



# Initiatives Underway in Center City

The following projects are currently being coordinated by the City of Seattle, State of Washington, and other public agencies in Seattle's Center City area.

Center City Seattle is Mayor Nickels' strategy for encouraging economic growth, transportation, new housing, and great urban neighborhoods in the downtown core and the nine areas immediately around it.

In terms of geography, jobs and density, Center City represents the core of the region. By 2024 it is estimated that this area will produce 50,000 new jobs and over 22,000 new housing units.

Many exciting projects are planned for Center City in the next few years.

## Center City Seattle Neighborhoods

- Uptown
- South Lake Union
- Capitol Hill
- Belltown
- Denny Triangle
- Pike/Pine
- First Hill
- Downtown Core
- Pioneer Square
- Chinatown-International District

Visit the Center City Seattle project website at:

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## Major Planning Efforts

- Yesler Terrace redevelopment - *Ongoing*
- Bike and Pedestrian master plans, Seattle Streetcar Network Development Plan and Urban Mobility Plan - *In Progress*
- Broadway Action Agenda - *In Progress*
- South Lake Union Urban Form Study - *In Progress*
- Livable South Downtown planning and land use analysis - *Draft Environmental Impact Statement Published*
- Central Waterfront Plan - *Draft Concept Plan Published*
- North Lot development - *In Design*
- Center City-wide Alcohol Impact Area - *Implemented*
- North Downtown Parks Plan - *Completed*
- South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan Update - *Completed*
- Changes to the Land Use Code to increase height and density in the downtown core - *Completed*
- Center City Competitive Edge Study - *Completed*

## Transportation Projects

- Alaskan Way Bored Tunnel Hybrid - *Ongoing*
- Center City Access Strategy - *Ongoing*
- Center City Parking Program - *Ongoing*
- Central LINK Light Rail - *Opening 2009*
- Two-way Mercer/Valley corridor - *Design Complete*
- King Street Station, Westlake transportation hubs - *Ongoing*
- SR 519 Intermodal Access Project - *Under Construction*
- New First Hill Streetcar - *Ongoing*
- Streetcar Network Development Plan - *Complete*
- *Bridging the Gap*: Paving key routes to and through downtown Fifth Avenue - *Complete 2009*; Fourth, Second, Marion, Virginia Street paving projects - *Ongoing*
- Bicycle Master Plan implementation - *Ongoing*
- Pedestrian Master Plan - *Finalized 2009*

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## Housing Projects in Center City

- Partners in Hope (Bahkita Gardens): 90 units for homeless women
- 1st and Cedar: 84 units for homeless individuals
- Cascade Supportive Housing: 83 affordable housing units
- Westlake II (801 9th Ave.): 56 units of permanent supportive housing for the homeless - *Open Spring 2009*
- Langdon and Anne Simons Senior Apartments: 95 units of affordable housing; 92 are permanent housing for homeless
- Evans House (415 10th Ave.): 75 units for the chronically homeless
- Broadway Crossing: 44 units of affordable housing above a street level Walgreen's
- 1811 Eastlake: 75 units of housing for chronically homeless alcoholics - *Opened September 2005*
- Multifamily Property Tax Exemption program expanded in June 2008 to include Uptown, Belltown, Commercial Code and Pike/Pine; encourages developers to include affordable housing in residential projects
- Workforce Housing Initiative adopted in late 2008; allows developers to increase height/density of projects in exchange for affordable housing
- Changes to encourage housing in the downtown core (part of the downtown zoning changes initiative) - *Completed*
- Revisions to encourage housing in First Hill, Pike/Pine, Union and along Broadway - *Completed*

## Public Amenities Projects

- Hing Hay Park improvements - *Under Construction*
- Renovations to Freeway Park - *Under Construction*
- Counterbalance Park: An Urban Oasis - *Opened June 2008*
- Olympic Sculpture Park - *Opened January 2007*
- Green Street Improvements (multiple locations, some completed)
- I-5 Colonnade - *Completed*
- Cal Anderson Park Improvements- *Completed*
- Aquarium - *Completed*
- Westlake Plaza Improvements - *Completed*
- Chinatown/ID Community Center - *Completed*
- Renovations to Occidental Park and Pioneer Square Park - *Completed*
- Yesler Community Center - *Completed*
- Denny Triangle Urban Center - Acquired 8,722 square foot property
- Denny Park Children Playground - *Construction complete April 2009*
- Lake Union Park - *Phase 1 opened April 2008; Phase 2 under construction*



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