North Rainier Neighborhood Action Plan

The North Rainier Action Plan is the work plan that identifies strategies and action steps to be accomplished together by the community and the City in order to achieve the community's vision and goals. Through a series of meetings during 2009 and 2010, the community came together to create the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update, an update of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan of 1999, and helped to prioritize the strategies and action steps of the North Rainier Action Plan. It is the intent of the City to complete the included Action Steps in the timeframes indicated assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available.

Overview

Neighborhood Plans are designed to be long-term, flexible documents that shape and guide the future of a neighborhood. The original Neighborhood Planning process took place nearly 10 years ago and helped provide communities with a framework that allowed them to shape the direction of their neighborhood. The goals and strategies developed during the original neighborhood planning process were folded into the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

The recently completed North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update process affirmed the vision of the original North Rainier Neighborhood Plan completed in 1999 and refreshed the goals, policies and strategies to reflect the changed conditions of the plan area and involvement of a broader segment of the neighborhood’s population. These proposed goals and policies will be forwarded to City Council in early 2011 for inclusion in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Action Plans and Priorities

The North Rainier Action Plan includes the vision, goals, policies and strategies of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update as well as the goals, policies and strategies that were carried over from the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan of 1999. The action plan includes action steps to be addressed in the near future as work toward the associated strategy. The action plan is intended to be refreshed regularly by the community and the City. It is a living document that accommodates changing priorities, conditions, tools and resources.

Action Plan priorities are the shared work of the community and the City that are required to achieve the vision and goals of the Neighborhood Plan update process. In order to be implemented, each strategy has specific action steps that the City, neighborhood residents, business, and other actors are responsible for completing. To assure progress toward implementation, each action step has an estimated timeline for completion.

The following two tables summarize the community’s prioritization of goals and strategies from the 2009 Neighborhood Plan Update Process in North Rainier. The City’s neighborhood planning team gathered this feedback in two ways. First, a Town Hall meeting in May 2010, community members participated in a “dot exercise”, in which they placed an allotted number of dots beside their own priorities. Second, community members participated in a similar exercise via an online survey.
Table A: Top Selected Goals for North Rainier

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This informal summary simply highlights those goals and strategies that garnered the most dots, and provides a brief synthesis of the top-dotted items. The results are a general indicator of community priorities -- they are not intended to preclude or limit other goals and strategies identified in the neighborhood plans. A complete list of the goals and strategies that were listed during this exercise is included in the Action Plan; and the Neighborhood Plan Update Town Hall and Web Survey Results which are available at [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Plan/Overview/](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Plan/Overview/)

For the North Rainier neighborhood, the key themes that emerged from the dot exercise were:

- In goals, Rainier and MLK gets the most dots – but none of its many strategies were top dot-getters.
- In strategies, youth is the primary focus, particularly related to social program funding (5.1, 5additional, 5.2, 5.3). Strategies touch on retail anchor (grocery and pharmacy), and increasing the number and mix of uses – urban density. They also prioritized housing affordability.
Implementation Strategy
A Neighborhood Action Team will be formed around each goal that is a demonstrated priority, so that community members can take ownership of the priorities that matter most. Community members will self-select Action Teams, so that people who are passionate and committed to implementing a goal will carry out the work required to for implementation. The City department that best relates to the stated goal will convene the Action Team. The different Action Teams will function differently depending on the type and timing of the work to be done. The Neighborhood District Coordinator will provide contact information for City staff of the different Action Teams and also serve to connect community members who are interested in participating in Action Teams.

The City will host community-wide meetings to inform residents on the progress of the previous year’s Action Steps and to determine the next Action Steps. Action Plans will continuously be revised accordingly.
North Rainier Action Plan

Entering the North Rainier Valley we are impressed by the neat, well maintained, well-developed main thoroughfares that accommodate all major modes of transportation. We are an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area which maintains its ethnic roots. Business, light industrial, and high-tech job opportunities provide welcome employment for the entire Puget Sound region.

The residential assessment comprises multi-family, single-family, and mixed-use housing to clean, safe neighborhoods affordable to a broad range of people. Housing densities increase near the core of the urban village and around transportation hubs. Multi-family housing is not concentrated in one area; allowing increased density while not overwhelming the community.

Residential areas are also varied, quiet and safe. They are grazing to pedestrians, children, families the elderly, and people with special needs. Art galleries to walk or roll along the streets at all hours of the day or night. Consistent maintenance keeps areas clean, neat, and safe. Pocket parks and pachypodians are interconnected throughout the neighborhoods. Inner-pancanning doors and windows are seen no more, having been replaced by vibrant architecture and open, open doors, and a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere that has drawn residents back to the community. Neighbors know and care about each other, children are welcome and have plenty of safe places to play.

North Rainier Valley is a destination for retail and institutional activities. Continuous bicycle paths and routes meander from Lake Washington through the residential areas, through parks, the city, and outlying areas. The green spaces are blurred to blend. Spaces and courts allow for all ages and skill levels to gather and compete. Areas are set up for regional sports.

The valley is a draw for film, theater, music, dance, and visual arts. Public squares, religious institutions, schools, and community centers are also gathering places for activities for neighborhood residents.

The community values and celebrates diversity. Committee to helping immigrants become an integral part of the neighborhood, programs are set up to accommodate new immigrant populations and all them with English classes, cultural interaction, and advocacy for their needs. Such programs are increasingly shared in small with other parts of the City.

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Policy C2. Encourage community-based cross-cultural integration among business owners and broader community

Encourage community-based efforts to integrate cross-cultural integration among business owners, as well as among the broader community.

Policy C2.1. Support local businesses and small businesses and encourage physical improvements and programming relevant to people with disabilities

Support local businesses and small businesses and encourage physical improvements and programming that are relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.

Strategy C2.1.1. Promote new and existing small businesses

Promote new and existing small businesses and support their continued success.

Strategy C2.1.2. Support local businesses

Support local businesses and encourage physical improvements that are relevant to people with disabilities.

Policy C2.2. Enhance neighborhood green space and encourage physical improvements and programming relevant to people with disabilities

Enhance neighborhood green space and encourage physical improvements and programming that are relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.

Strategy C2.2.1. Enhance neighborhood green space

Enhance neighborhood green space and encourage physical improvements that are relevant to people with disabilities.

Strategy C2.2.2. Support local businesses

Support local businesses and encourage physical improvements that are relevant to people with disabilities.

Goal 3. A Town Center whose residents have a range of incomes and housing options

Development within the Town Center prioritizes housing that serves households across the range of incomes.

Policy D3.1. Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes

Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentive and funding.

Strategy D3.1.1. Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes

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Goal 4. North Rainier is a “Green Hub”

North Rainier Urban Village is known as a “Green Hub” providing green jobs and training, and green development.

Policy D4.1. Create a green technology-focused educational program

Create a green technology-focused educational program to provide job opportunities to North Rainier residents.

Strategy D4.1.1. Create a green technology-focused educational program

Create a green technology-focused educational program to provide job opportunities to North Rainier residents.

Strategy D4.2. Enhance the use of green building technologies in development regulations and incentives

Enhance the use of green building technologies in development regulations and incentives.

Strategy D4.3. Support the inclusion of green building components

Support the inclusion of green building components.
Goal 5. A neighborhood that supports its youth

A community that supports and provides opportunities for its neighborhood's youth.

Policy 5.A. Include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them for family wage jobs

In fulfilling its role as the Columbia Village for the Rainier Valley, North Rainier should include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them to be family wage jobs in the area and region.

Policy 5.A.1. Fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways

Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways such as: Youth In Focus, photography classes; Seattle Chamber Players composition workshop at Franklin High School; and Northwest African American Museum public sculpture classes.

Policy 5.A.2. Develop coordinated information resources for youth about activities, jobs, job training

Develop more coordinated information resources for youth to learn about and engage in various activities at a range of levels.

Policy 5.A.3. Create seamless access to youth for community amenities and services

Work closely with local schools to create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services.

The City's Family and Education Levy funds Family Support Workers, Support Programs, Community Learning Centers, Student Health Clinics, and 9th Grade Academic Programs at the following schools: Franklin-High, Cleveland-High, Mercer Middle, Thunderbird Elementary, MLK, Kimball, Beachwood International, Lehigh, and Dora.

Provide funding to youth programs such as early education, after-school and summer programs, youth domestic and sexual violence outreach and case management; development and educational support; and mental health counseling. Organizations include ACRS, CSC, Compass, Denise Louie, El Centro, Heart of Alaska, IWA, ABC Child Care, ReWA, Family, Wellness.

Additional Strategy - Supporting a healthy and strong community

Provide funding to family programs such as family centers, immigrant and refugee family support, housing stability support, and domestic violence prevention. Organizations include ACRS, CSC, Compass, El Centro, IWA, Refugee Federation, ReWA, and Wellness.

Provide funding to health and food/nutrition programs such as food banks, meal programs, Home food delivery service, and health promotion/wellness. Organizations include ACRS, Beacon Ave Food Bank, El Centro, and Rainier Valley Food Bank.

Provide funding to citizenship programs. Organization include ACRS, CSC, El Centro, FCC, Heart of Alaska, IWA, ReWA, and Seabright.

Provide funding to services to support seniors and the disabled such as senior employment, case management, adult day care, caregiver programs, mental health programs, chronic care management, and home care. Organizations include ACRS, CSC, Crystal, International Drop In Center, Kit-Dr, ReWA, and Seabright.

Provide anti-drug workshops to the general and public small businesses.

Goal 6. A "Ring of green" surrounds the Town Center

A "ring of green" surrounding the urban village with strong connections to the greenbelts, boulevards and parks, augmented with a hierarchy of open spaces.

Policy 6.A. Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt

Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt, and to protect them from further development. (SB 64)

Policy 6.B. Support partnerships to enhance street-end stairs and create safe trails where appropriate through greenbelts

Support partnerships with Parks, SPD, DDf, utilities, nonprofit organizations and the community to enhance street-end stairs, and create safe trails where appropriate through the surrounding greenbelts.

Policy 6.C. Establish a multicultural community center, multicultural festivals, youth mentoring and other youth programs

Enhance community pride through establishment of a multicultural community center, multicultural community festivals, youth mentoring, and other multicultural youth programs that support positive and safe neighborhoods.

Policy 6.D. Design parks and open spaces and program them to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.

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Policy 6.E. Create a network of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible

Consider using tiny funds; general funds and partnerships with developers, to create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible and address the gaps identified in the Parks Gap Analysis.

Policy 6.F. Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food

Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food through public mechanisms such as P-Patches and the Cultivating Communities program, as well as non-profit and private mechanisms including farmers' markets and on-site landscaping.

Strategy 6.4. Improve and augment the Cheasty and ML. Baker Boulevard network

Improve and augment the Cheasty and ML. Baker Boulevard network by improving street-end, constructing new trails on Beacon Hill to the town center that offer easier grades than those on streets such as S. McDonald St., eliminating the staircase on S. McDonald St., and incorporating destination / active spaces along the network.

Strategy 6.5. Establish a multi-cultural community center

Consider non-profit organizations or private developer in the establishment of a multi-cultural community center.
### Goal 7. A safe neighborhood

North Rainier is known as a safe and hospitable neighborhood through its residents’ increased awareness of community-based crime prevention programs. (MR-G32)

#### Policy 7.7A. Promote uses open into the evening hours around transit facilities

Seek opportunities for the community and the Seattle Police Department to strengthen partnerships.

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### Strategy 7.8. Support strong partnerships between the community and Seattle Police

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### Policy 7.9. Promote the potential for acquiring and using parks

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Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities until the time that the level of development provides sufficient activity to reduce the need for police presence.

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### Policy 7.13. Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center

Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center for reliable access by police and fire vehicles.

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### Strategy 7.14. Increase the mix of uses and number of people living in the town center

Increase the mix of uses and residential density in the town center to increase the number of people using the public spaces including the sidewalks.

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Policy B.2. Foster a retail district the serves the multi-cultural neighborhood

Foster development of a shopping district comprised of businesses that provide products and services that meet the needs of neighborhood residents from different cultural backgrounds.

Policy B.8. Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support future density

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Policy B.9. Strengthen local business associations supportive of ethnic and minority business owners

Strengthen local business associations that include and/or support the presence of businesses owned by ethnic and minority community members.

Policy B.10. Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses.

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Policy B.6. Include within the urban village, SAOD and multi-family zone the area between 24th Ave S and 25th Ave S north of S McCollan St

Include a portion of single family area located between 24th Ave S. and 25th Ave S. north of S. McCollan St. within the urban village and within the Station Area Overlay District, and support a multifamily zoning designation for the area that would allow more compact residential development.

Policy B.11. Define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings within the SAOD

Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings in order to create the critical mass of people and activity for a Town Center.

Strategy B.1. Define the desired form of future development

Use mechanisms such as urban design frameworks, neighborhood design guidelines, and street design plans to describe the desired form of future development.

Strategy B.2. Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework

Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework for the North Rainier Town Center area. Plan elements could include: building height options; incentive features; breaking down scale of super blocks to create a more sense of identity and streetcar focused development; use of green building strategies such as those that address drainage, building efficiency, tree canopy, and opportunities for district energy systems; opportunities that create people to gather and to engage in physical activity, pedestrian connections and sidewalk width; and guidelines to help ensure that new housing doesn’t create a "wall" of unscaleable facades that is counter to the feel of the neighborhood.

Strategy B.3. Rezone key sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station

Through processes that engage community stakeholders consider and examine the use of key sites of zoning designations and related development regulations that are most likely to achieve the neighborhood’s urban design vision. Include evaluation of new density by site to become available. Rezone key opportunity sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station in a manner that incorporates housing, commercial services (such as a grocery store and small businesses) and amenities.

Strategy B.4. Evaluate proposed height and land use changes in the Town Center

Evaluate proposed height and land use changes within the Town Center.

Strategy B.5. Rezone eight single-family parcels on west side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St

Address zoning on east side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St. There are eight single-family parcels adjacent to parcels zoned NC3-65 and I-3. Rezone these parcels to be more consistent with adjacent properties.

Strategy B.6. Expand the Town Center area

Expand the Town Center area to focus new mixed use development south of S. Duvien St. and north of S. Byrne St.

Strategy B.7. Allow more compact residential development

Consider including within the urban village a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave S. and 25th Ave S. north of S. McCollan St., and revising more consistent with adjacent zoning, to allow more compact residential development.

Strategy B.8. Consider requiring a minimum number of residents within the station area

Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, consider minimum residential densities (related to the zoning designations).

Strategy B.9. Create dense, mixed-use developments

Maintain ongoing collaboration with Sound Transit, King County Metro, property owners, and community members to pursue redevelopment opportunities in the Station Area Overview District, such as - park/Community Transit parcels and the Metro bus depot, to create density, mixed-use that establish a vital pedestrian environment, provide affordable housing, and support the development of new businesses.

AP to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers

Strategy B.10. Pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility

Continue to pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility. Possible solutions could include undertaking a joint development project incorporating the bus transfer facility, or finding a new location for the bus transfer facility on the west side of Rainier Ave. S. and redeveloping the block.

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Strategy B.11. Create a multicultural shopping area/center/market

Pursue opportunities to create a multicultural shopping area/center/market.

Strategy B.12. Evaluate potential area-specific capacity problems that may result from additional residents

Work with Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Information Technology when considering changes to zoning to evaluate if there are area-specific capacity problems resulting from the potential increase in development capacity.

Assess/confm utility capacity issues (wastewater, storm water, drinking water) related to expected growth and proposed zoning. Develop strategy to address any capacity constraints identified.

Strategy B.13. Improve the Town Center and make it more inviting

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**Goal 9. A neighborhood with good and safe transportation choices**

A neighborhood served by a network of amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. (NR-SA4)

**Policy 9.A. Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.**

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**Policy 9.B. Improve and/or open useable streets in the Town Center.**

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**Implementation:**

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- **Policy 10.B Support a local main street atmosphere along Rainier Ave. S between S. Bayview St and MLK Jr Way S.**
  - Support actions that improve the pedestrian and transit functions along Rainier Ave. S between S. Bayview St and MLK Jr Way S.

**Attachment 2 to the Neighborhood Plan Updates and Action Plans N Rainier Resolution**
Use health impact assessments to help ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, health, and other factors.

**Strategy 10.8. Evaluate an "MKL Jr. Way S. re-route."**
Evaluate an "MKL Jr. Way S. re-route" that would route through traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MKL Jr. Way S. from the Rainier Ave. S/MKL Jr. Way S. intersection. This strategy calls for the realignment of through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MKL Jr. Way S. at the Rainier Ave. S. and MKL Jr. Way S. intersection and build to Rainier Ave. S. by way of S. Bayern Blvd. (Note: The "re-route" strategy would require more detailed modeling and operational analysis to understand the traffic volumes that would be diverted, and, upon approval, and if traffic flow requirements for existing transportation and the need to acquire additional rights-of-way are met). Both existing and future conditions would need to be studied before any decision can be made about this alternative. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.

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**Strategy 10.9. Support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area through street design.**
Develop street design cross-sections for Rainier Ave. S. that support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area. SDOT will complete a conceptual design for Rainier Ave. S. from the Rainier Ave. S. and MKL Jr. Way intersection to S. Bayern Blvd. which shows a possible new cross-section that includes landscaped medians where possible, and other features such as a parking lane. This design would require additional ROW from private landowners. (Note: All projects and design alternatives should be completed, SDOT would have to conduct an operational analysis of any proposed changes. This analysis would include impacts upon level of congestion, especially at intersections, and transit speed and reliability. Both existing and future conditions may need to be studied. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)

Community to give input on conceptual design

| PD/T can assist with UTD/OD review | 7/16 | Nora Liu/NL | SDOT | F |

**Strategy 11.5. Promote arts and culture in North Rainier (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)**
Programs and culture in North Rainier, including: Development of Seattle Arts Commission School District partnerships to establish "Artists in Residence" for local schools; Establishment of "Art and Theater in the Park" programs for locations such as MKL Jr. Way, Blue Dog Park, Teaunton Park, and 800-810 12th Ave.; Establishment of community-serving arts and culture programs in the African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center.

The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs offers annual funding (Youth Arts Program) and technical assistance specifically to support out-of-school arts training opportunities for middle- and high-school-aged youth. Technical assistance includes reviewing and selecting festivals for proposals and individual teaching artists. These programs are all priorities of Seattle’s Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.

| PD/T can assist with UTD/OD review | 11/10 | Nora Liu/NL | SDOT | O |

**Strategy 11.6. Support street design and related projects.**
Continue Adopt-A-Street and related projects.

North Rainier Valley currently has an active A-A-S group.

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**Strategy 13.3. Designate key bicycle streets.**
Key Bicycle Streets: The following streets should be designated as bike lanes/parks/routes to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of non-motorized wheeled travelers (i.e., cyclists, rollerbladers) within and through the North Rainier Neighborhood: MKL Jr. Way South Bicycle lane; S. McClellan St to South Massachusetts; S. Baker-Cheney Boulevard lane; S. McClellan St bike lane; Rainier Avenue South to S. Baker Drive South; 31st Avenue South from South McClellan Street to South Jackson Street.

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**Strategy 14.8. Complete sidewalks on MKL Jr. Way S between 5 and 7 (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)**
Build sidewalks along MKL Jr. Way S where there are none between S. Massachusetts and S. McClellan.

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**Strategy 2.1.1. Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-and.**
Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-and.

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**Goals and Policies carried forward from the City’s Comprehensive Plan as drawn from the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan dated XXXX**
NR-02: Addressed - Housing in the neighborhood meets community needs for a range of household incomes and unit sizes, and makes a compatible transition from lower-income mixed-use multifamily and multi-family residential to single family areas.
NR-06: Addressed - The transportation and housing needs of residents of North Rainier’s community service are met.
NR-07: Addressed - The neighborhood retains sufficient zoning capacity to facilitate employment growth.
NR-08: Addressed - A local economic climate in which North Rainier’s unique small businesses remain economically viable and have the opportunity to grow as the Downtown grows.
NR-09: Addressed - North Rainier’s network of parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, and arts and culture programs are functioning and are well utilized.
NR-11: Amended - Modifications between the North Rainier Valley, Mount Baker, and the Beacon Hill corridor will accommodate the light rail stations.
NR-12: Addressed - Neighborhoods adjacent to Rainier Avenue S and MKL Jr. Way have effective traffic circulation and have implemented traffic calming strategies/facilities.

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