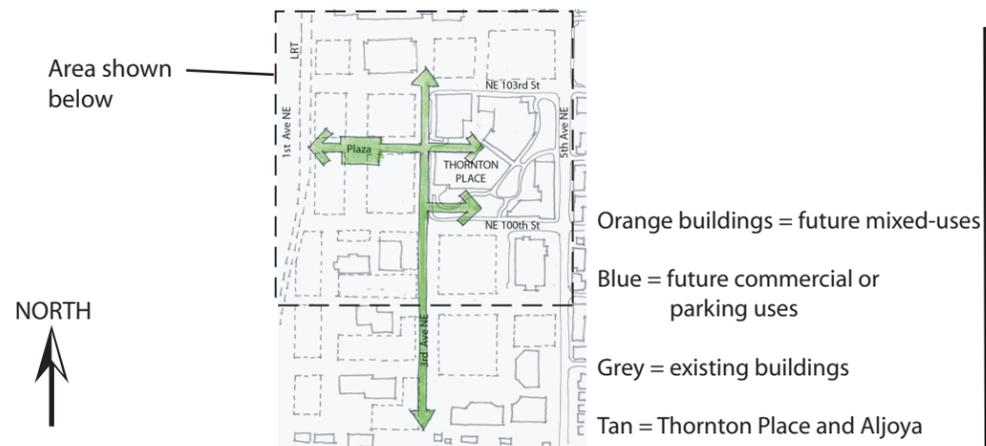
Concept A: 'CREEK STREET'



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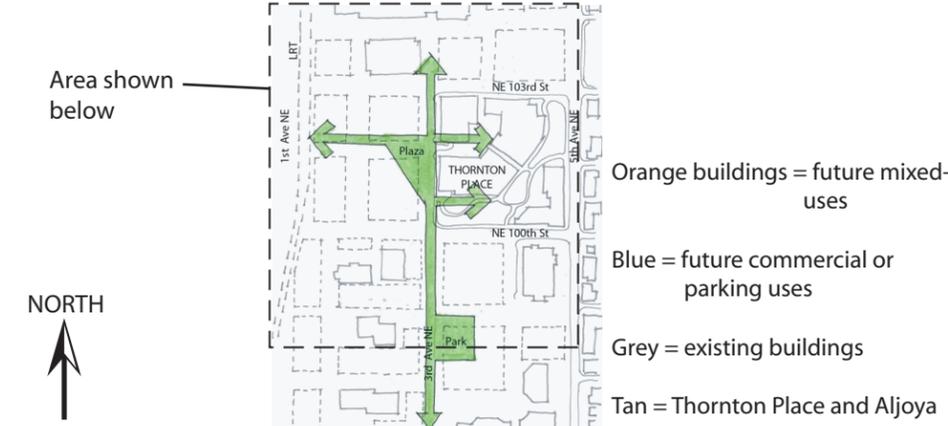
Concept B: 'STATION PLACE'



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Concept C: 'PARK PLACE'



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