



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Northgate Regional Center Plan

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Key Findings

Engagement for the Northgate Regional Center Plan started early, with a focus on reaching groups who have been historically underrepresented in the planning process, building relationships, and reinforcing feedback loops so that those who participated could follow the progress of the project. At the onset of the project, a stakeholder identification process explored neighborhood demographics, identified active community groups, and selected priority languages for material translation. This was followed by the first phase of engagement: visioning. During this phase, a combination of broad methods and focused conversations rounded out a picture of the neighborhood's big planning questions and themes to address in the Plan. Methods and approach were tailored to meet the needs of each group involved. These themes informed questions explored during technical review and shaped the overarching vision for this work.

During visioning conversations, five core themes emerged:

Community

Northgate is diverse, with pockets of tight-knit communities. However, more housing is needed to meet a variety of family sizes and incomes. Feedback highlighted the need for improved amenities for the neighborhood's oldest and youngest members, such as affordable childcare and indoor spaces to spend time on hot or rainy days.

Identity

While one of Northgate's assets is its proximity to jobs and activity Downtown and to the North, some noted that Northgate itself has a suburban or underdeveloped feeling that lacks its own sense of distinct identity. Public art, color, and improved pedestrian areas were identified as desires for the future.

Activity Level

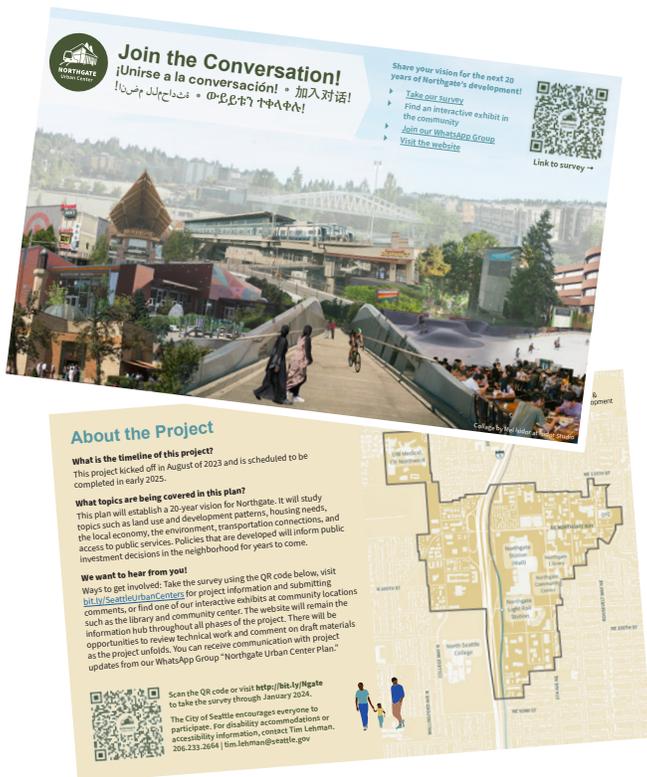
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Green Spaces

Thornton Creek and Beaver Pond are important environmental assets and are appreciated by many who live nearby. Others aren't as connected to these areas and feel a lack of connection to nature with a desire for more and better parks, more trees, and access to open space.

Getting Around

Most people love the light rail, but connections to the station could be improved. The pedestrian network in general has many gaps and deficiencies, which creates safety concerns when you're not in a car. Mobility is particularly tough for anyone with added accessibility considerations.



The initial visioning engagement effort was followed by a second round of engagement, circling back to dive deeper into vision themes, “big ideas” for the neighborhood, identify potential locations for future gathering spaces, and prioritize specific transportation improvement projects across the Center. This second engagement round included a survey, focus groups, and pop-ups at key locations across the neighborhood. Feedback collected in this round of engagement directly informed policies and action steps in the Plan.

Key takeaways from the second round of engagement include:

- **Sidewalks:** The Regional Center is missing sidewalks in several key places, which makes walking unpleasant and uncomfortable, reduces the ability for people to walk to basic amenities, and makes driving the more attractive mode of travel. Better maintenance is needed on existing sidewalks.
- **Safe Crossings:** More marked crossings and enhancements of existing crossings are desired to make it safer to get to popular destinations and make people crossing more visible.
- **Improved Walking Connections:** People want more direct walking routes between popular destinations since block sizes are large in many parts of the Regional Center.
- **Environment:** The community wants more trees, green spaces, nature trails, and cooling areas with associated amenities for all ages and abilities.
- **Lighting:** Add more lighting. Many streets in the Regional Center are too dark – both arterials and local streets.
- **Gathering spaces:** Northgate needs more community gathering spaces and a community hub for dining, shopping, meeting, recreation, and entertainment. Hubbard Homestead Park needs more maintenance and improved amenities.
- **Insufficient transit:** It is difficult to get around the Regional Center by public transit currently. Buses don’t go where people would need them to go to take transit, and existing routes are infrequent and/or unreliable options.
- **Homelessness and Drug Use:** Homelessness and drug use in the Regional Center are concerns and several people indicated it makes them feel unsafe.
- **Speeding:** People currently drive at very high speeds on Northgate Way, especially west of Meridian Street, that are well above the speed limit. This was raised as a concern for people walking, driving, and trying to cross Northgate Way.





Community Engagement Plan

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STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

- Who lives, works, plays, or worships in Northgate?

VISIONING ENGAGEMENT

- What are the unique strengths of the neighborhood?
- What are top concerns or challenges in Northgate?
- How would you describe the potential of the Northgate neighborhood? What would you like Northgate to be “known for” in the future?

CIRCLING

- Which vision...
- What is your...
- Which trans...

2023

2024

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sept

Kickoff

Priority Group Engagement

- Identify priority stakeholders
- Schedule pop-ups & listening sessions

Interviews & listening sessions

Community intercepts

Broad Engagement

- Draft survey
- Plan installation

Survey

Interactive visioning installation

City Staff and Interagency Review

Communication + Documentation

- ID languages for translation
- Write key messages
- Identify media and connection points

Comms Push 1

- Mailing and WhatsApp announcement
- Press releases to ethnic media
- Social media

Comms follow up

- Analyze survey
- Summarize visioning engagement
- Update key messages and contact list



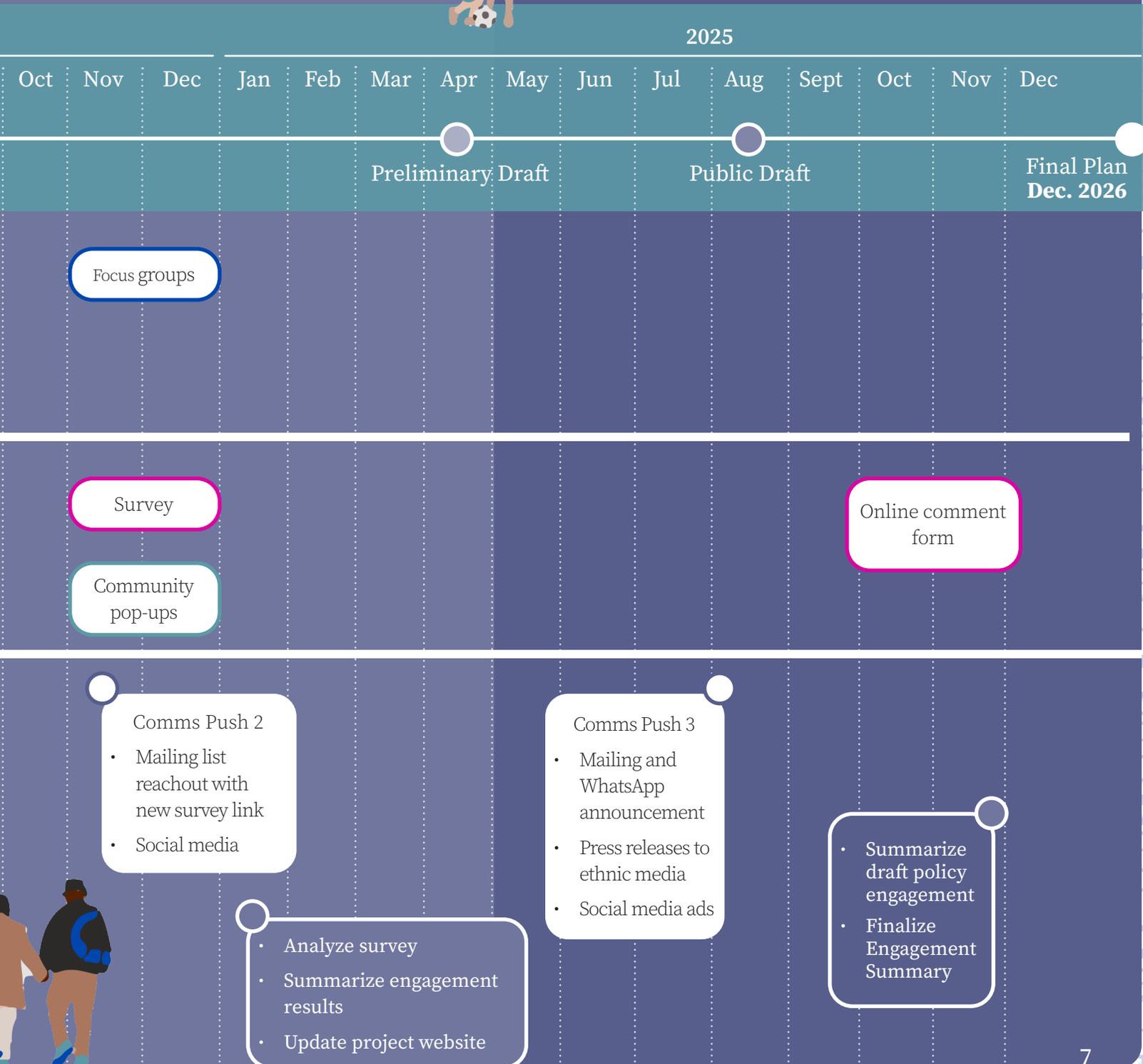
GOING BACK: SECOND ENGAGEMENT ROUND

- Which themes resonate the most?
- What is the “big idea” for the future of the neighborhood?
- Which transportation projects would you prioritize?



DRAFT PLAN ENGAGEMENT

- What is the community’s reaction to draft proposals and policies?
- Has their vision been adequately reflected in the draft plan?
- How can we further align the Plan with the community’s vision?



Introduction

Centering Racial Equity

The Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) is a policy analysis framework to guide the development, implementation of policies, initiatives, programs, and budget issues to address the impacts on racial equity. The Northgate Regional Center RET identifies priority populations who have historically been left out of planning efforts. Engagement methods, as outlined in this report, focus on these populations to center their voices in the Regional Center Plan. Priority audiences, identified in partnership by Seva Workshop and the City of Seattle, include Coast Salish Peoples; Black communities; foreign-born residents, immigrants, and refugees; people with limited English proficiency; small businesses and places of faith; renter households; elders and older adults; and youth.

The Methods section will describe how engagement was tailored to reach priority audiences and include their voices in the conversation. The Findings section will detail trends in responses from priority audiences.



Why did we engage the community?

- To support visioning (Phase 1/ Visioning) – key questions included
 - What are community needs and desires for the Northgate area?
 - How do you envision the future of living, working, and playing in this neighborhood?
- To create feedback loops and add definition to the vision (Phase 2/ Circling back)
 - Which draft vision statements resonate, and what is your “big idea” project for a better Northgate?
 - Where in Northgate would you like to see new or enhanced opportunities for gathering and recreation?
 - Which potential transportation projects are most important to you?
- To vet the draft plan (Phase 3/ Feedback) – key questions included
 - What is the community’s reaction to draft proposals and policies?
 - Has your vision been adequately reflected in the draft plan?
 - How can we further improve and align with the community vision?

Visioning Engagement Methods

Stakeholder identification methods

Identifying stakeholders and community partners for this project started by identifying key questions for the engagement process to explore. These included: Who lives, works, and plays in Northgate? What are the race and equity dimensions of the current conditions in Northgate? Who should be prioritized for engagement? Where and who are the key community connection points?

The project team studied neighborhood demographics and conducted a thorough review of existing literature summarizing challenges and priorities for the Northgate area. This included documents such as “Native Neighborhood Community Study: A Place of Belonging for Seattle’s Native Community” and “Seattle is Not Affordable: Black Residents’ Perspectives on the City of Seattle’s 2044 Comprehensive Plan.” One challenge in the project initiation phase was a lack of existing relationships between the City of Seattle and community organizations in Northgate. Seva Workshop’s engagement work started with an outreach effort to understand key community players who would be willing to engage with the planning process. We used a snowball approach to building a more robust stakeholder list, asking each contact if they would be willing to introduce us to others who were active in the neighborhood.

The project stakeholder list developed throughout the course of this plan can be found in the summary tables below for our interviews and listening sessions. This subarea plan is greatly indebted to these individuals, organizations, and businesses who gave their time and provided insights into assets, challenges, and hopes for the future of Northgate.

Engagement Methods

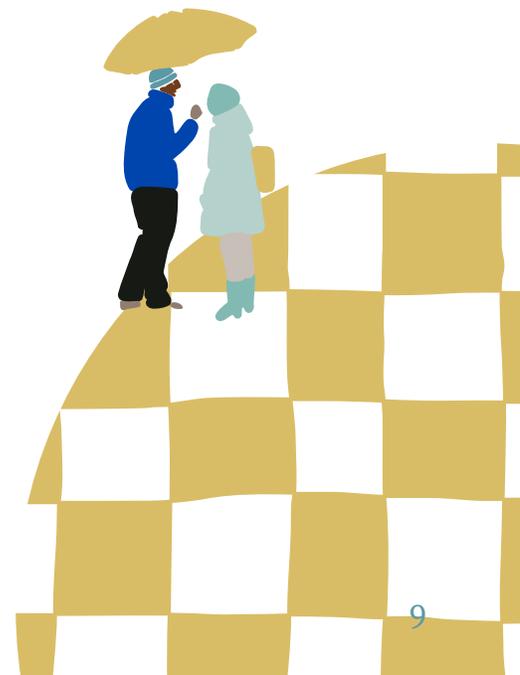
Community Visioning Survey

Description

To obtain feedback on the visioning for Northgate, a survey was broadly distributed through ethnic media outlets, flyers with QR codes, social media, and through partner organizations. The survey consisted of 12 questions with a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions that asked about neighborhood assets and areas for growth. Basic demographic data was collected to identify patterns in responses.

Timing and Audiences

The survey was open from October 30, 2023 through February 12, 2024. Over these 3.5 months, 1,028 survey responses were received. The survey was the broadest tool implemented, gauging wide public feedback for key project questions. The survey tool was primarily distributed digitally, although 15 paper surveys were completed at the Native Warriors listening session, as well as 8 paper surveys collected from the Northgate Library. Special efforts were made to reach priority groups from the RET, as summarized in the section below.



Distribution Strategies

ETHNIC MEDIA

Ethnic media outlets were contacted with a press release about the project and a request to share the survey in their content. The following outlets were contacted:

- Alzagil Media
- Converge Media
- Daybreak Star Radio
- Epic Life Church
- Epoch Times
- Ethiopian Community Media Association
- Ethiopian Observer
- Idris Mosque
- International Examiner
- Joy Seattle
- LOGOS Presbyterian Church
- Native Action Network
- New Fruit Fellowship
- Northgate Gospel Chapel
- Northgate Open Bible Church
- Northwest Asian Weekly
- Olympic View Community Church
- Oromia Freedom Media
- Runta News
- Salaxley TV
- Seattle Chinese Times
- Seattle Korean Weekly
- Seattle Lamp First Presbyterian
- Seattle N
- Seattle Urban Native Nonprofit Network
- Somali TV of Seattle
- St. Andrew Kim Church
- Text BoxSt. Matthew Catholic Church
- The Facts
- The Seattle Medium
- Titre Avval
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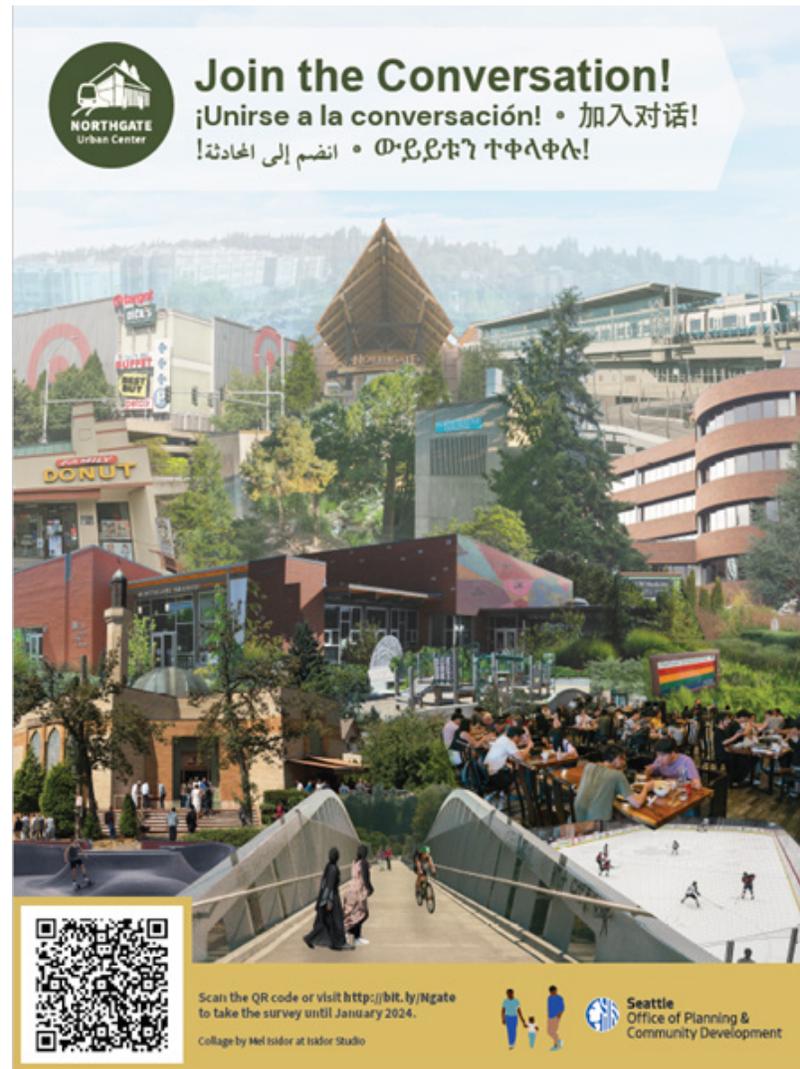


Image above shows the poster hung at sites throughout the Northgate neighborhood. A full list of poster locations is found on the next page.

FLYERS AND HANDOUTS

Flyers with QR codes to the survey were posted in visible areas around Northgate. Locations included public spaces such as libraries, cafes, and community centers, as well as places where populations from the RET spend time such as places of worship, affordable housing, and social service centers. Additionally, half-sheet handouts were left in locations alongside brochures and other resources.

Flyers and handouts promoting the survey were posted at the following locations :

- Bark Espresso (poster)*
- The Bridge Coffee House (poster)*
- Cedarvale House (poster)^
- Family Donut (poster)*
- Haller Lake Community Club (poster and handouts)**
- HOPE-Eritrean Social Services (posters)**
- Jackson Park House (poster, handouts)^
- Kaffeeklatsch Seattle (poster)*
- Kraken Community Iceplex (posters)*
- Neighborcare Health at Meridian (poster, handouts)**
- North Helpline – Bitter Lake Food Bank (poster and handouts)**
- North Seattle College (posters and handouts)*
- North Seattle Family Resource Center (poster, handouts)**
- Northgate Apartments (posters)^
- Pinehurst Court (posters)^
- Seattle Public Library – Lake City Branch (poster, handouts)*
- Seattle Public Library – Northgate Branch (poster, printed surveys)*
- Starbucks (poster)*
- Taftan Bazaar and Halal Meat Grocery Store (poster)*
- Social Media



Photos above show the Northgate poster on display at the Lake City Library, Starbucks, and Bridge Coffeehouse.

** Public space*

*** Serves specific population or need*

^ Affordable housing

Seattle OPCD promoted the survey on X, Instagram, and Facebook. OPCD has the biggest following on X and posted 11 times between October 30, 2023 and February 1, 2024. OPCD posted once on Instagram and 6 times on Facebook over this time period. Below is an example of one of their posts on X with a link to the survey, which got almost 6,000 views.



Image Source: City of Seattle OPCD Instagram account

Interviews

Description

Interviews were conducted with individual stakeholders to gather more detailed perspectives than could be captured in the survey. Participants included members of populations represented in the RET as well as people who work with populations in the RET.



Interviews: Timing and Audiences

Date	Name	Group and/ or Organization	Relationship to RET communities
2/2/24	Mike Sprouse	North Seattle College, Director of Communications	College has high proportion of BIPOC students, renters, and younger populations
2/2/24	Katie Fridell and Danielle	Northgate Community Center, Northgate Community Center Coordinator	Community center provides programming for all ages and meeting space for RET populations
2/2/24	Rae Bohn and Jesse O'Dunne	Seattle Public Library – Northgate Branch, Teen Services Librarian and Children's Services Librarian	Library provides support for youth and families
8/11/23	Mia, Linduy, and Johnny	North Seattle College, Chinese Student; Tian Fu Seattle, Restaurant Employees	Employees of a small restaurant business, some are foreign born
10/11/23	Alex	Coyote Central	Works with youth with limited English and students who are immigrants
10/11/23	Cesar	Lake City Collective	Works with youth
2/6/24	Inese Graudins	Latvian Community Center	Program serves immigrants and people with limited English
2/5/24	Kelly Brown	North Helpline – Lake City	Food bank serves youth, elders, immigrants, and people with limited English
2/5/24	Pam Renna	NW Hospital	Hospital provides services to those in an emergency, those with disabilities, and those in a vulnerable state of health
8/8/23	Omar Ebrahim	Idris Mosque	Mosque serves Black residents, immigrants, and is a place of faith
8/10/23	Souleiman	Idris Mosque	Mosque serves Black residents, immigrants, and is a place of faith
10/16/23	Srijan	Hunger Intervention Program	Program serves youth, elders, immigrants, people with limited English, and Black residents
2/5/24		Family Donut staff	Small business
3/7/24	Kristin Ebeling	Skate Like a Girl	Programs serve youth

Listening Sessions

Description

Listening sessions were hosted by community partners and integrated with existing gatherings and events. Seva liaised with host groups to identify appropriate strategies and compensation that would be most responsive to the priority groups' interests and needs. Group discussions were held in-language, where relevant, and focused around 3 or 4 key project questions.

Listening Sessions: Timing and Audiences

Date	Group and/ or Organization	Relationship to RET communities
1/11/24	Revisioning Northgate	Some members are small business owners
1/22/24	Urban League	Works with Black-owned small businesses
1/9/24	Thornton Creek Alliance	Members represent older adults and other community members interested in the health of Thornton Creek
11/7/23	East African Elders Program	Members are immigrant elders from Black communities, limited English, often renters
11/17/23	Service Providers Roundtable	Staff represent youth interests, one representative from Seattle Indian Health Board
10/26/23	Native Warrior Athletics	Group is made up of youth, Coast Salish Peoples
1/2/24	Library and Community Center Staff	Direct service providers for a wide range of diverse audiences in Northgate
2/10/24	Hispanic Families Group	Group is made up of foreign-born residents, people with limited English, youth, and elders
3/21/24	James Baldwin Elementary Students	Students were 2nd-5th grade youth



Photograph above shows Seva's listening session with East African Elders at the Northgate Community Center. Photo credit: Seva Workshop.



Photograph above shows Seva's listening session with the Native Warriors at North Seattle College. Photo credit: Seva Workshop.

Interactive Installations

Description

Seva, in partnership with artist and collaborator Mel Isidor, created an interactive visioning installation hosted at 4 community sites: the Northgate Community Center, Seattle Public Library – Northgate Branch, North Seattle College, and the Watershed Pub. The installation invited participants to engage with plan themes by leaving post-it notes about their hopes for the future and inserting map pins to identify their favorite locations in the neighborhood. The materials also included QR codes to the survey.

Timing and Audiences

The installations were in place from November 14, 2023 through February 2, 2024. Seva staff checked in with site staff every 1-2 weeks, either in person or via email with the primary contact, to see if materials needed to be refilled and to ask for status updates. In total, the installations received 67 post-it comments and 239 map pin locations.

NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Northgate Community Center is centrally located in the neighborhood and a 12-minute walk from the light rail station. It hosts events and groups such as a full-time daycare, ballet and dance, cooking classes, arts and crafts, teen programs, environmental programs, and programs for seniors. Programming includes space specifically for populations identified in the RET, such as the weekly East African Elders Program, senior games and crafts, and Kid & Parent Zumba.





PUT A PIN IN IT! Share Your Favorite Places in Northgate

Fija tus lugares favoritos en el mapa

ت أمانك المفضلة على الخريطة

在地图上标记您最喜爱的地点

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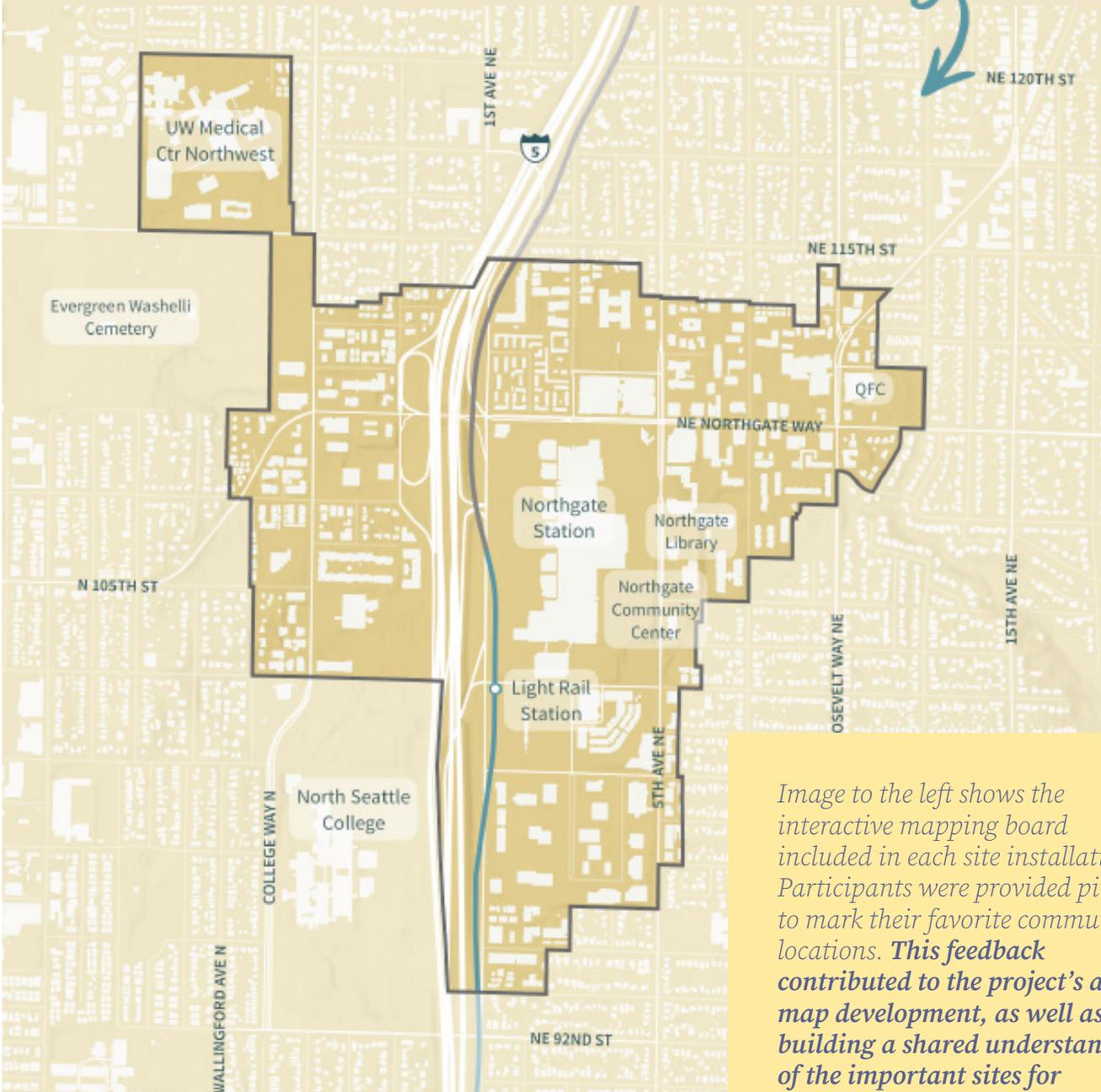
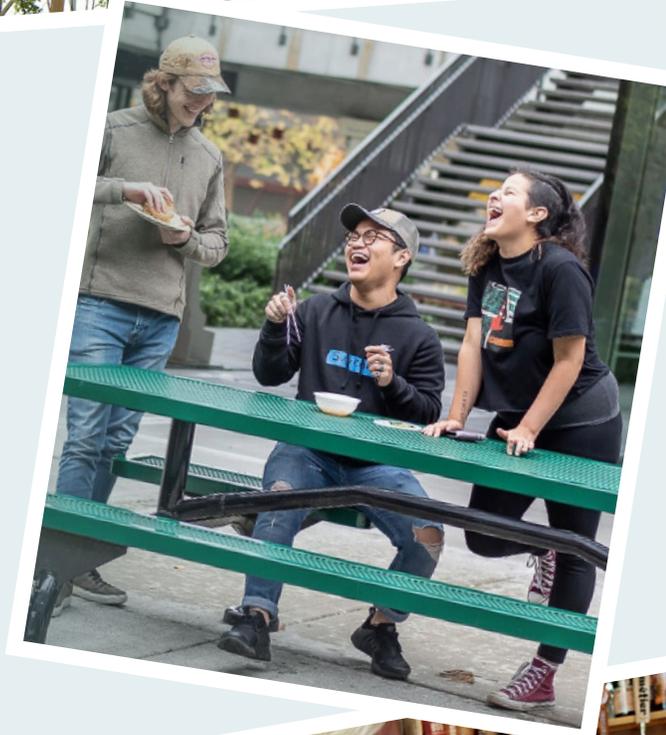


Image to the left shows the interactive mapping board included in each site installation. Participants were provided pins to mark their favorite community locations. **This feedback contributed to the project's asset map development, as well as building a shared understanding of the important sites for gathering in Northgate.**



SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY – NORTHGATE BRANCH

Located next to the Community Center, the Northgate Library Branch provides a free and welcoming environment for all. Readily accessible from the light rail station, the library features community amenities such as a meeting room, study rooms, a quiet room, public computers, free Wi-Fi, printing services, free parking, and more. The library prioritizes populations identified in the RET by providing homework help for students, family story time, and conversation classes for practicing English.



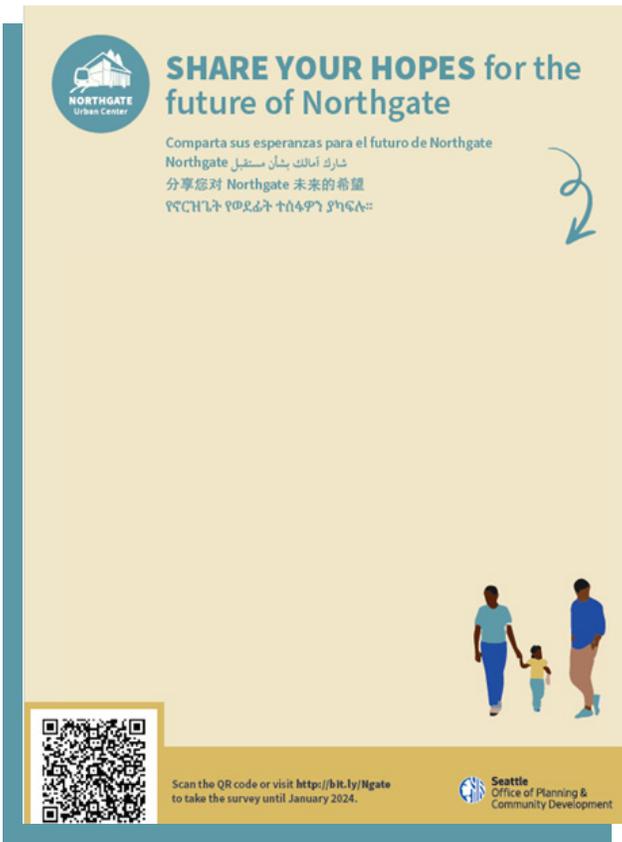
NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

North Seattle College serves over 14,000 students annually and offers associate and bachelor’s degrees. The college is accessible from the light rail station via the John Lewis Memorial Pedestrian Bridge over I-5, which creates a convenient connection to the Northgate core. North Seattle College serves younger adults and higher proportions of Black residents than Northgate overall. Students are more likely to be renters with lower incomes.



WATERSHED PUB

The Watershed Pub is a restaurant next to Thornton Creek, serving a variety of food and craft beer, cider, wine, and cocktails. The uniquely Northwest atmosphere welcomes visitors for all occasions and can be easily reached from the light rail station.



Distribution Strategies

Seva staff worked with a community partner at each location to meet site-specific requests and develop positive relationships at these important community hubs. Seva staff checked in periodically with site contacts for project updates and to refill supplies when indicated. At the end of the installation feedback period, Seva staff coordinated with each site to remove the boards and debriefed with each community partner.

The contact at North Seattle College was able to send out an announcement about the installation and survey in a college-wide newsletter, which brought visibility to the project. A Seva staff member also went to the Watershed Pub for trivia night and encouraged pubgoers to complete the survey and contribute to the installation board.

Image above shows the interactive visioning board included in each site installation. Participants were provided post-it notes and pencils and were asked to share hopes for the future of the neighborhood. This feedback contributed to developing the overarching community vision.

Photo to the right shows a participant interacting with the installation at Northgate Community Center. Visitors left 12 post-it comments and many map pins at this location.

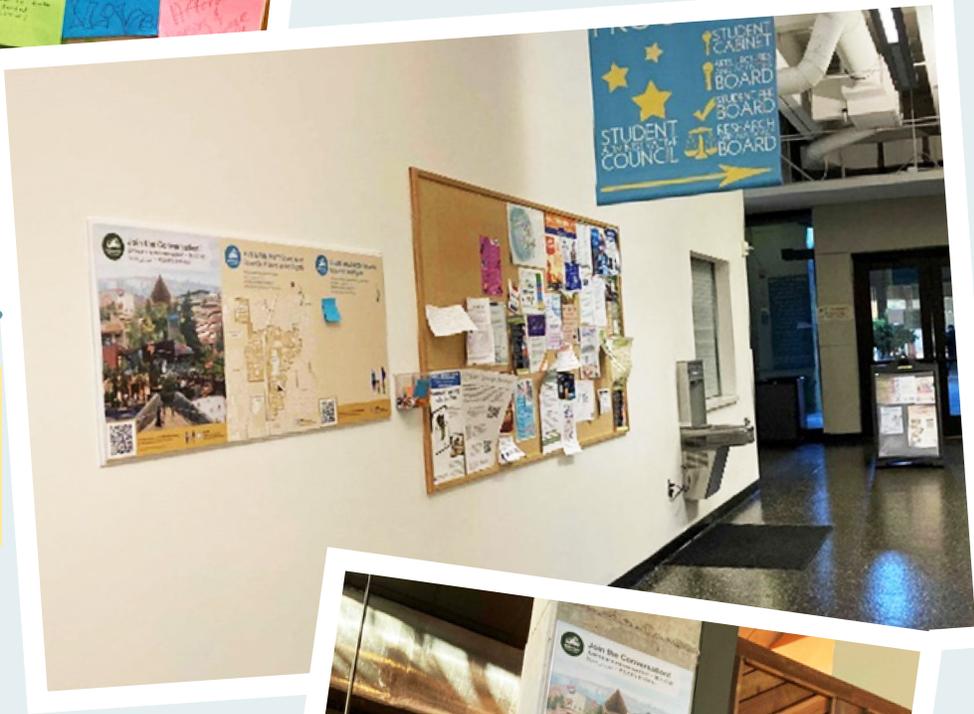
Below, the photo shows the installation board at the library location. This was the most popular site, generating 42 post-it responses and many more map pins.



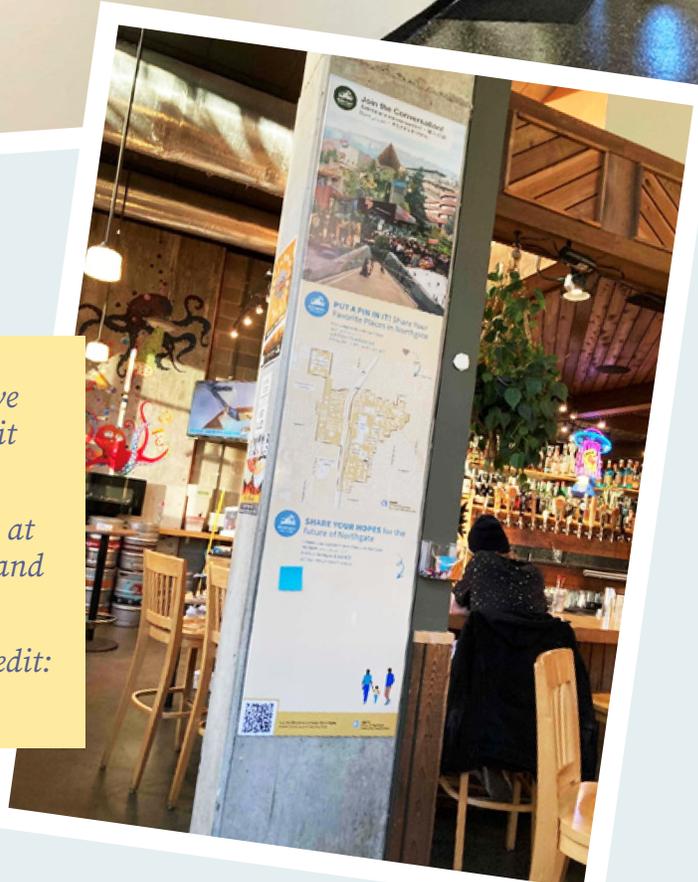
Participant Interacts with Installation at Northgate Community Center. Photo credit: Seva Workshop



Interactive Installation at Seattle Public Library – Northgate Branch. Photo credit: Seva Workshop



Interactive Installation at North Seattle College. Photo credit: Seva Workshop



The photo above shows the location of the interactive display at North Seattle College. Visitors left 4 post-it comments and map pins at this location.

To the right, the photo shows the installation board at the Watershed Pub. Patrons and staff left 9 post-its and many more map pin comments at this site.

Interactive Installation at Watershed Pub. Photo credit: Seva Workshop.

Community Intercepts and Neighborhood Canvassing

Description

Seva staff attended community events and intercepted passersby at public locations to share project materials and collect feedback on key themes from the survey. Events included the Leela Kathak Indian dance performance and community trivia night at Watershed Pub. In addition to interacting with people face to face, staff also left half-sheet handouts on the windshields of cars parked around the light rail station in the hopes that park and ride commuters would be interested in taking the survey.

Language Access

Visioning engagement used an adaptive approach to language access for this project. Methods provided language interpretation in the method requested by the community partner. For example, on-site interpreters were used to assist with listening sessions for the East African elders (Tigrinya and Amharic) while the Hispanic Families Group preferred for participants to provide written comments that were then translated (Spanish). The posters and interactive installation boards included key messages in four project languages: Spanish, Arabic, Simplified Mandarin Chinese, and Amharic.



How We Listened & What We Heard



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Listening sessions
 provided opportunities for in-depth conversations with indigenous youth, East African elders, neighborhood service providers, environmental advocates, and Hispanic families.

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Youth participants
 at James Baldwin Elementary shed some light on how young people experience quality of life and public realm issues living and going to school in Northgate.

Partner Profile: Family Donut

Family Donut, true to its name, is a family-run donut shop in Northgate. The business started in 1993 by a Cambodian family, who continues to operate the store today. Family Donut has established itself as a local gem with consistently high-quality apple fritters, traditional glazed donuts, fruit donuts, and more. Staff report that local customers often come from the nearby hospital and North Seattle College, and even cruise ship tourists make the trek for a donut. During the interview they shared that they would like to see public realm enhancements such as better lighting and cleaner sidewalks to help improve customer experience at their longstanding location.



1,028
Community survey
 participants provided valuable insights into things like neighborhood quality of life issues, strengths to build on, and challenges to address. The survey was broadly distributed via ethnic media outlets, flyers with QR codes, social media, and through partner organizations.



1. What are the unique strengths of the Northgate neighborhood?
 • Parks areas - community
 • Transit center
 • Hotels
 • Mall (Northgate)

2. What are the top concerns or challenges the Northgate community is facing?
 • Trash / garbage - litter
 • Traffic
 • UNAFFORDABLE housing



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Interagency interviews
 with Metro, Sound Transit, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Housing Authority, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, and Seattle Public Schools provided opportunities for targeted discussions around public services in Northgate.

306
Post-its and map pins
 were collected from interactive installation boards placed at four popular neighborhood spots to collect insights from the community.

14
Interviews
 included members of Idris Mosque and the Urban League; employees at local restaurants; local community-based organizations; and staff at the library, community center, college, and hospital. Through these interviews we learned about various and diverse social networks in the existing community, concerns for park access and quality across the neighborhood, and the need for walkability improvements.

Community

Northgate is **diverse**, with pockets of **tight knit communities**. However, **more housing** is needed to meet a **variety of family sizes and incomes**. Feedback highlighted the need for **improved amenities** for the neighborhood's oldest and youngest members, such as affordable childcare and indoor spaces to spend time on hot or rainy days.

Identity

While one of Northgate's assets is its **proximity** to jobs and activity Downtown and to the North, some noted that Northgate itself has a **suburban or underdeveloped feeling** that lacks its own **sense of distinct identity**. Public art, color, and improved pedestrian areas were identified desires for the future.

Activity Level

Many noted that the **void left by the Mall** has left the neighborhood without a gathering place and much **local activity**. While the Kraken Iceplex has been a boost, there is a desire for **continued new development** that includes small and mid-sized businesses, and that does not displace the existing community.

Green Spaces

Thornton Creek and Beaver Pond are **important environmental assets** and are appreciated by many who live nearby. Others aren't as connected to these areas and feel a lack of connection to nature with a desire for **more and better parks, more trees, and access to open space**.

Getting Around

Most people **love the light rail**, but connections to the station could use improvement. The **pedestrian network** in general has many **gaps and deficiencies**, which creates **safety concerns** when you're not in a car. Mobility is particularly tough for anyone with added accessibility considerations.

Findings

Themes from Visioning Engagement

The following high-level themes emerged from the survey, interviews, listening sessions, and installations:

COMMUNITY ASSETS

There is a robust network of community assets in Northgate. Respondents highlighted a variety of neighborhood assets that bring a lot of potential for Northgate to be a thriving community hub in the future. Northgate is home to gathering places like the community center and public library, quality medical services, a top-rated community college, a popular Iceplex facility, and locally owned restaurants. The light rail has been pivotal in making Northgate more accessible for residents and visitors alike.

The Northgate community is diverse, with pockets of tight knit communities. Northgate was described as a melting pot representing a mix of cultures and ethnicities. Respondents viewed this diversity as a major strength of the neighborhood, speaking about tight knit communities around shared nationality, language, religion, and food.

Thornton Creek and Beaver Pond are important environmental assets. Access to nature came up a lot during engagement. Respondents highlighted Thornton Creek and Beaver Pond as key to the neighborhood's identity and environmental quality. There isn't enough green space in the neighborhood, which increases the perceived value of existing spaces like Thornton Creek and Beaver Pond.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

People miss the mall as a gathering space. The mall used to be a community hub not only for shopping, but also an indoor space to exercise and safe place to bring children. The mall served a particularly important role for seniors and children to gather safely and comfortably, and now there isn't a comparable place with multigenerational benefits. Many respondents lamented the loss of the mall and described Northgate as feeling disjointed without that central gathering space.

Northgate lacks parks and open space. Respondents consistently mentioned the lack of green space across all engagement methods. They reported a lack of accessible parks and commented on poor maintenance of existing parks.

The pedestrian network has many gaps and deficiencies, which creates safety concerns when you're not in a car. Pedestrian safety was a common concern among respondents. Because Northgate is so car-oriented, pedestrians often experience unsafe conditions when moving around. Respondents mentioned a lack of sidewalks, high car speeds on Northgate Way, and not enough street lighting as reasons why they feel unsafe as a pedestrian in Northgate.

Affordability is top of mind, both in terms of housing and shopping. Just like everywhere else in Seattle, Northgate has become more expensive in recent years. Especially since the addition of the light rail, previously affordable housing has gone up in price. Residents perceive the shift in affordability in both housing and retail options. The closure of the mall and other brick and mortar businesses have limited the number of affordable shopping options.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Most people love the light rail, but connections to the station could use improvement. The light rail received overwhelmingly high praise from respondents as a regional connector. However, respondents noted that it can be difficult to get from the light rail station to their destination due to long distances and not enough bus connections. Respondents would like to see more convenient connections from the light rail and more frequent transit. Additionally, some respondents mentioned that North Seattle College feels separated from the rest of the neighborhood and recommended more connections across both sides of I-5.

There is a desire for new development and vibrant street life. Respondents commented that, since the mall closure, the neighborhood has lacked a central identity. There is a lot of new development coming up, but respondents were unsure how it would affect the neighborhood's identity. Respondents would like to see development and activation that brings back the feelings of vibrancy that Northgate used to have.

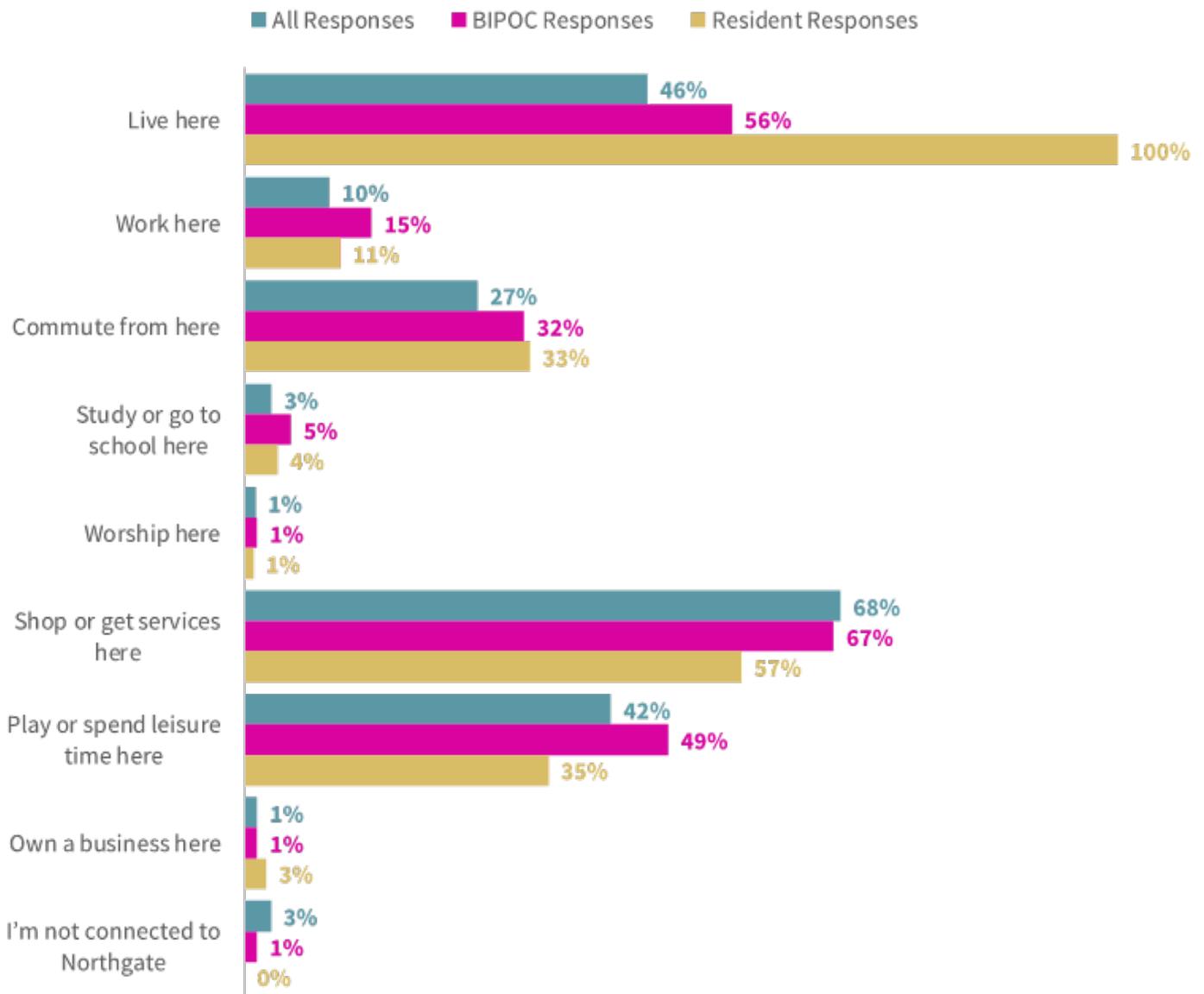
More housing is needed to meet a variety of family sizes and incomes. Given the increasing cost of living, respondents emphasized the need for affordable housing for all family sizes and incomes. Respondents would like to maintain the diversity that is so valued in the neighborhood, which requires building housing for everyone.

Survey and Activity Results

Community Visioning Survey

QUESTION 1

How are you currently connected to the Northgate neighborhood? Check up to three.
N=1,027



QUESTION 2

What do you love about the Northgate neighborhood? Use 3 words or short phrases.

N=693

Shops/Shopping	246	35%
Light Rail	221	32%
Transit	137	20%
Access	131	19%
Outdoor spaces	111	16%
Convenient	87	13%
Walkability	72	10%
Services	72	10%
Iceplex/Kraken Facility	68	10%
Location	65	9%
Restaurants	65	9%
Activities	57	8%
Community/Friendly	51	7%
Development	46	7%
Library/Community Cent	37	5%
Nothing	37	5%
Parking	36	5%
Connectivity	36	5%
Housing	23	3%
Calm/Quiet	23	3%
Safety	21	3%
Affordability	20	3%
Mix of uses	14	2%
University	9	1%
Biking	5	1%
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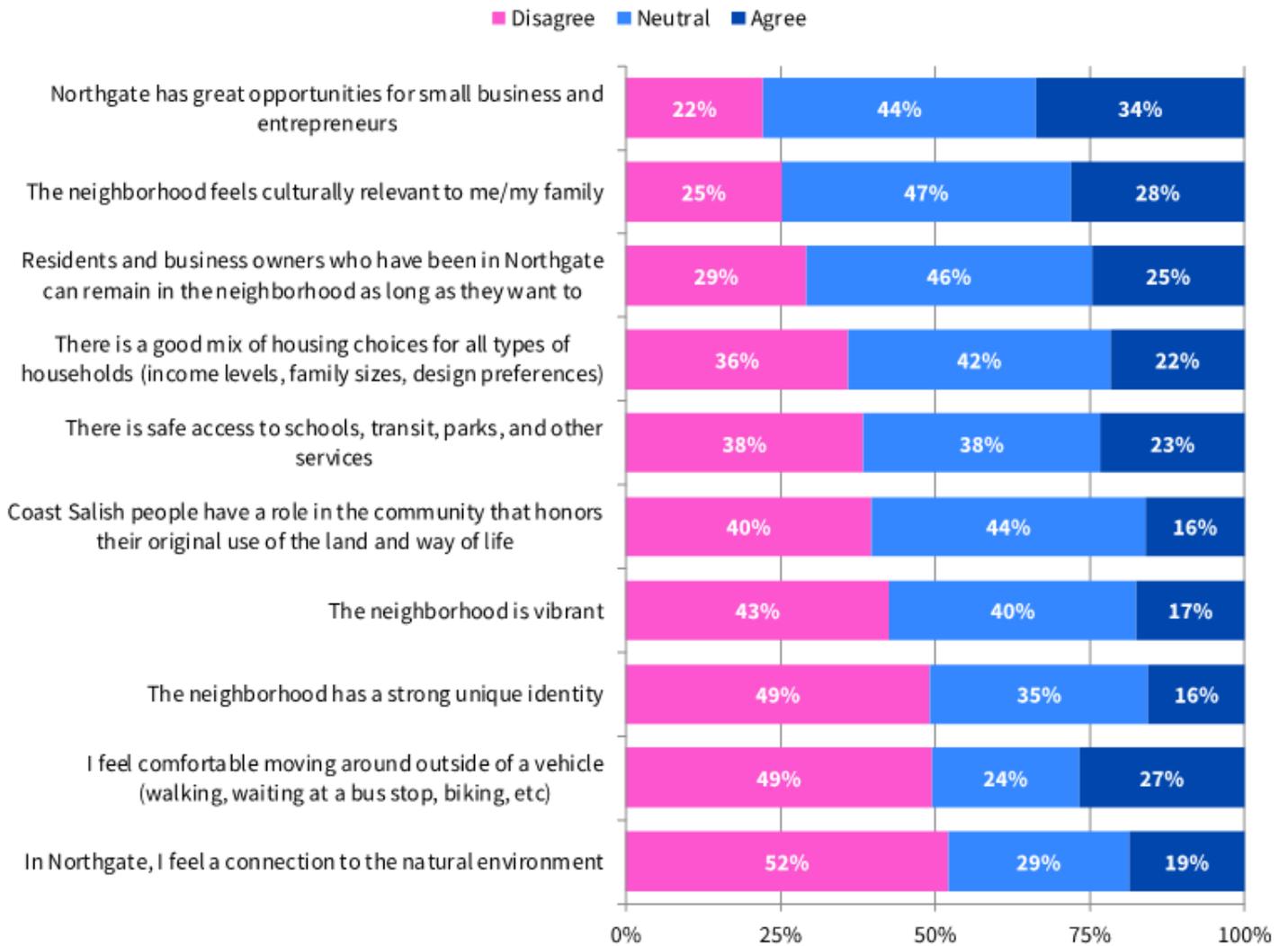
QUESTION 3

What are your hopes for the future of the Northgate neighborhood? Use 3 words or short phrases. N=716

Walkability	255	36%
Shops/Shopping	243	34%
Safety	216	30%
Housing	161	22%
Outdoor spaces/More green	148	21%
Transit	140	20%
Density and Development	120	17%
Restaurants	116	16%
Sense of Community	78	11%
Activities	56	8%
Biking	53	7%
Vibrant	42	6%
Small Business	42	6%
Mix of uses	41	6%
Light Rail Enhancements	35	5%
Parking	33	5%
Affordability	30	4%
Grocery	29	4%
Nothing new	22	3%
Services	17	2%
Connectivity	16	2%
Art and Culture	13	2%
Accessibility	11	2%
Less noise and air pollution	9	1%
Convenient	4	1%
Jobs	3	0%

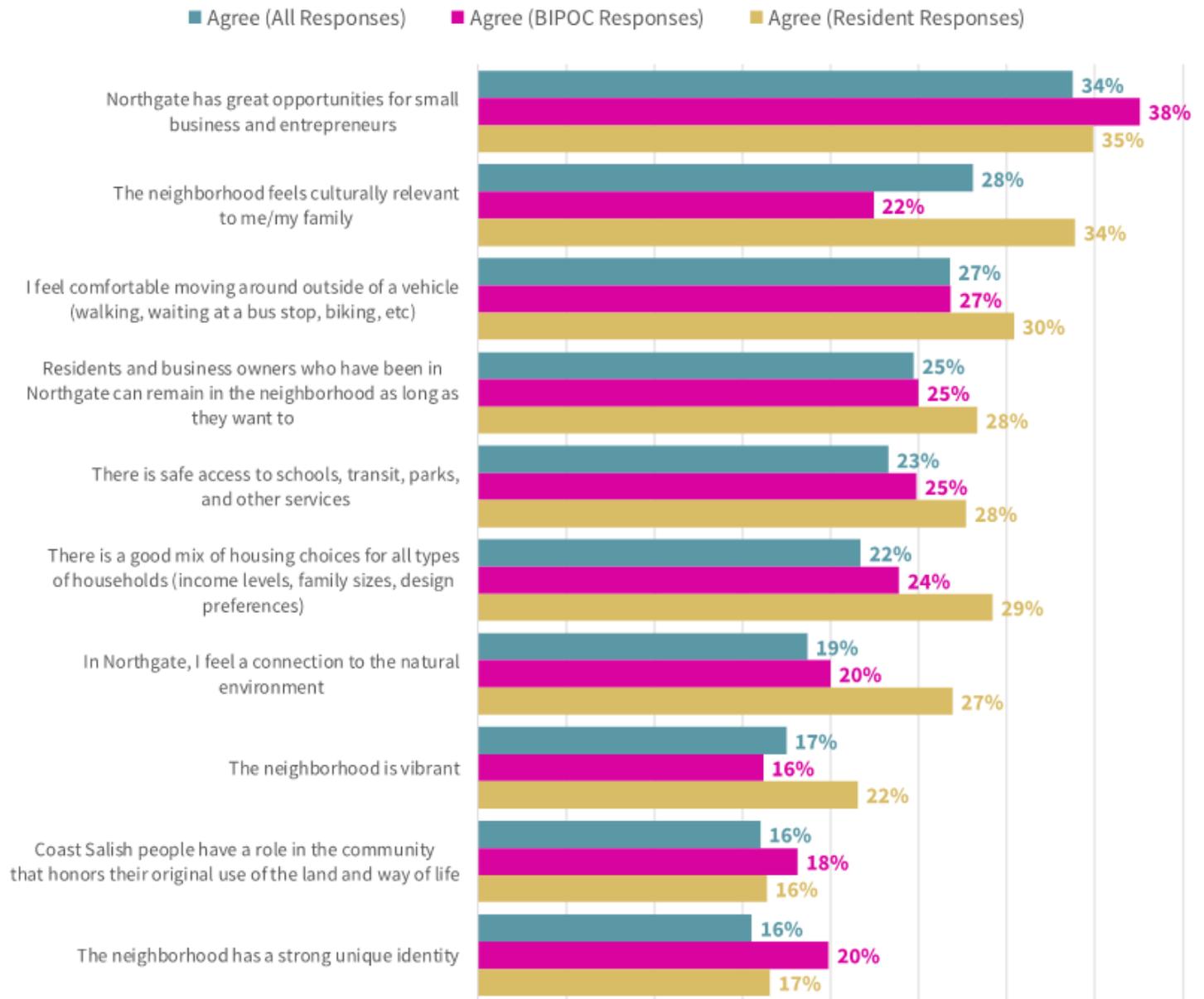
QUESTION 4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Northgate, as it is today? N=737



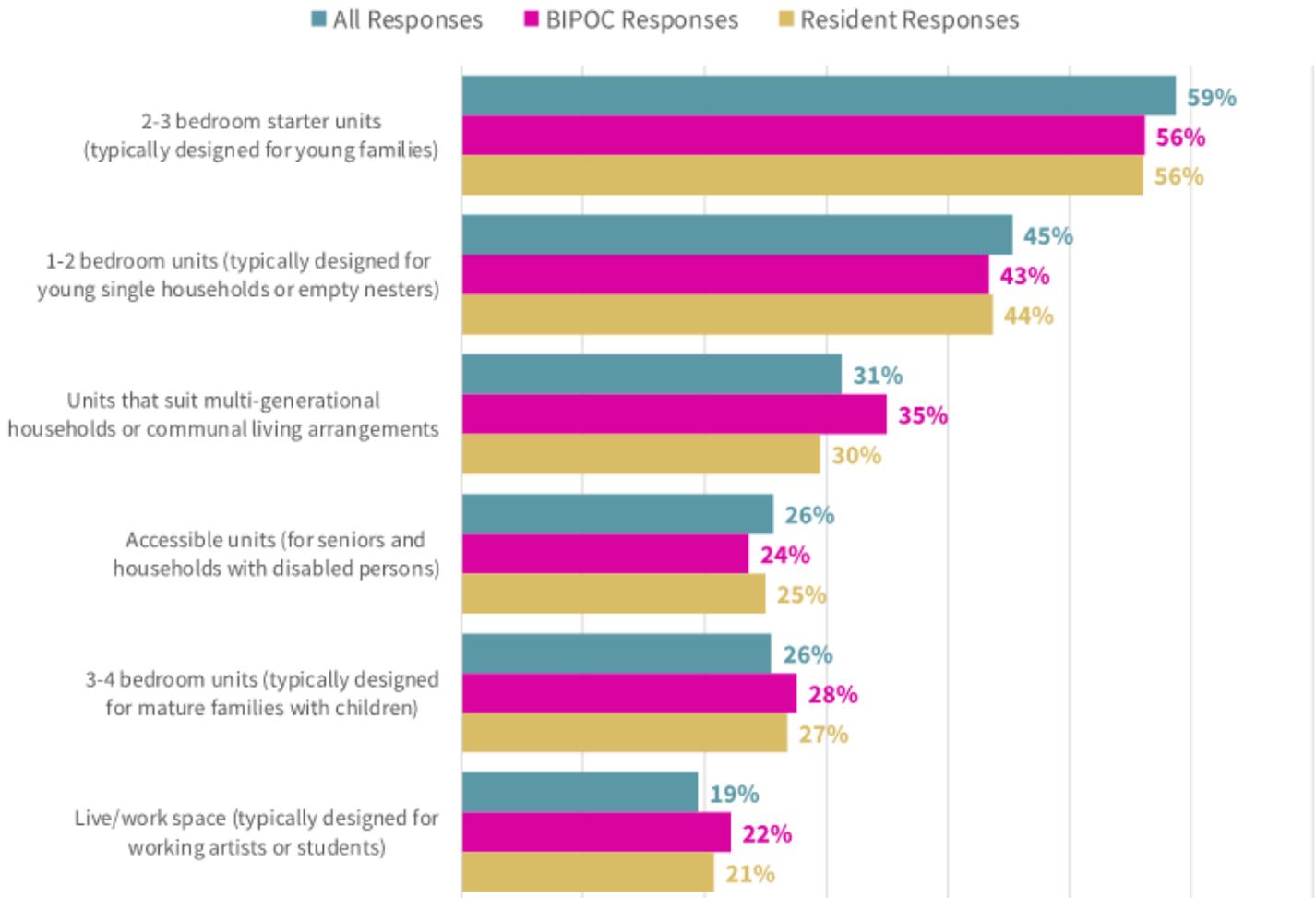
QUESTION 4

(same question, “Agree” results shown): How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Northgate, as it is today?



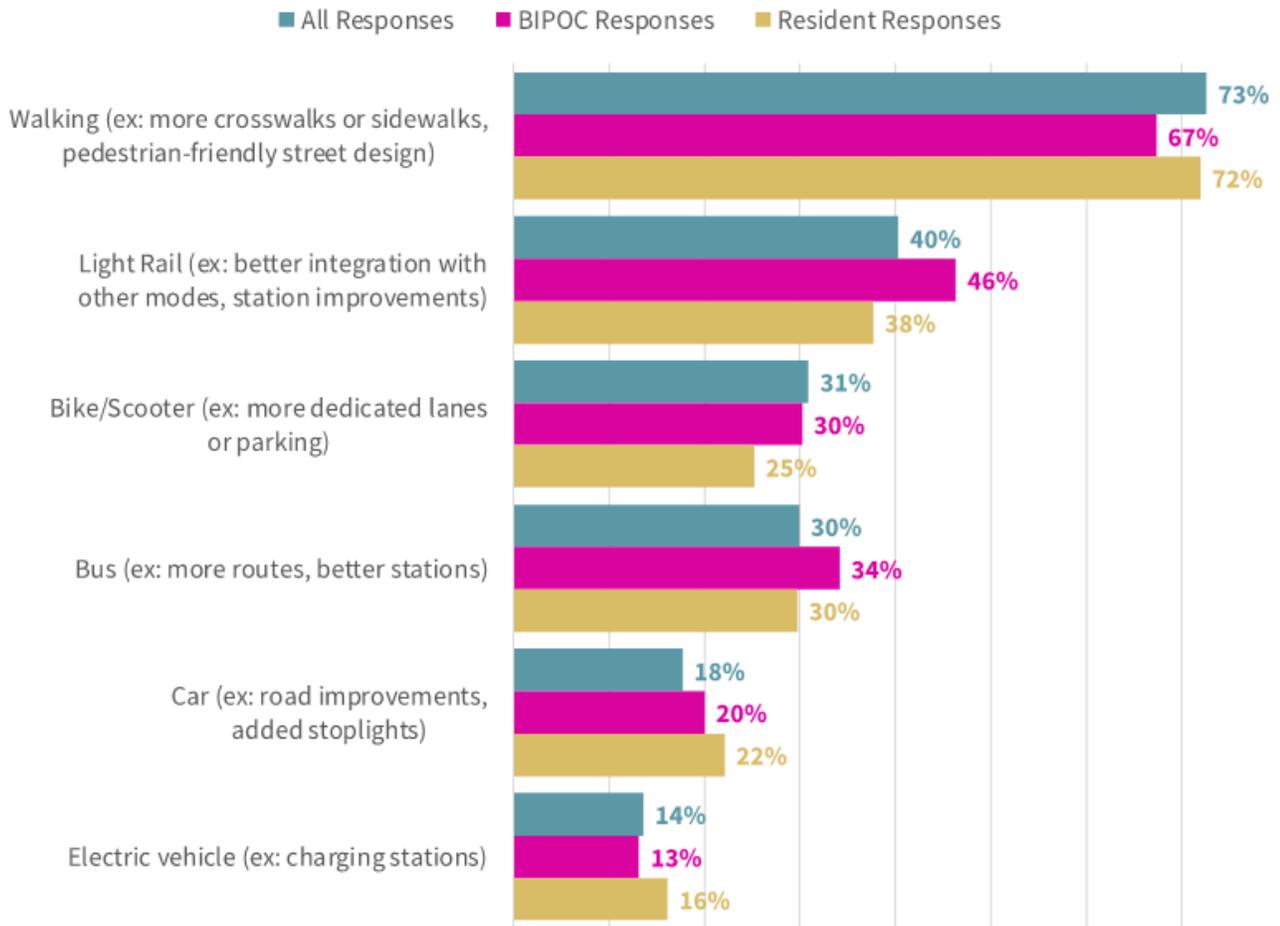
QUESTION 5

Pick the top 2 types of housing needed the most in Northgate. N=678



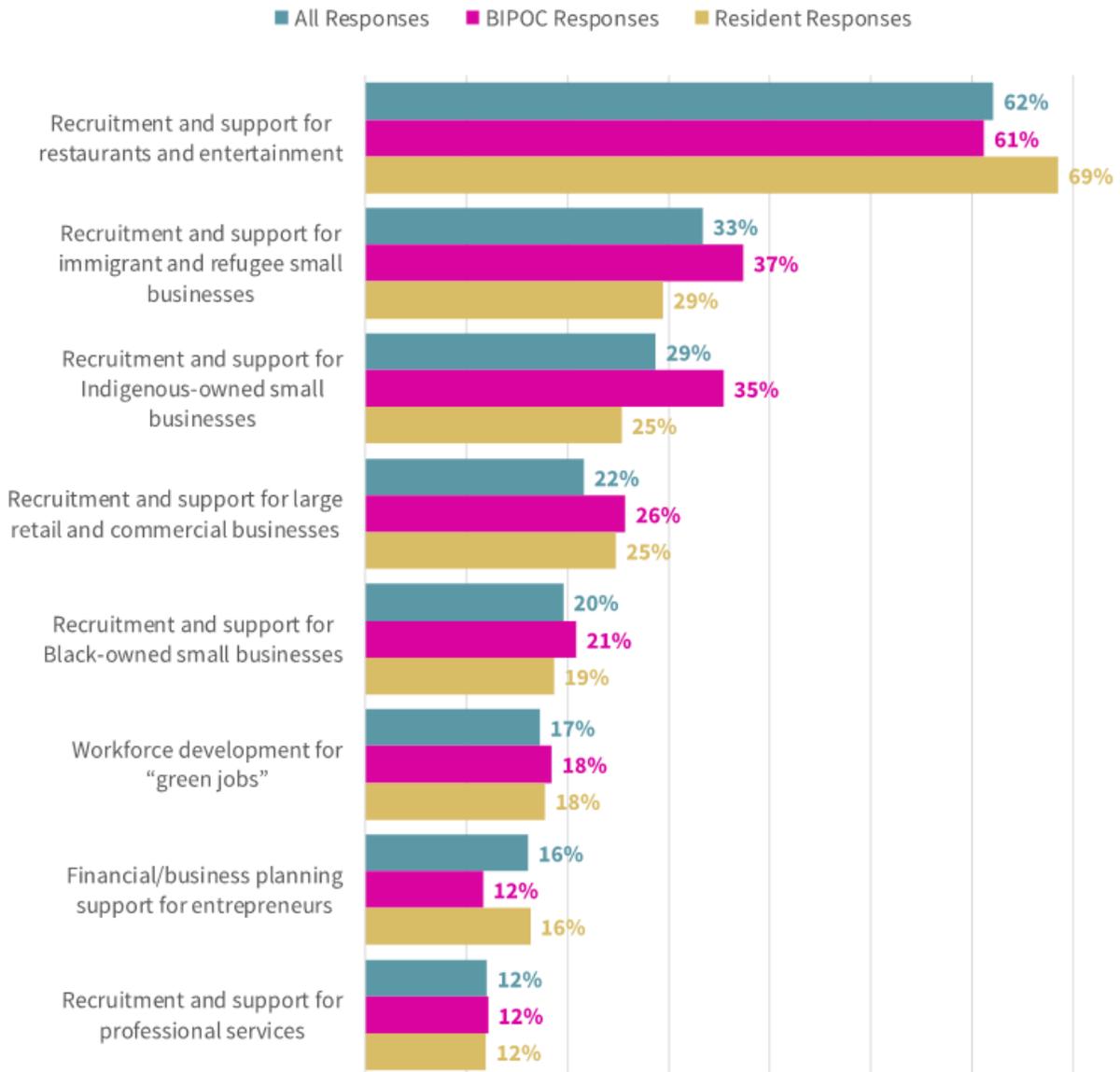
QUESTION 6

Pick the top 2 types of transportation investment needed the most in Northgate. N=712



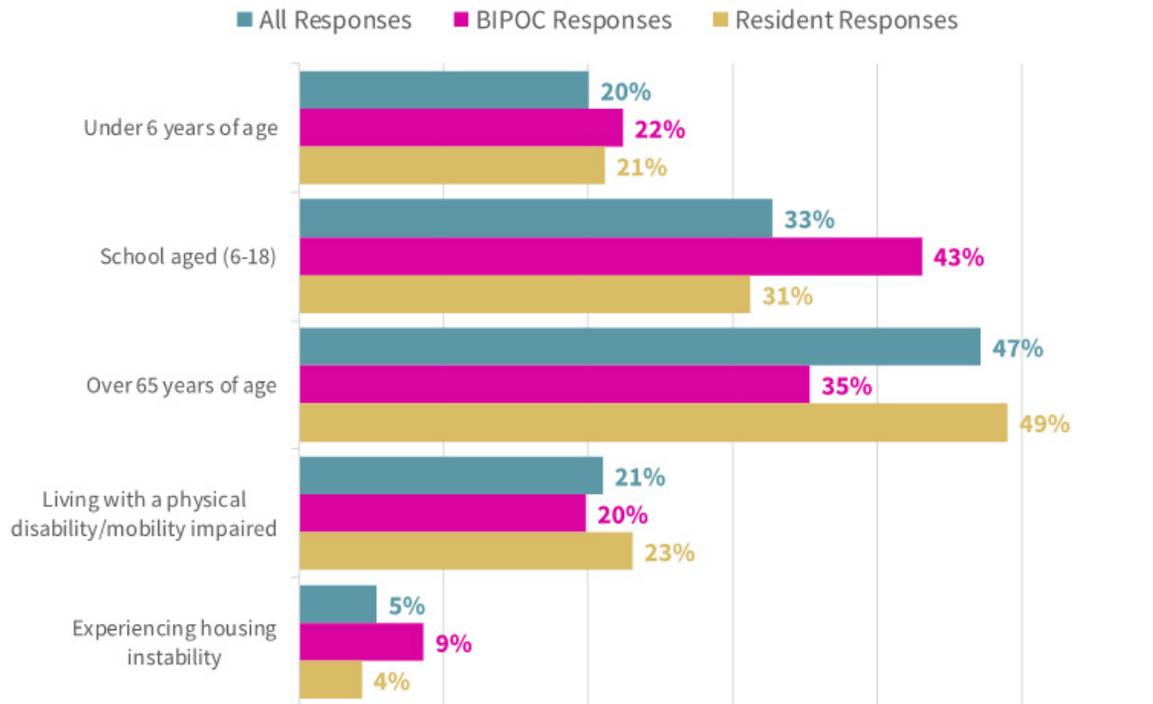
QUESTION 7

Pick the top 2 economic development ideas needed the most in Northgate. N=689



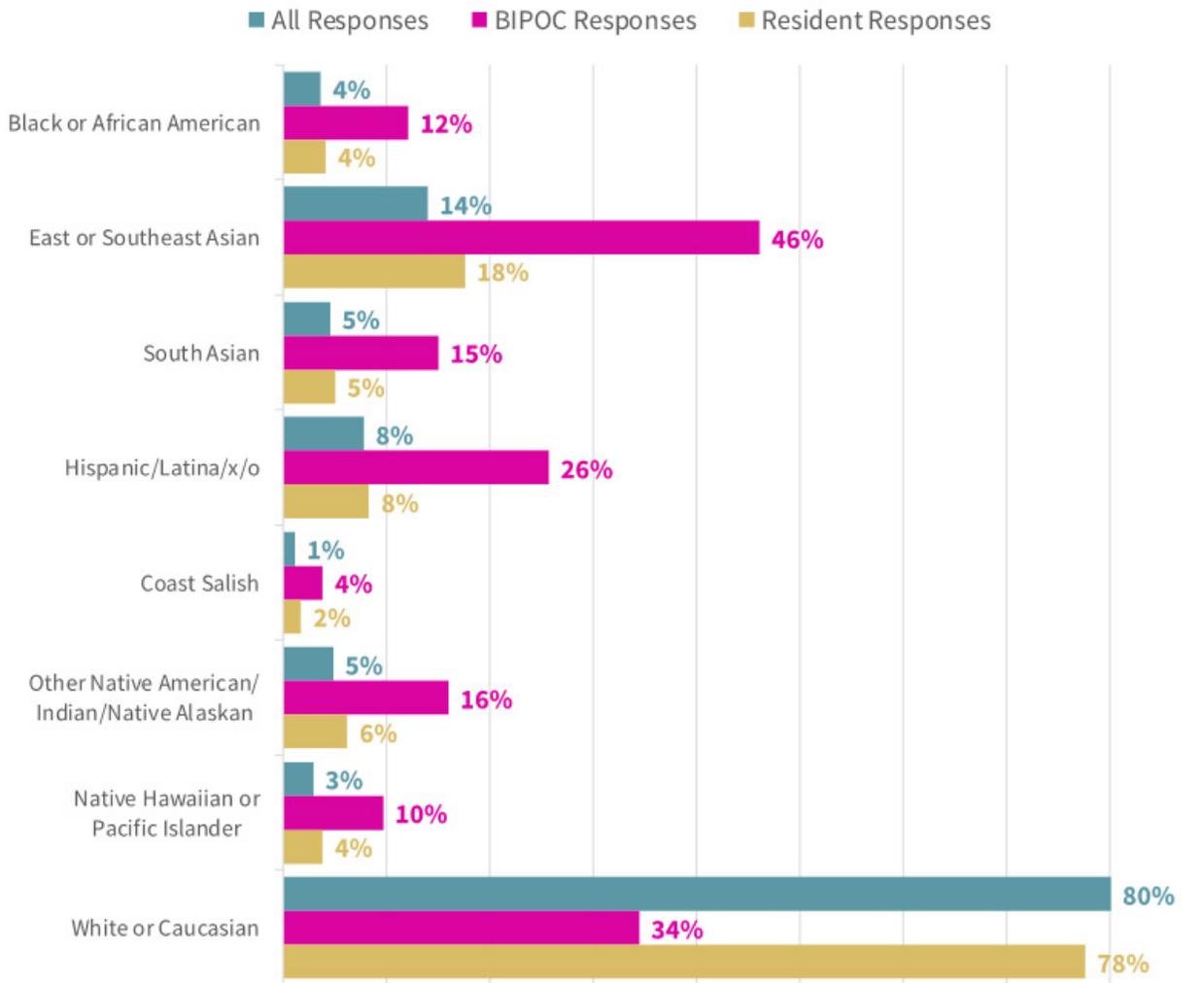
QUESTION 8

Is anyone in your household (including yourself
– check all that apply): N=409



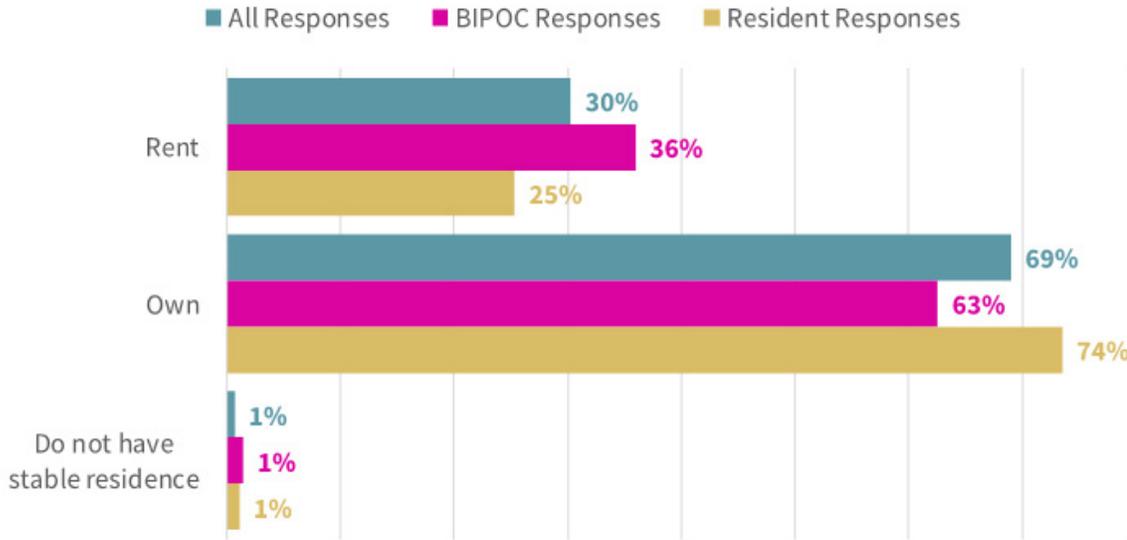
QUESTION 9

With which groups do you identify? Check all that apply. N=677



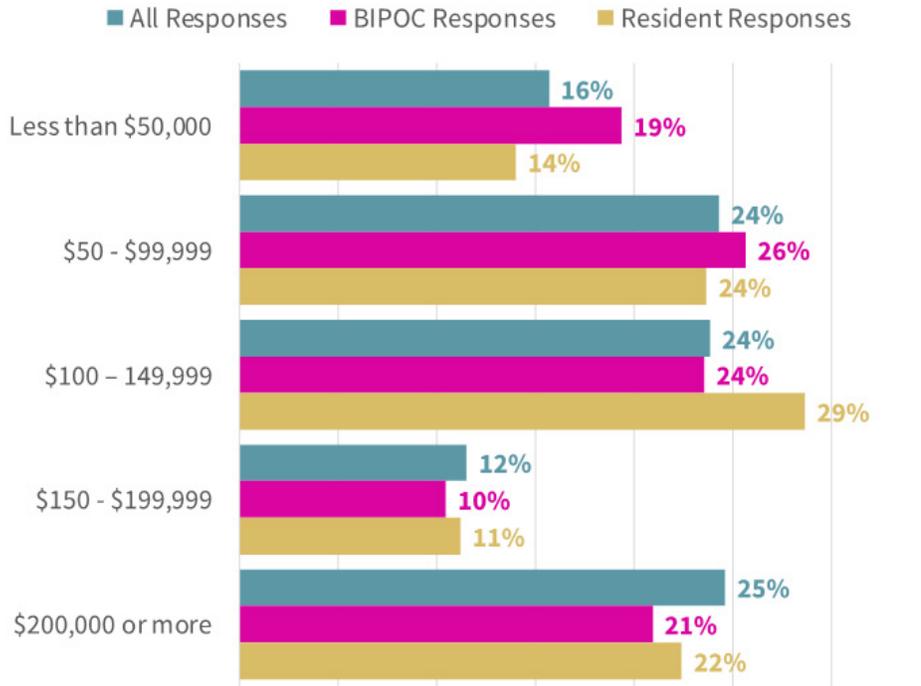
QUESTION 10

Do you rent or own your current residence?
N=703



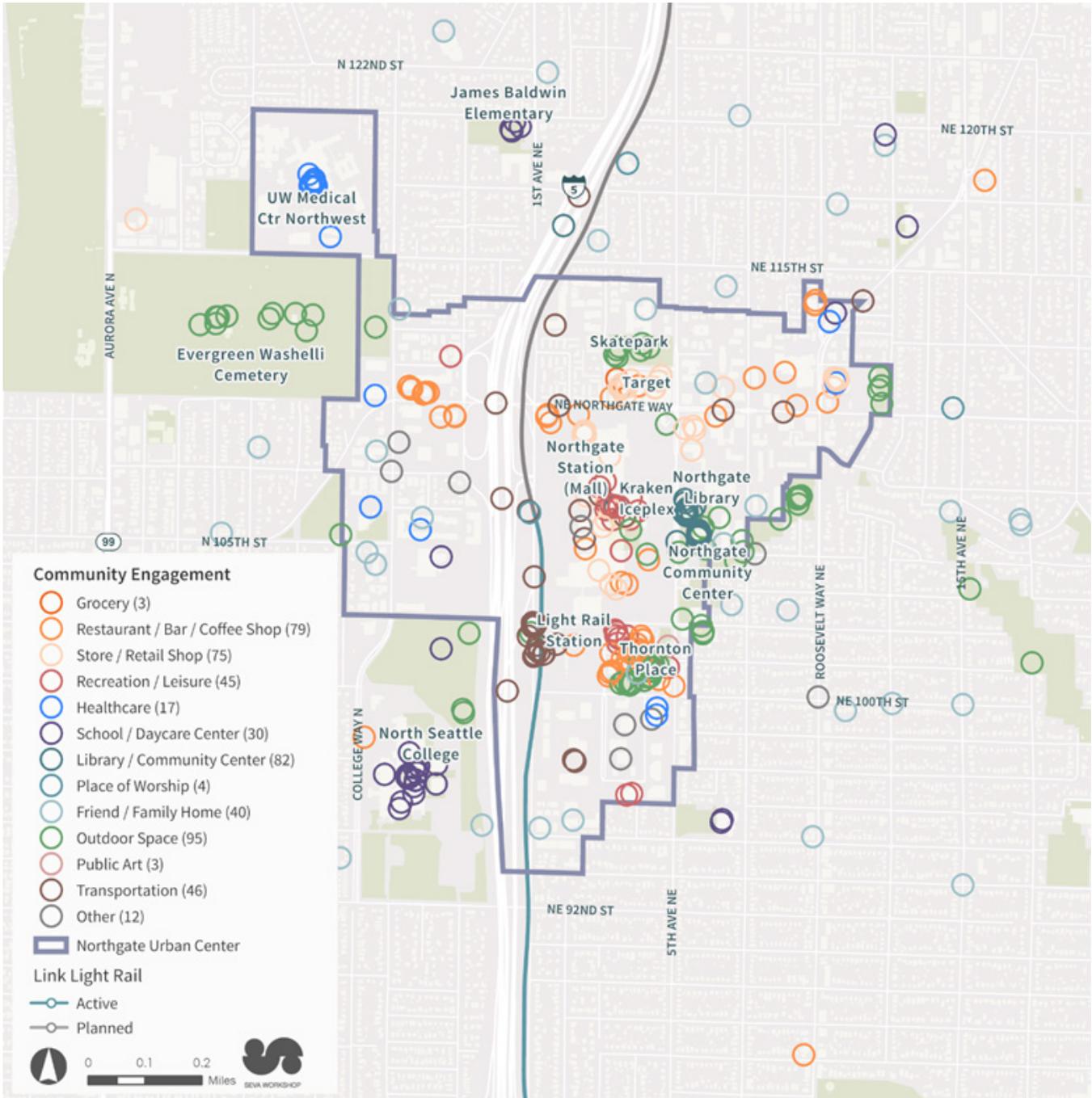
QUESTION 11

What is your household income bracket? N=650



QUESTION 12

Name one or two of your favorite places in Northgate. N=538

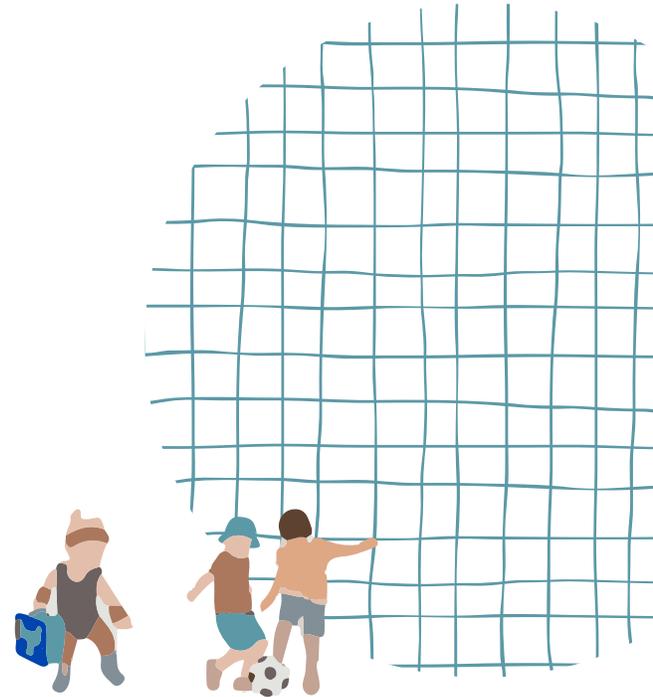
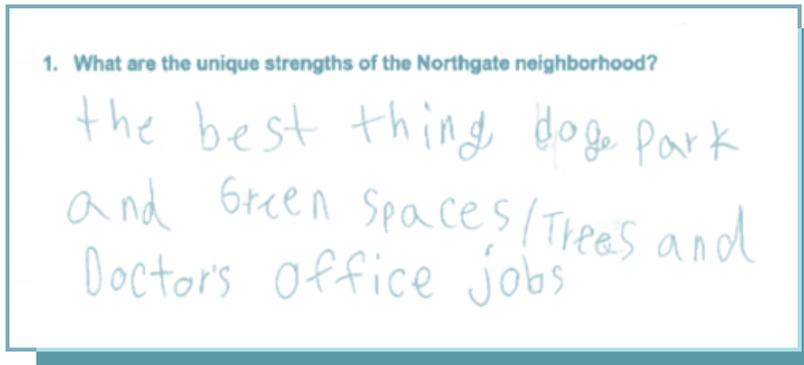
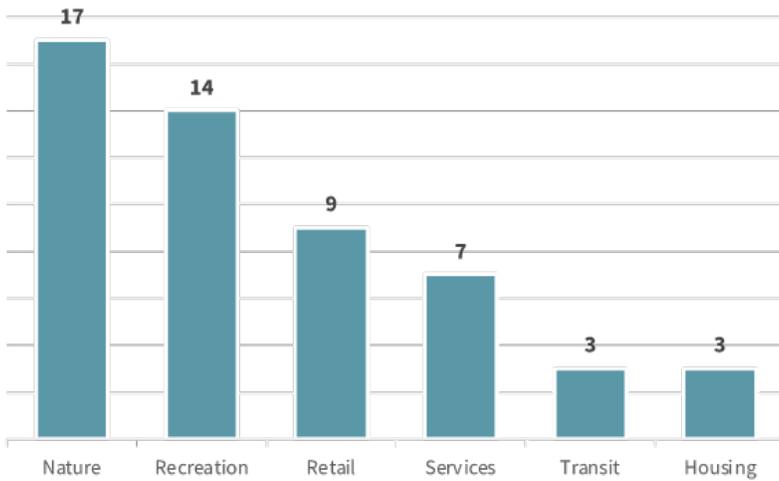


Elementary School Activity

On February 26, Seva staff met with Rebecca Brito, the Program Coordinator at James Baldwin Elementary to give her paper copies of a youth-specific survey, including a Spanish translation. The survey had 4 questions that were adapted from the public survey. The survey was given to 55 students from 2nd through 5th grade. One class completed the survey as individuals and the rest did it in small groups. In total, 23 surveys were returned (22 in English, 1 in Spanish).

QUESTION 1

What are the unique strengths of the Northgate neighborhood?

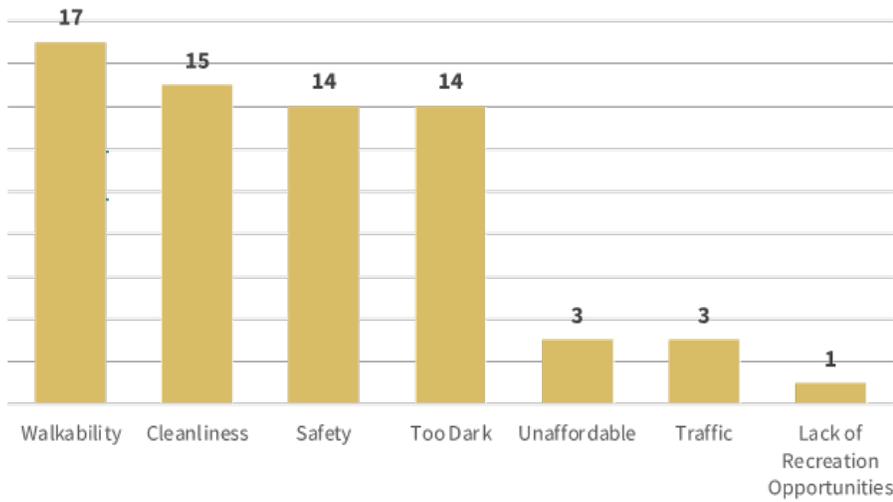


Students highlighted nature and recreation opportunities as the main strengths of Northgate. **Specifically, they mentioned parks, trees, the community garden, and the dog park as natural assets.** Playgrounds, swimming pools, the Iceplex, and the water park were mentioned as recreational assets.

Image to the left shows one student's thoughts about Northgate's unique strengths.

QUESTION 2

What are the top concerns or challenges the Northgate community is facing?



When discussing concerns that the neighborhood is facing, students frequently mentioned poor walkability, lack of cleanliness, safety issues, and that the area is too dark. **Specifically, students wrote about the need for more sidewalks and expressed concerns that cars go too fast on the roads, which makes them feel unsafe.** Littering came up as a big concern, as well as crime and violence.

2. What are the top concerns or challenges the Northgate community is facing?

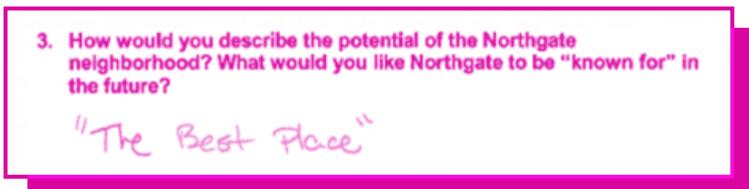
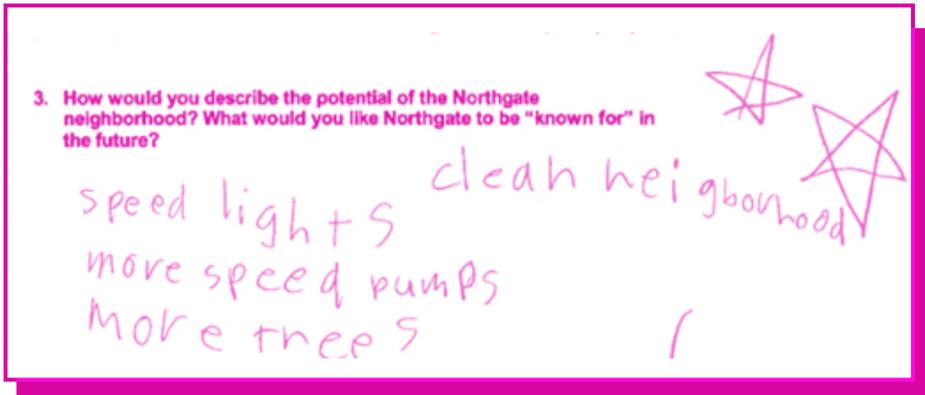
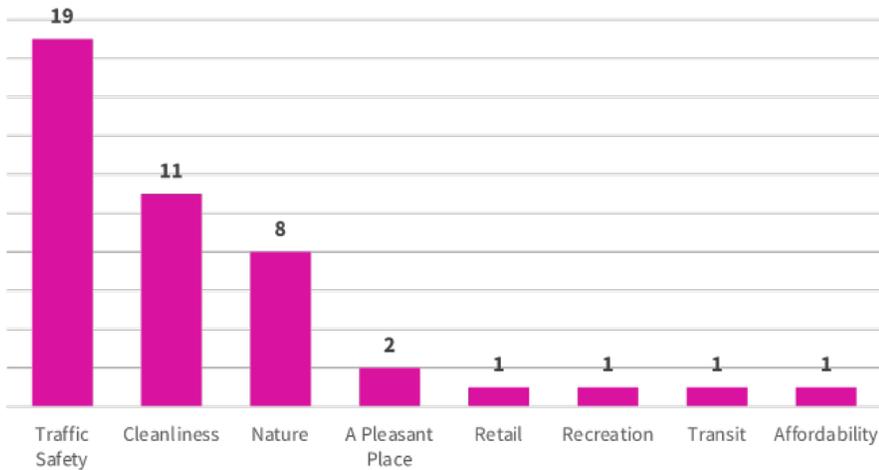
to dark
cars are going to fast
to much littering
not enough sidewalks

Image to the left shows one student's thoughts about Northgate's challenges.



QUESTION 3

How would you describe the potential of the Northgate neighborhood? What would you like Northgate to be “known for” in the future?



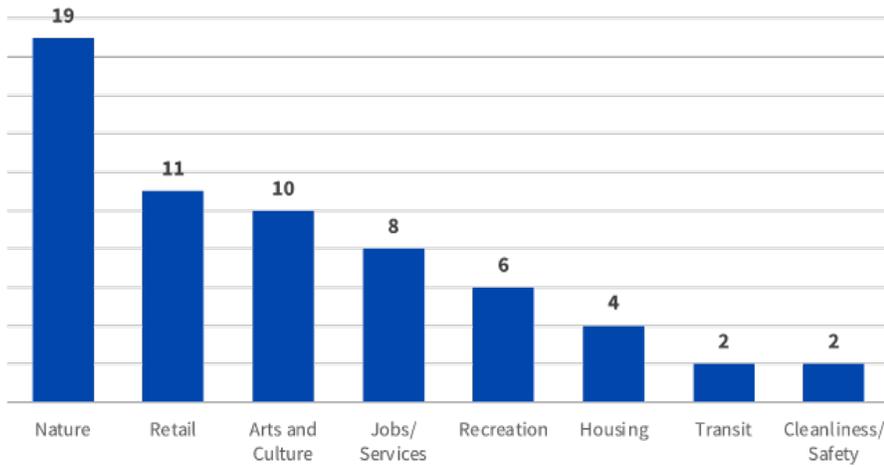
Students frequently mentioned traffic safety, cleanliness, and more nature as areas they would like Northgate to improve on in the future. **Specifically, students would like to see more traffic calming measures and more trees.** It appears that many students collaborated on these responses because similar wordings came up on multiple surveys.



Images to the left show students’ thoughts about Northgate’s potential.

QUESTION 4

What types of amenities and public services would you like to see more of? (Examples: public art, playgrounds, community centers, picnic areas)



When asked about desired amenities, students mentioned wanting more nature, retail, and arts and culture opportunities. **Specifically, they mentioned more parks (especially dog parks), shopping areas, and a public stage.** A desire for more jobs also came up, including doctors and grocery stores.

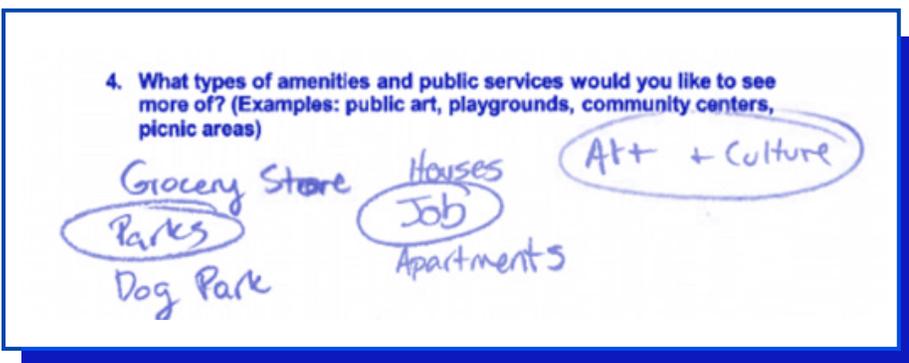


Image to the left shows one student's desired amenities.

Circling Back: Phase 2 Engagement

The Project Team, led by SDOT staff, returned to Northgate in the fall of 2024 to dive deeper into proposed vision themes and to gain specific feedback on certain topics like transportation projects and preferred locations for future gathering spaces. This engagement effort included a series of focus groups and a second community survey. A communications push to promote these efforts included social media posts, website updates, and an email blast to all participants from the visioning engagement effort. The findings and results of this engagement directly inform many of the policies and action steps in the Northgate Regional Center Plan.

Key Takeaways

- **Sidewalks:** The Regional Center is missing sidewalks in several key places, which makes walking unpleasant and uncomfortable, reduces the ability for people to walk to basic amenities, and makes driving the more attractive mode of travel. Better maintenance is needed on existing sidewalks.
- **Safe Crossings:** More marked crossings and enhancements of existing crossings are desired to make it safer to get to popular destinations and make people crossing more visible.
- **Improved Walking Connections:** We heard requests for more direct walking routes between popular destinations since block sizes are large in many parts of the Regional Center.
- **Environment:** More trees, green spaces, nature trails, and cooling areas with associated amenities for all ages and abilities.
- **Lighting:** Add more lighting. Many streets in the Regional Center are too dark – both arterials and local streets.
- **Gathering spaces:** Northgate needs more community gathering spaces and a community hub for dining, shopping,



meeting, recreation, and entertainment. Hubbard Homestead Park needs more maintenance and improved amenities.

- **Insufficient transit:** It is difficult to get around the Regional Center by public transit currently. Buses don't go where people would need them to go to take transit, and existing routes are infrequent and/or unreliable options.
- **Homelessness and Drug Use:** Homelessness and drug use in the Regional Center are concerns and several people indicated it makes them feel unsafe.
- **Speeding:** People currently drive at very high speeds on Northgate Way, especially west of Meridian Street, that are well above the speed limit. This was raised as a concern for people walking, driving, and trying to cross Northgate Way.

Transportation Project Priorities

The survey asked participants to rank their top transportation projects in three different sections (or “quadrants”) of Northgate - North, Southeast, and Southwest. The following projects were the top priorities for all respondents and for underrepresented groups. Detailed results are found later in this summary.

North

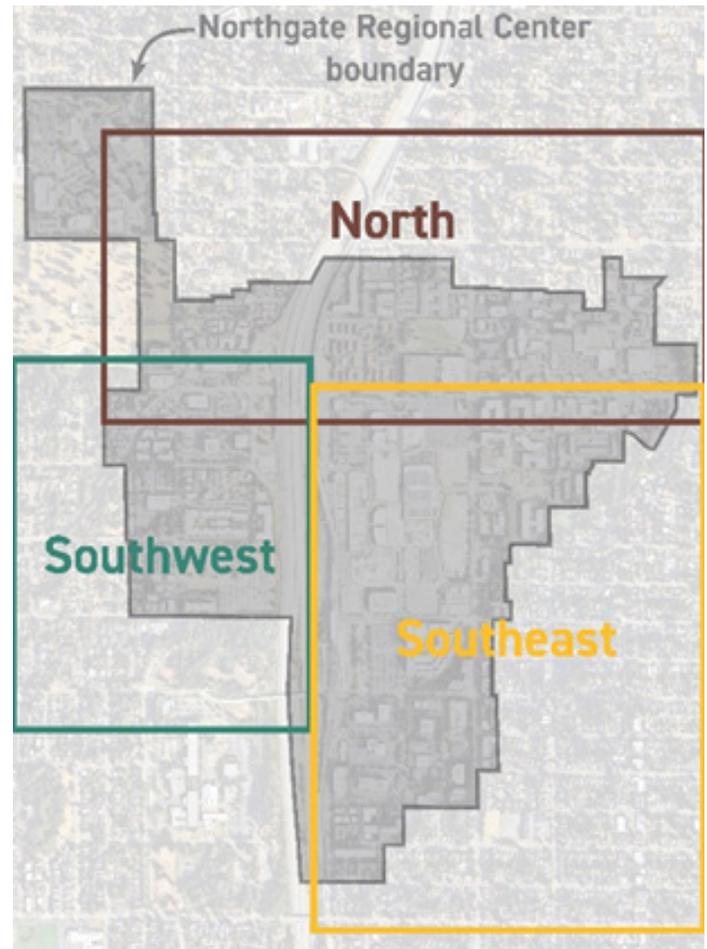
- Project 4: Make improvements along Northgate Way (Meridian Ave N to 1st Ave NE) and the I-5 underpass to improve pedestrian safety and support transit.
- Project 6: Extend the existing multi-use trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light rail station to NE 115th St.
- Project 7: Make improvements along Northgate Way (1st Ave NE – 5th Ave NE) to improve pedestrian safety and comfort and support transit.
- Project 10: Improve pedestrian safety and comfort along NE Northgate Way (5th Ave NE – Roosevelt Way NE), including intersection improvements at 5th Ave NE.

Southwest

- Project 1: Improve safety along N Northgate Way (Ashworth Ave N to Meridian Ave N), such as traffic calming, new crosswalks, and sidewalk widening.
- Project 2: On Meridian Ave N (N Northgate Way – NE 92nd St), upgrade existing bike lanes to make safer and add new crosswalks.
- Project 6: Improve the experience for people walking, rolling, and biking on NE 100th St between Aurora Ave N and the John Lewis Memorial Bridge.

Southeast

- Project 1: Extend the existing multiuse trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light



rail station to NE 115th St. (This project was also shown on the North quadrant map since it spans both areas, and it scored in the top for both maps.)

- Project 2: On 5th Ave NE (NE Northgate Way – NE 95th St), add new crosswalks, transit improvements, and “all ages and abilities” bike facilities.
- Project 6: On NE 105th St, NE 103rd St, NE 100th St (5th Ave NE – Roosevelt Way NE), add traditional or alternative sidewalks and street trees.
- Project 7: On NE 100th St & 3rd Ave NE, add landscaping, trees, street furniture, wider sidewalks, and other features to make walking more enjoyable.

Second Round Engagement Methods

Online Survey

Launched November 18, 2024 — Ended December 15, 2024

Survey Questions

The survey asked 7 questions:

1. Rank draft neighborhood vision statements
2. Provide a big idea to support your vision
- 3-5. Rank your top transportation projects in 3 different sections of Northgate
6. Identify locations to activate as gathering spaces
7. Describe the kind of gathering spaces you would like to see

See attachments for the full survey.

Promotion

The survey was promoted through:

- Email to participants of earlier rounds of engagement and stakeholders identified in study area
- 2 social media posts through OPCD accounts
- 2 flyer distributions at Northgate Link light rail station

- Survey responses from BIPOC, lower income, and renting populations were underrepresented as compared to their share of the overall population in the Northgate Regional Center. Responses from these groups will be emphasized when reporting on preferred projects and vision.
- Flyers with QR code left at Northgate Community Center and Library

Participation

- 329 Individuals responded to at least one of the survey questions.
- Survey respondents largely lived within the Regional Center or in zip codes neighboring the Regional Center.
- Survey responses from BIPOC, lower income, and renting populations were underrepresented as compared to their share of the overall population in the Northgate Regional Center. Responses from these groups will be emphasized when reporting on preferred projects and vision.

	Survey Respondents	Northgate Residents
Identified as Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latino, or Middle Eastern/Arab/North African White	20%	45%
Rented	25%	82 %
Listed household income as \$99,999 or less	38%	72%

What We Heard

VISION

An important aspect of The Regional Centers Planning effort is to align future planning efforts with an agreed upon community vision. The team crafted five draft Vision Statements based on prior community discussions and technical findings to see which resonated with the greatest number of people, as summarized below.

1. Northgate is a thriving hub of social and economic life in North Seattle, with convenient access to opportunity and destinations throughout the region.

2. Northgate is a complete neighborhood with amenities like green and open spaces, high quality schools, community gathering spaces, healthcare, and essential retail like grocery stores.

3. The Northgate neighborhood is walkable and has mass transit options, such as Link light rail, that are convenient and accessible to many.

4. The Northgate community includes diverse social networks, supported by abundant recreation and entertainment sites for all ages.

5. A strong connection to the natural environment is experienced across the Northgate neighborhood.

Draft Vision Statements 2 and 3 received the most votes, receiving 124 votes and 90 votes respectfully.

“The idea that Northgate is a complete neighborhood gives importance to all the other draft visions and can expand the idea of essential retail like grocery stores to include some of the major department stores we lost.”

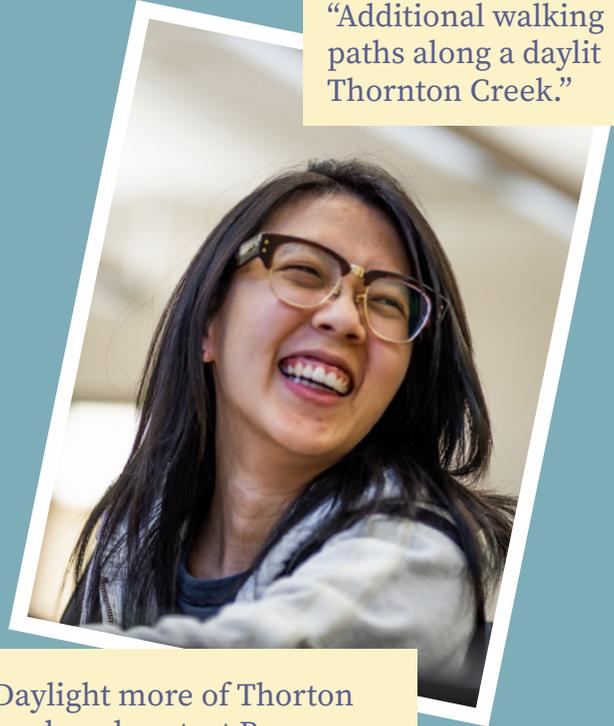
-Survey Participant

During this survey, 240 Northgate community members shared their big ideas for Northgate. The Vision Statements with the most votes align strongly with the comments provided for this question. There is a strong desire for a complete neighborhood that meets all basic community needs and supports a healthy and vibrant way of life. The most common mentioned terms were housing, walk, bike, people space, greenery, retail, and community. People stated a need for a more well-connected, pedestrianized neighborhood safe for all modes of travel that provides basic amenities and integrates greenery. Walkability remained the highest discussion point followed by gathering space.

The most commonly cited themes are included below in bold, followed by select quotes. See attachment for full responses.

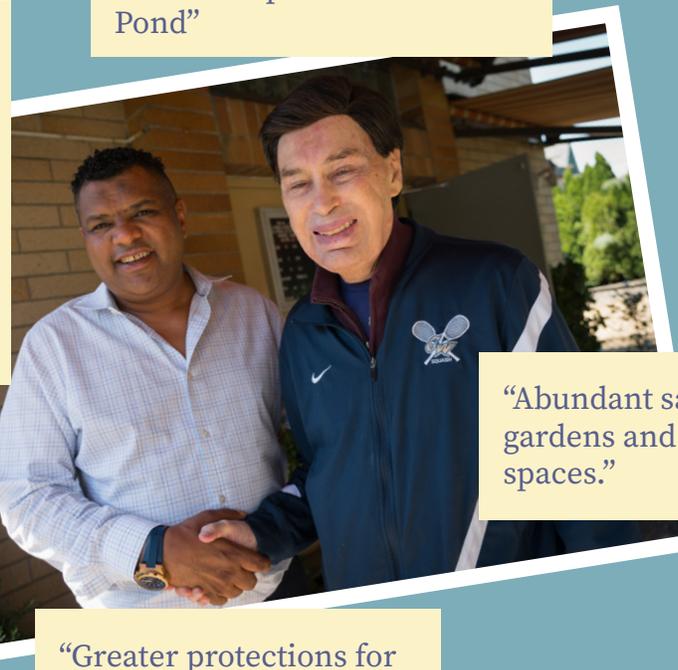
sustainability

“Additional walking paths along a daylight Thornton Creek.”



“Daylight more of Thornton Creek and protect Beaver Pond”

“Climate driven design for natural wild spaces, green infrastructure, carbon sequestering trees and plants, pollutant filtering plants, roadsides, parks, green roofs, street plantings all designed for wildlife and to reduce heat and carbon from climate change. Stationary bikes to generate power, charge batteries, throughout neighborhood. Can ride them while waiting for transit.”



“Abundant safe clean gardens and green spaces.”

“Border with trees and foliage so it feels like an arboretum.”

“Greater protections for mature trees and added lushness to the public environment.”

More clustered retail that serves basic needs - groceries, clothes, hardware and restaurants

“We are losing all sorts of 'normal' stores and getting too tourist driven. We need more retail that is normal in terms of clothes and things like that.”

Need for indoor and outdoor gathering spaces



“A community plaza near the community center with a network of sidewalks & bike trails leading to it.”

“There needs to be retail destinations to make it work, especially places to eat. Also, the old mall was a gathering and walking destination for teens, disabled people, and the elderly. The new plans seem to be exclusively for young healthy people. Seattle is not California, and needs indoor areas to walk, gather, etc.”

A big indoor/outdoor shared community space! There are many different communities that live here, but very few places to meet host/congregate that has tables; bathrooms, etc. Also, a playground!

Add sidewalks across the Regional Center



“Better sidewalks, on demand pedestrian crossings on Northgate Way.”

“Build more sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, especially on NE 115th St between 5th Ave NE and 15th Ave NE. Many people walk and bike to schools on this street.”

Additional setbacks and capacity for outdoor seating

“Create outdoor spaces where retail is focused, people want more places to naturally interact with neighbors”

“A piazza with restaurants, small shops (something interesting (tired of pot shops and nail salons) outside dining, leading on to green space.”



“Better bike connections to and from Link, including better access to points, north, east, and south. Currently, 5th is very scary to ride east of the mall complex, but access to many businesses is difficult without riding on streets that lack bike lanes. Pedestrian infrastructure is slightly better but still not great. The area all around the mall and transit center needs a redesign to support Vision Zero.”

Develop walking paths from light rail to key destinations

Reduce surface parking lots

“Wherever there is surface pavement for cars put something else.”

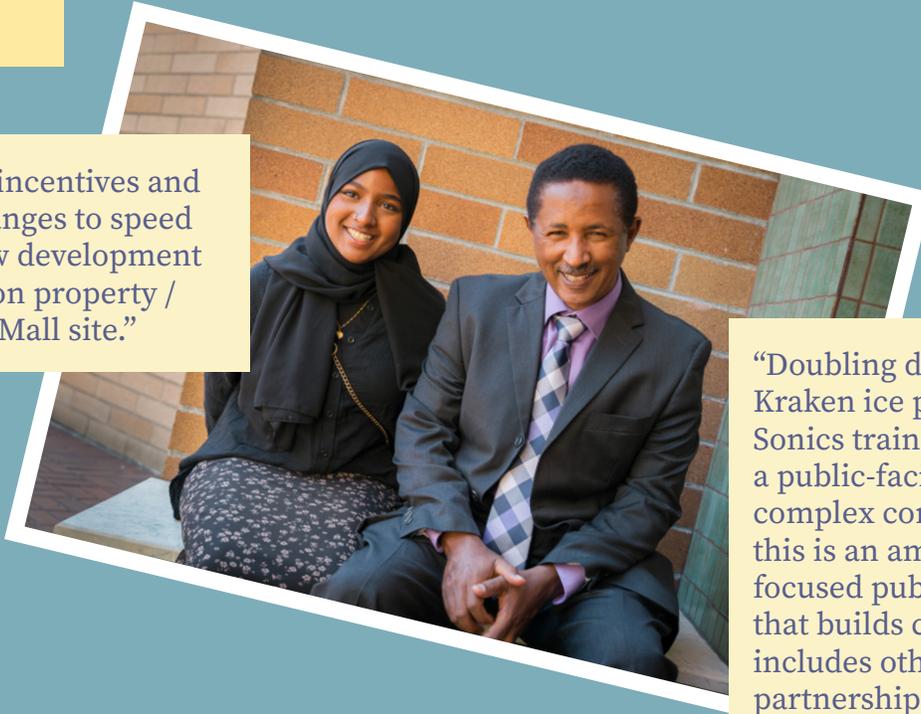
“An open space that could host a farmers market and pop-up retail near Northgate Station would be awesome. Right now the closest markets are in the U District and Lake City, but Northgate could definitely support one of its own.”

“Center light rail and make walking to and from it more enjoyable”



Expedite Simon development

“Consider incentives and zoning changes to speed up the slow development at the Simon property / Northgate Mall site.”



“Doubling down on the Kraken ice plex, create a new Sonics training facility with a public-facing basketball complex component, so that this is an amazing sports-focused public-private entity that builds community and includes other community partnerships to bring economic vitality to the district.”

Increase housing of all types with family amenities within a two-block radius



“Look to Vancouver and North York in Toronto for multiple examples of high density with quality adjacent green space.”

“Buy one home and lot per 2 square-block area. Create a neighborhood park/garden with play space for kids, and use the house as a 3rd place for the neighborhood with a small cafe inside, meeting rooms, reading rooms, playroom for kids, gathering spaces.”

Facilitate development of an indoor recreational and cultural spaces

“An outdoor play street that transitions into a covered or indoor play street within a reimagined shopping center/mall. Play street would start at private ROW across from 3rd and enter into mall area. There would also include a pathway from play street to the Northgate library and community center.”



“An indigenous community space, like the Duwamish Longhouse or the Intellectual House on the UW Seattle campus. Also, a safe injection site (there should be one in every district of Seattle and King County so that no one location takes on the burden of the entire regional problem of drug addiction and public use) where people suffering from addiction-related health issues can get access to appropriate services.”

“Art venues for people to create and/or display, also interchangeable still art”

Add density particularly with access to light rail

“Affordable housing and amenities near the light rail station.”

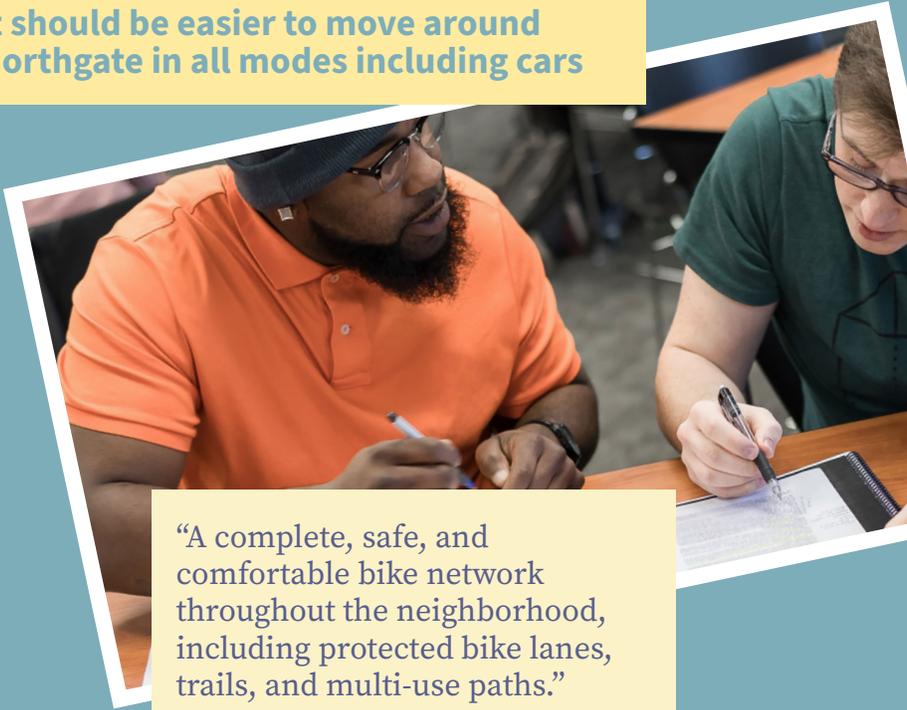


“Accommodate more people, accommodate fewer cars. There is no reason on earth to limit building heights in this neighborhood.”

“Build much more housing!!!”

“Abolish parking minimums and height restrictions.”

It should be easier to move around Northgate in all modes including cars



“A complete, safe, and comfortable bike network throughout the neighborhood, including protected bike lanes, trails, and multi-use paths.”

“A large number of sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and radical anti-cut through-traffic calming in the neighborhoods to the north and east of Northlake, where the use of the very streets we live on often involves risk of death and where children often cannot walk to their assigned schools.”

“Accessible connections. I don't have a car and if I can't get to any of the great things you plan what's the point of having them at all. Also allows more people to participate in the system created. Good for everyone.”



“A major carless mixed-use development with amenities like affordable housing, education, childcare, groceries, restaurants, cafes, entertainment and direct access to public transit.”

Increase capacity for localized transit

“Slow traffic but keep it moving to reduce air quality impacts.”

“There should be more neighborhood bus loops to shuttle folks to Northgate & light rail station. These could also reduce traffic and enable our neighborhood to become less dependent on cars to get to/from grocery & retail centers”

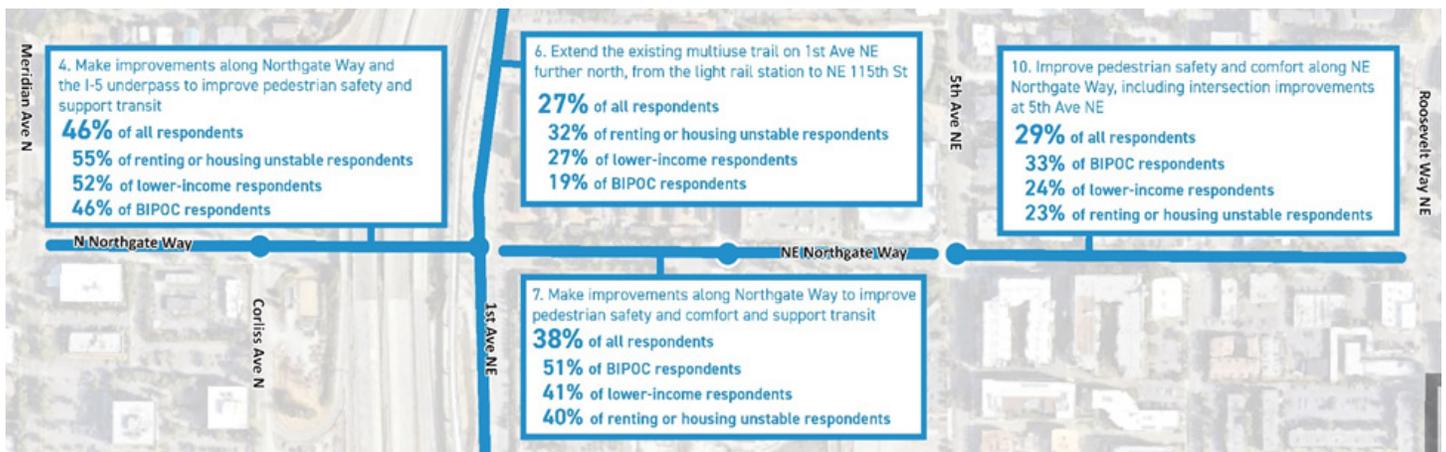
North

285 people responded to this question, voting on 13 different projects. The graphic below shows the top projects for the North quadrant. We included the 3 projects that received the most votes from all respondents, as well as any project that ranked in the top 3 for any of the underrepresented groups. The project numbers reflect those found in the original survey.

- Project 4: N Northgate Way (Meridian Ave N to 1st Ave NE) was the top project for lower-income respondents (52% voted for it) and for renting or housing unstable respondents (55% voted for it). It was also the most popular project overall (46% voted for it).
- Project 6: 1st Ave NE (Northgate Station – NE 115th St) was the third most popular project for renting or housing unstable respondents (32% voted for it) and for lower-income respondents (27% voted for it.)
- Project 7: NE Northgate Way (1st Ave NE – 5th Ave NE) was the top project for BIPOC respondents (51% voted for it) as well as the second most popular project overall (38% voted for it).
- Project 10: NE Northgate Way (5th Ave NE – Roosevelt Way NE) was the third most popular for BIPOC respondents (33% voted

for it) as well as third most popular project overall (29% voted for it).

- In addition to voting on the proposed projects, respondents expressed additional concerns:
 - “These choices are frustrating. Yes, they prioritize pedestrian safety, but they also seem to create even more vehicle congestion. This is not progress. We cannot all take public transit.”
 - “WAY TOO MUCH CONGESTION”
 - “Vehicles need to move more quickly through the area”
 - “Add TSP and bus lanes along the main transit corridors to improve performance as mentioned in my first comment”
 - Reiterate support for improved crossings and pedestrian experience on Northgate Way:
 - “Add 2nd crosswalk from Target to Northgate Mall, east of existing one.”
 - “Cross walk from Target/ Best Buy across Northgate Way between 3rd and 5th”
 - “Add street trees on Northgate Way between Meridian N and Roosevelt N.”



Southwest

292 people responded to this question, voting on 6 different projects. The graphic below shows the top projects for the North quadrant. We included the 2 projects that received the most votes from all respondents, as well as any project that ranked in the top 2 for any of the underrepresented groups. The project numbers reflect those found in the original survey.

- Project 1: N Northgate Way (Ashworth Ave N to Meridian Ave N) was the top project for BIPOC respondents (58% voted for it) and renting or housing unstable residents (56% voted for it). It was the second most popular project for lower-income respondents (42% voted for it). It also tied for the most popular project overall (43% voted for it).
- Project 2: Meridian Ave N (N Northgate Way

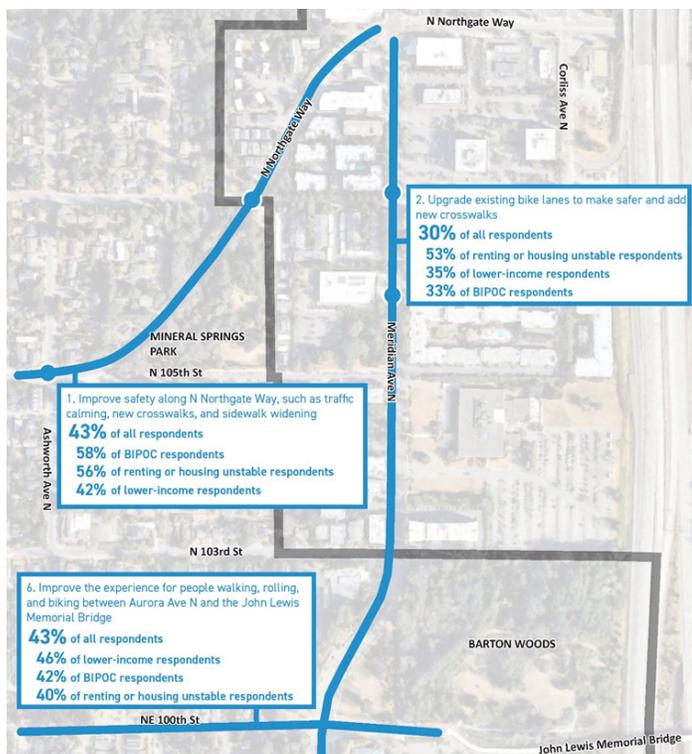
– NE 92nd St) was the second most popular project for renting or housing unstable respondents (53% voted for it).

- Project 6: N 100th St (Aurora Ave N to John Lewis Memorial Bridge) received the most votes from lower income respondents (46% voted for it) and was the second most popular project for BIPOC respondents (42% voted for it). It tied for the most popular project overall (43% voted for it).

In addition to voting on the selected projects, a few respondents expressed additional concerns:

Frustration with bike lane development and traffic calming over sidewalk development and impact on traffic congestion

- “Remove traffic calming and rarely used bike lanes on Meridian.”
- “Forget the bike lanes. They serve less than 1% of the population. Sidewalks should have been addressed before that.”
- “Don’t change Northgate Way so much that you create traffic jams. The City of Seattle has ruined so many streets and increased commute time.”



Southeast

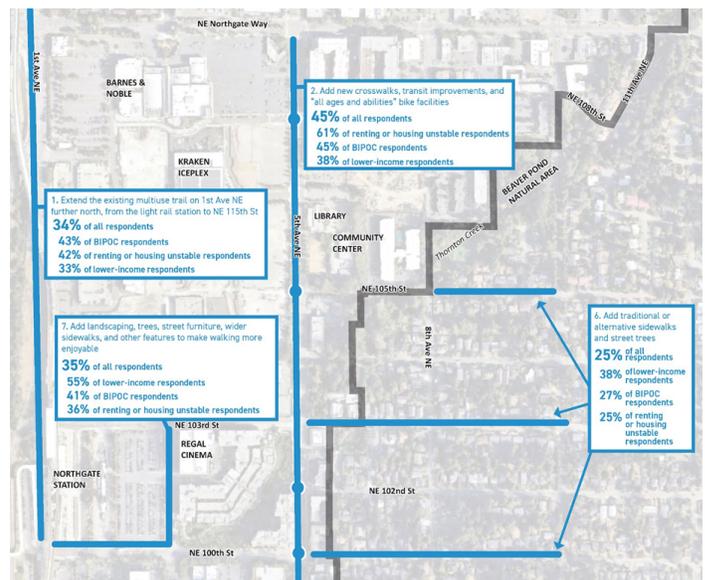
298 people responded to this question, voting on 11 different projects. The graphic below shows the top projects for the North quadrant. We included the 3 projects that received the most votes from all respondents, as well as any project that ranked in the top 3 for any of the underrepresented groups. The project numbers reflect those found in the original survey.

- Project 1: 1st Ave NE (Northgate Station – NE 115th St) was the second most popular for BIPOC respondents (43% voted for it) and renting or housing unstable respondents (42% voted for it). It was also the third most popular project overall (34% voted for it).
- Project 2: 5th Ave NE (NE Northgate Way – NE 95th St) was the top project for renting or housing unstable respondents (61% voted for it), BIPOC respondents (45% voted for it), and overall (45% voted for it). It tied for second most popular project for lower-income respondents (38% voted for it).
- Project 6: NE 105th St, NE 103rd St, NE 100th St (5th Ave NE – Roosevelt Way NE) tied for the second most popular project for lower-income residents (38% voted for it).
- Project 7: NE 100th St & 3rd Ave NE was the most popular project for lower-income respondents (55% voted for it). It was the third most popular project for BIPOC respondents (41% voted for it) and renting or housing unstable respondents (36% voted for it). It was the second most popular project overall (35% voted for it).

In addition to voting on the selected projects, respondents expressed additional concerns:

- Balancing sidewalk and bike lane expansion with congestion impact
 - “All above are worthwhile if approached sensibly. Don't go to such an extent that traffic flow is impacted. Don't make sidewalks and planting spaces so large that they eliminate driving lanes.”

- “Remove bike lanes, add more traffic lanes for cars and busses, remove excess speed bumps”
- “Transit Signal Priority and bus lanes along 5th Ave and Northgate Way to improve the 16bphpd serving the corridor”
- More pedestrianized streets, especially in and around the Northgate Mall redevelopment site
 - “Improve walk ability of interior streets in the block around the kraken ice plex. Add sidewalks to the “no pedestrian” streets. Replace some of the parking lot spaces with green space or businesses. Especially in the area around Nordstrom rack and red robins”
 - “Separate bikes and cars. Make a street just for bikes and pedestrians.”
 - “Include more public seating throughout the neighborhood, benches, etc. places for people to stop and rest so walking is more doable for all ages and abilities.”



Public Gathering Space

What locations would you like to serve as a formalized gathering space?

Here is the breakdown of what locations received the most votes, along with “other” locations participants suggested that received multiple votes:

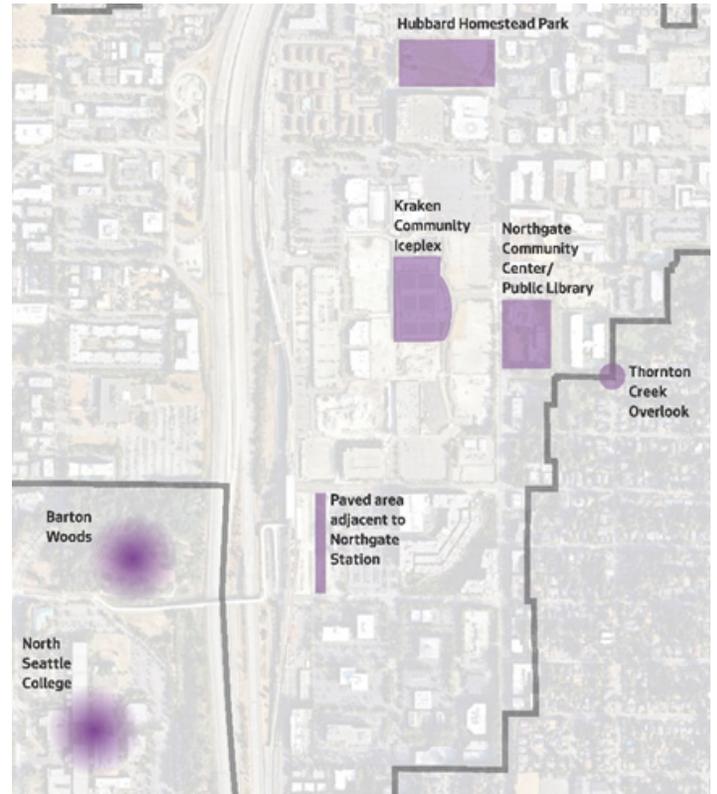
- Northgate mall site near Kraken Community Iceplex **171 votes**
- Northgate Community Center / Public Library **160 votes**
- Hubbard Homestead Park **98 votes**
- Underutilized paved areas adjacent to Northgate light rail station (temporary gathering space, as this site will eventually get redeveloped) **76 votes**

Other **21 votes**

- North Seattle College / Barton Woods
- Maple Leaf Reservoir Park (outside Regional Center)

While most people requested additional gathering spaces, there were a few comments indicating that Northgate does not need additional gathering space.

We also heard requests during community conversations to create a gathering space overlooking Thornton Creek on 8th Ave NE between NE 106th St and NE 105th St from several community members.



What types of gathering spaces and amenities would you most love to see in Northgate?

- Here is the breakdown of what amenities received the most votes, along with “other” ideas participants suggested that received multiple votes:
- A public plaza or street that prioritizes people walking, rolling, and biking in the area connecting the light rail to the movie theatre **162 votes**
- Small food vending carts in outdoor plazas (where there aren't brick and mortar spots nearby) **139 votes**
- Activations or programming in existing spaces like Hubbard Homestead Park or underutilized paved areas adjacent to the light rail station **83 votes**
- Outdoor amphitheater for small concerts **73 votes**

- More community gardens/P-patches 56 votes
- A splash pad or wading pool 54 votes
- Indoor gathering space, such as community rooms 41 votes
- Picnic tables and BBQ areas 33 votes
- Elements of play and learning (ping pong tables, hopscotch on the sidewalk, word search on the sidewalk, etc.) 27 votes
- Other 23 votes

Key themes of the “Other” ideas are in bold, followed by select quotes. See Appendix C for full responses.

- Food court / Food hall
 - “Indoor food court”
 - “Other cities have outdoor food hall/ brewery areas where you can get food and drinks from a bunch of different places, you eat in a central area sometimes outdoors, and it's usually dog friendly. Would love to see this in Northgate, especially close to the light rail or near the iceplex”
- More trees, green spaces, nature trails, and cooling areas with associated amenities for all ages and abilities
 - “Plant and protect as many trees as possible.”
 - “Gardens and grassy areas with benches”
 - “Dedicated corner with trees for shade and allow small gatherings like Tai Chi and dancing for all ages.”
 - “With the planet warming, I think cooling areas for families, community and families pets is a wonderful idea w/ more trees because that also helps keep it cool too. Maybe w/ adjacent parks and gardens?”

- “A community forest with unpaved walking trails, similar to Landover Woods, with a separate dog park to keep dogs out of the forest.”
- Community hub for dining, shopping, meeting, recreation, and entertainment
 - “Create a cool courtyard/plaza with local businesses and cultural spaces, like Roberto Maestas Plaza at El Centro de La Raza.”
 - “A bowling alley, a food court, places that would attract teenagers and give them interaction/play options.”
 - “We sorely need a "hub" in this Northgate/ Roosevelt/Maple Leaf neighborhood where many options for dining, shopping, meeting, recreation, and entertainment are available to allow for "browsing." Instead of going to "a restaurant" you go to "a neighborhood" and find the vibe you want and see people you know and enjoy spontaneity that allows for memorable experiences that are repeatable and build community. Maybe that's multiple food trucks/food stands w/open dining spaces that allows alcoholic beverages, or maybe it's a row of shops and restaurants w/ outdoor gathering spaces that offer choice and variety. Maybe there is an open movie theater/stage for entertainment. So much of this is available in Europe - family and community friendly. Could someone use their spaces as inspiration? One of my fave memories is a grouping of restaurants surrounding a small playground - parents (clients) could eat and visit while kids played w/in close sight. Any idea should include outdoor eating/gathering options that take our inclement weather into account.”

- Car-free spaces
- A farmer's market or night market near the mall site/iceplex
 - “An open space that could host a farmers market and pop-up retail near Northgate Station would be awesome. Right now the closest markets are in the U District and Lake City, but Northgate could definitely support one of its own.”
 - “Farmer's Market with a performance stage.”
- New aquatics center / sports center / indoor and outdoor pickleball / playgrounds / expanded skateparks
- Arts Center / Cultural Space for theater, music, dance, etc.

In-Person Events

The project team hosted two focus groups and five pop-up events in the community as part of the circling back engagement round.

Pop-up Events in Community

In addition to the online survey, we wanted to meet people where they are. By holding events and meetings in different locations, we were able to hear many voices that may not have heard about the plan otherwise and will help us create the Regional Center Plan. We were present to advertise the Northgate Regional Center Plan and collect feedback at a total of 7 in-person events, which included:

- North Seattle College focus group (students, faculty, and staff)
- Seattle Kraken focus group (staff)
- QFC pop-up
- Northgate Community Center pop-up (2)
- Northgate light rail station pop-up (2)

Key Takeaways

- **Sidewalks:** The Regional Center is missing sidewalks in several key places, which makes walking unpleasant and uncomfortable, reduces the ability for people to walk to basic amenities, and makes driving the more attractive mode of travel. Better maintenance is needed on existing sidewalks to clear snow and leaves and trim overhanging bushes. We frequently heard about 5th Ave NE north of 103rd Street and Northgate Way between Roosevelt and Meridian.
- **Safe Crossings:** More marked crossings and enhancements of existing crossings are desired to make it safer to get to popular destinations, such as Target, Just Poke, the library, residences on the east side of 5th Avenue NE, and destinations on Northgate Way west of I-5. This will also make people crossing more visible. There is a desire for more and longer Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at signalized crossings.
- **Improved Walking Connections:** We heard requests for more direct walking routes between popular destinations since block sizes are large in many parts of the Regional Center. People currently cut through alleys and parking lots to shorten walking distances.
- **Lighting:** Add more lighting. Many streets in the Regional Center are too dark – both arterials and local streets. College Way and 5th Ave NE were brought up as examples.
- **Gathering spaces:** Northgate needs more community gathering spaces, indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for seniors and people of all ages and abilities, and Hubbard Homestead Park needs more maintenance and improved amenities.
- **Insufficient transit:** It is difficult to get around the Regional Center by public transit currently. Buses don't go where people would need them to go to take transit, and existing routes are infrequent and/or unreliable options.
- **Homelessness and Drug Use:** Homelessness and drug use in the Regional Center are concerns, and several people indicated it makes them feel unsafe. The existing land uses in Northgate do not provide enough “eyes on the street”, leaving streets feeling barren, especially near light rail.
- **Speeding:** People currently drive at very high speeds on Northgate Way, especially west of Meridian Street, that are well above the speed limit. This was raised as a concern for people walking, driving, and trying to cross Northgate Way.
- We also heard many comments on challenges related to Sound Transit, King County Metro, WSDOT, and the mall redevelopment site, which fall outside the purview of the City of Seattle but have been passed on to the respective agency or property owner for consideration

APPENDICES

A. NOTES FROM IN-PERSON EVENTS

B. SURVEY QUESTIONS

C. RAW SURVEY RESULTS

APPENDIX A

Notes from Fall Outreach In-person Events

Seattle Kraken Focus Group

Car Share

- Often used Gig Car carshare service. Miss having that as an option.

Bike/Scooter

- Bike to work April to September but drive to most other destinations (purchase, park, movie, restaurants)
- Try to avoid big streets when riding on scooter – get honked at and yelled at.

Walking

Sidewalks

- 105th St missing sidewalks
- Feel uncomfortable walking on 5th Ave north of 103rd. Sidewalk is narrow and right next to travel lanes (i.e. no landscaping buffer). **(+1 person)**
- Lots of constrained sight lines with the construction on 5th Ave near the library.
- Sidewalks on Northgate Way from I-5 to 8th Ave are in poor condition, especially on the south side of street
- Improve Northgate Way under I-5! The sidewalks are rough.
- Family Donut and shops W of I-5 feel inaccessible from Simon site without driving
- Walk to the post office is unpleasant. Not nice sidewalks.
- 100th St between Aurora Ave and the pedestrian bridge is a key connection for people walking and scootering. Needs better lighting and sidewalks. It's tricky to navigate at night and in the winter.

Block size

- People rely on alleys/parking lots as additional walking paths where they exist to cut through large blocks (example: the two alleys that connect 5th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE just south of NE Northgate Way).

Crossings

- More and longer LPIs wanted!
- Northgate Way between 3rd Ave and 5th Ave NE
 - Crossing Northgate to restaurants (Just Poke) from Simon property feels dangerous; drivers don't expect to see pedestrians (feels like a freeway).
 - Better pedestrian connection to Target is needed
- Pedestrian crossings on on/off ramps on E side of I-5 have poor visibility
- 5th Ave & Northgate Way is very busy and drivers often don't yield to pedestrians.

- Frequently cross mid-block without a crossing on 5th Ave between Northgate Way and 106th St. It's too far to the nearest crossing.
- It feels unsafe crossing at 5th Ave and 106th St by the library, even though there's a designated crosswalk.
- Need more crossings on Roosevelt Way, especially south of Northgate Way.

Safety

- Need better street lighting, even on arterials
- The area around Walgreens feels unsafe.
- Have never felt unsafe in the study area (personal safety).
- People drive at very high speeds on Northgate Way, especially west of I-5.

Transit

Comments for King County Metro

- Need a bus to/from Lake City!
- E-W connections are complicated
- Bus service to Ballard is infrequent
- People don't understand how to use the bus! Need better communication about where buses are
- Need a direct bus connection from Greenwood to Northgate.
- Route 67: teenagers at Roosevelt High School bog the bus down.
- Route 70: travel time to light rail station is okay, but from light rail going home is more difficult due to bus frequency. **(+1 person)**

Comments for Sound Transit

- Where is the Bridge? Where is NSC? How to get to Kraken? Wayfinding in light rail station needs to be improved.
- It is confusing getting to/from the Sound Transit Park & Ride lot on foot, especially to the pedestrian bridge.
- The escalators are unreliable.
- Light rail to monorail is a pain. There are lots of stairs / elevators.

Gathering spaces

- Thornton PI Plaza needs more gathering infrastructure (tables, rain cover, etc)
- Hubbard Homestead park gets flooded regularly and it's overgrown. **(+1 person)**
 - Sport court at Hubbard coming!
- Little park space near library needs better activation.
- More directional signage in Thornton Creek trails needed (think Mercer Slough in Bellevue).
- Need another space (+1 person).
- Would love to see something like the Armory in Seattle Center with indoor dining options.
- Iceplex was packed after the windstorm because power was out. People need a place to go.

- Need more walkable places like the small street near the theater/Jewel Box and Watershed Pub.
- Northgate still feels like a “mall area.”

Driving

- Lane change west bound on Northgate Way as you approach I-5 feels unsafe. Lanes are confusing with all the turns and weaving. **(+1 person)**
- As a driver, too much to pay attention to at the intersection of Northgate and I-5
- It’s challenging to navigate the parking lot for FedEx.
- Jimmy John’s parking lot is crazy.

North Seattle College Focus Group

Accessibility

- None of the on-demand micromobility services are accessible to mobility impaired
- Not enough drop curbs around the neighborhood. Easier to get around streets without sidewalks

Maintenance

- Sidewalks are not regularly shoveled during snow or cleared of leaves
- Bushes often overgrown on sidewalks
- College Way needs resurfacing, bumpy to drive on
- John Lewis Memorial Bridge is icy in winter. People really cling to rails. (Also noted under “Comments for Sound Transit.”)

Safety

- Area around light rail feels barren and unsafe at night. Desire for bodegas, apartments, activity in this area

Connection to NSC from Light rail

- 1+ mile walk from light rail or inconvenient bus. Easier to get to NSC from home via two buses rather than taking light rail and walking.

Improved walking facilities

- Place Specific:
 - Walking from Lake City to Northgate encounter a lot of unmarked crosswalks
 - Better lighting on College Way
 - Walking route between light rail and Chipotle is roundabout
- I-5 is noisy! Better sound barriers desired

Vehicular

- Northgate Way east of College Way at Starbucks/McDonalds: drivers get stuck behind vehicles entering/exiting drive throughs

Bike

- Feel unsafe biking on unprotected routes between Roosevelt and Northgate. Drivers yell even when on ebike going the speed limit
- Like new trail on 1st Ave NE!

Transit

- Taking bus between NSC and Kaiser Plaza for medical appointments unrealistic

Barton Woods

- I don't live around here—ask folks that live here!

- Some people camp there; get their opinion
- Would like to access the fruit trees there (planted by Japanese-American farmers prior to internment in WWII)
- Important natural area—preserve as is.
- Current archaeological dig site (on Japanese-American farm sites) led by North Seattle College

Comments for Sound Transit

- Need better proactive communication at light rail stations during service disruptions. Not clear what alternate transit routes to take when trains/busses aren't running. Maps and staff members providing information on how to get to certain destinations would be useful.
- Would like to see security folks in station actively patrolling, not standing around chatting
- Leaking in Northgate station, puddles appear in mezzanine.
- John Lewis Memorial Bridge is icy in winter. People really cling to rails. (Also noted under "Maintenance.")

Comments for King County Metro

- Hard to know when the bus is going to come (Routes 61 and 75)

Comments for Simon

- When walking or biking, hard to cross mall area to get to bridge to North Seattle College

Community Center Pop-up Events

Maintenance

- Maintenance around parks (and streets generally) is needed. Vegetation is overgrown.

Gathering Space

- Need more gathering space FAST. The green space outside the Iceplex is not sufficient.
- Hubbard Homestead Park needs some love. There is a lot of senior housing nearby, so any improvements should consider the needs of seniors. Get folks out walking. Add more seating, things to look at, trees, flowers, splash pad, SHADE.
 - **Action Item:** review the needs assessment that DPR did ~10 years ago around the time Parks bought the park.

Policy Changes

- Limit private tech buses like Amazon, Microsoft, Google, etc.
- Support idea to require residential developers to add sidewalks/walkways in front of their development.
- Consider a “Sidewalk Improvement District.”
- Desire for more transparency around sidewalk funding sources and implementation plan

Interdepartmental Collaboration

- SDOT-SPU: Don’t need full blown fancy sidewalks with swales everywhere. Have some projects with and some projects without drainage. SDOT and SPU need to share the costs when there’s a drainage issue – SPU should be paying for some of the sidewalks in Northgate.
- SDOT-Parks: Need a dog park! There should be at least one within walking distance of every Urban Village. Parks Department is still requiring parking at their dog parks, which is crazy.
 - Better connect Thornton Creek trail to street network
- SDOT-SCL: There were multiple comments that the streets in the Regional Center are too dark. (Northgate Way, outside the community center, at bus stops, etc.)
 - Missing lightbulbs at 102nd and Roosevelt.
 - Wants more lighting on 1st Ave Ne where it crosses I-5
- SDOT-Google (extra governmental): concern that google and other routing softwares are routing people down the NE 115th St trail.

Walking

- Better walking route from Northhaven apartments to Hubbard Homestead and Post Office
- Would like to walk up 5th Ave to Community Center, but take 1st and cut through Simon property instead. 5th Ave sidewalks are too narrow
- Love Stay Healthy Streets! Expand the system
- Better walking connection between light rail station and community center wanted.

Biking

- Feel comfortable biking on Roosevelt Ave where there are protected bike lanes, not on the narrower sections without protection.

Driving

- Traffic light at library: look into allowing flashing yellow left turn arrow. Currently only protected left.
- Concerned that all the new development on 5th Ave will lead to spill over parking in library/community center parking lot

Comments for Sound Transit

- Major safety concerns on the Sound Transit trail north of Northgate Way. People are sleeping there, doing drugs, and lingering for hours/days, causing noise disturbances for nearby residents.
- Support the idea of turn styles. Light rail shouldn't operate on the honor system. So many people aren't paying, which is wrong.
- Need more ticket machines.
- Park & Ride rules around station are unclear. Users want to drive to park & ride to take lightrail other places (CID) but unclear where it's appropriate to park during what hours
- Don't feel comfortable waiting to use the elevator at lightrail stations when people are sleeping on the benches next to the elevator—conflicted because user would like more rest points within stations

Comments for King County Metro

- Comes up from Queen Anne to use the good ping-pong tables. Would consider taking transit if there was a more direct route via Aurora.

Comments for WSDOT

- Restore the sound barrier along I-5 at 1st Ave NE. Used to have one but removed during lightrail construction. Impacts quality of life for residents of 11300 1st Ave NE. Just want to be able to open windows again.



Community feedback survey

Background

The Northgate Regional Center Plan will establish a 20-year vision for Northgate. It will address topics such as land use and development patterns, housing needs, the local economy, the environment, transportation connections, and access to public services. Policies that are developed will inform public investment decisions in the neighborhood for years to come. The map below shows the project boundary.

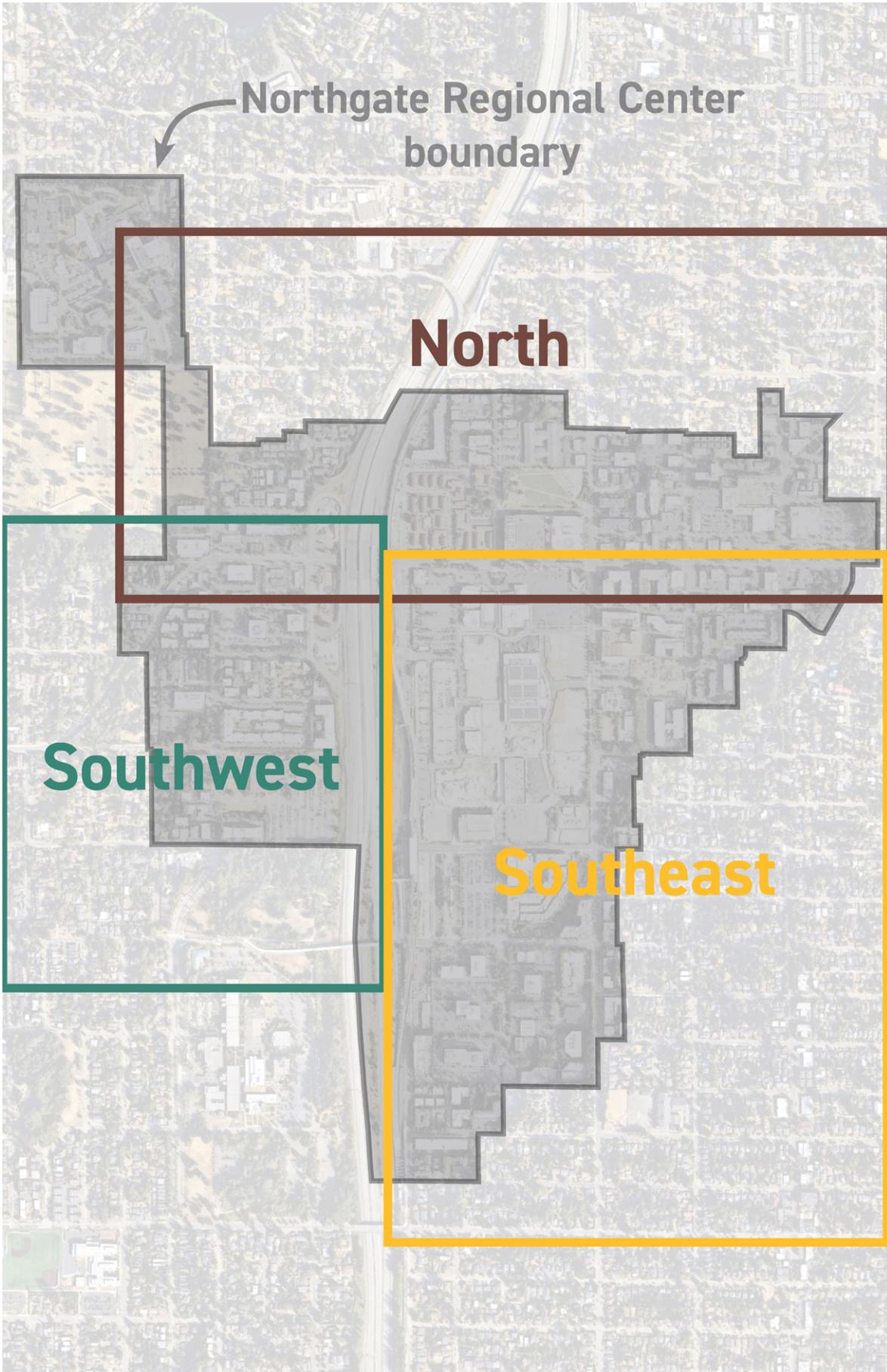
The City of Seattle conducted a survey and held listening sessions with community members in October 2023 to February 2024 to learn about what people love about Northgate and what their vision is for future changes. We are now coming back to you for additional feedback.

Introduction to this Survey

The grey outline shows the boundary for the Regional Center Plan. This survey will ask you questions about your vision for Northgate, potential transportation projects in 3 different areas in Northgate (the Southeast, Southwest, and North), and potential locations for future gathering spaces.

These project ideas were developed based on input we heard during earlier phases of this project as well as previous City efforts. Since this is a 20-year plan, these projects may not get implemented in the near-term, but knowing what your priorities are will help us prioritize the projects you care about first.

The survey will close on Sunday, December 15 at 11:59pm.



Vision and Goals

1. Help us establish the vision for Northgate’s future! Please rank the five draft vision statements below in order of how well they resonate with you, with 1 being most important to you and 5 being least important.



Northgate is a thriving hub of social and economic life in North Seattle, with convenient access to opportunity and destinations throughout the region.



Northgate is a complete neighborhood with amenities like green and open spaces, high quality schools, community gathering spaces, healthcare, and essential retail like grocery stores.



The Northgate neighborhood is walkable and has mass transit options, such as Link Light Rail, that are convenient and accessible to many.



The Northgate community includes diverse social networks, supported by abundant recreation and entertainment sites for all ages.



A strong connection to the natural environment is experienced across the Northgate neighborhood.

2. Share one “big idea” for a project in Northgate that would support your highest ranked neighborhood vision statement, from above.





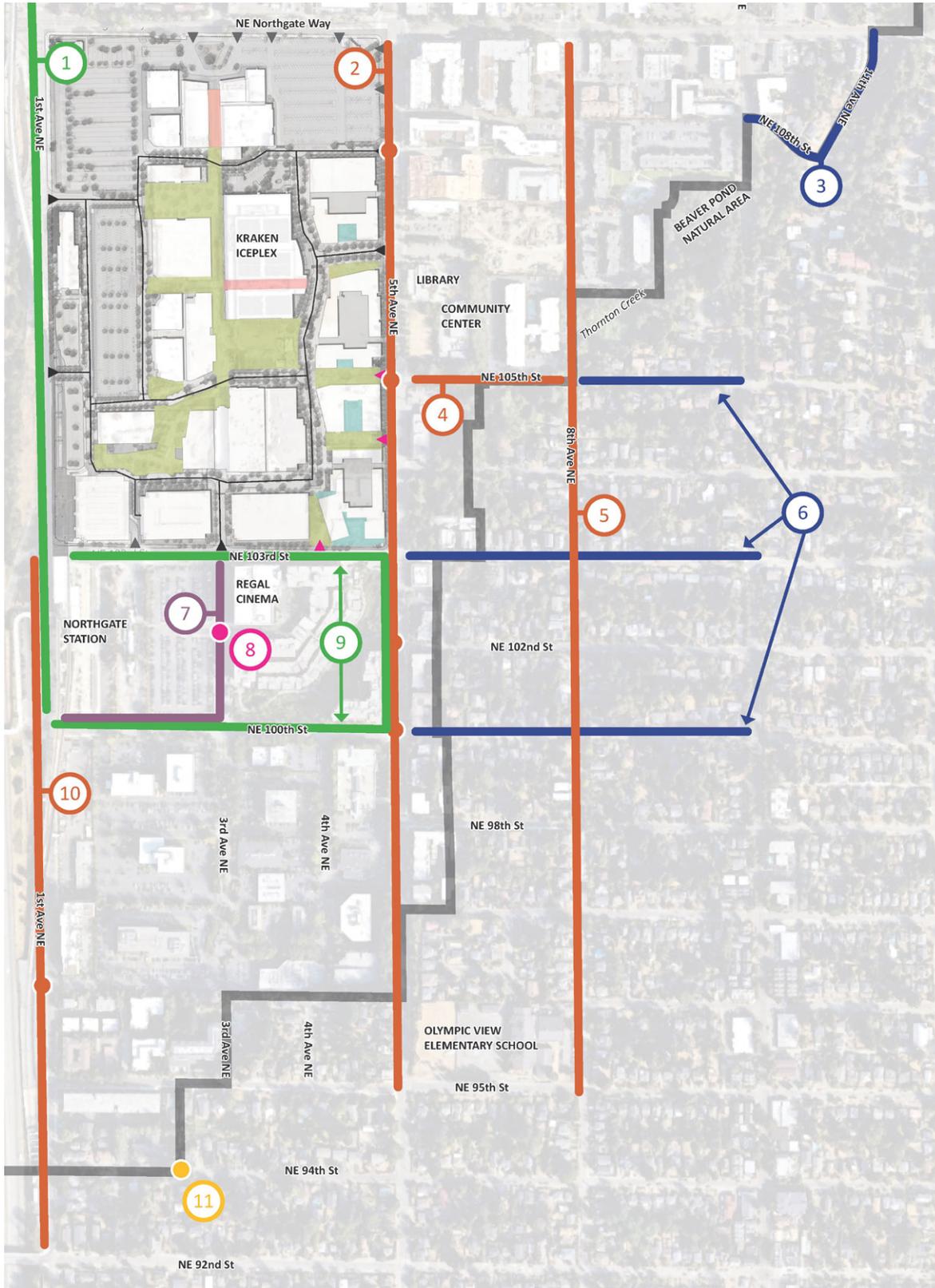
Transportation Project Ideas – SOUTHEAST

We want to hear what types of transportation changes you most want to see and what locations in the Southeast portion of the study area are your priorities.

In the subsequent sections of the survey, you will evaluate projects in the Southwest and the North.

*** 3. Using the map below, select up to 3 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your three. (You will get an error message if you select more than 3 projects.)**

- 1. Extend the existing multiuse trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light rail station to NE 115th St
- 2. Add new crosswalks, transit improvements, and "all ages and abilities" bike facilities
- 3. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks
- 4. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks, and explore limiting who can drive on this block
- 5. Add/upgrade sidewalks and add Neighborhood Greenway treatments, such as speed humps
- 6. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks and street trees
- 7. Add landscaping, trees, street furniture, wider sidewalks, and other features to make walking more enjoyable
- 8. Upgrade existing crosswalk to a raised crosswalk for pedestrian safety
- 9. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities on NE 100th or NE 103rd St that connects to Northgate Station
- 10. Add traffic calming treatments, such as speed humps, to address speeding and add curb cuts to the existing multi-use trail
- 11. Study feasibility of a new pedestrian connection on NE 94th St. It currently dead ends.
- Other (please specify)
- I do not want to answer this question



KEY

 Northgate Regional Center Boundary

Potential Projects

-  Pedestrian Improvements & Crossings
-  Sidewalks and Walkways
-  New Pedestrian Connections
-  Multimodal Improvements
-  Bicycle Improvements
-  People Streets & Public Space Improvements
-  Vehicular Improvements

Northgate Mall Redevelopment

-  Public Space/Pedestrian Connection
-  Semi Public Pedestrian Connection (Interior)
-  Private Space
-  Interior Street
-  Interior Street entrance/exit
-  Parking Lot entrance/exit
-  Pedestrian Only entrance/exit



Transportation Project Ideas – SOUTHWEST

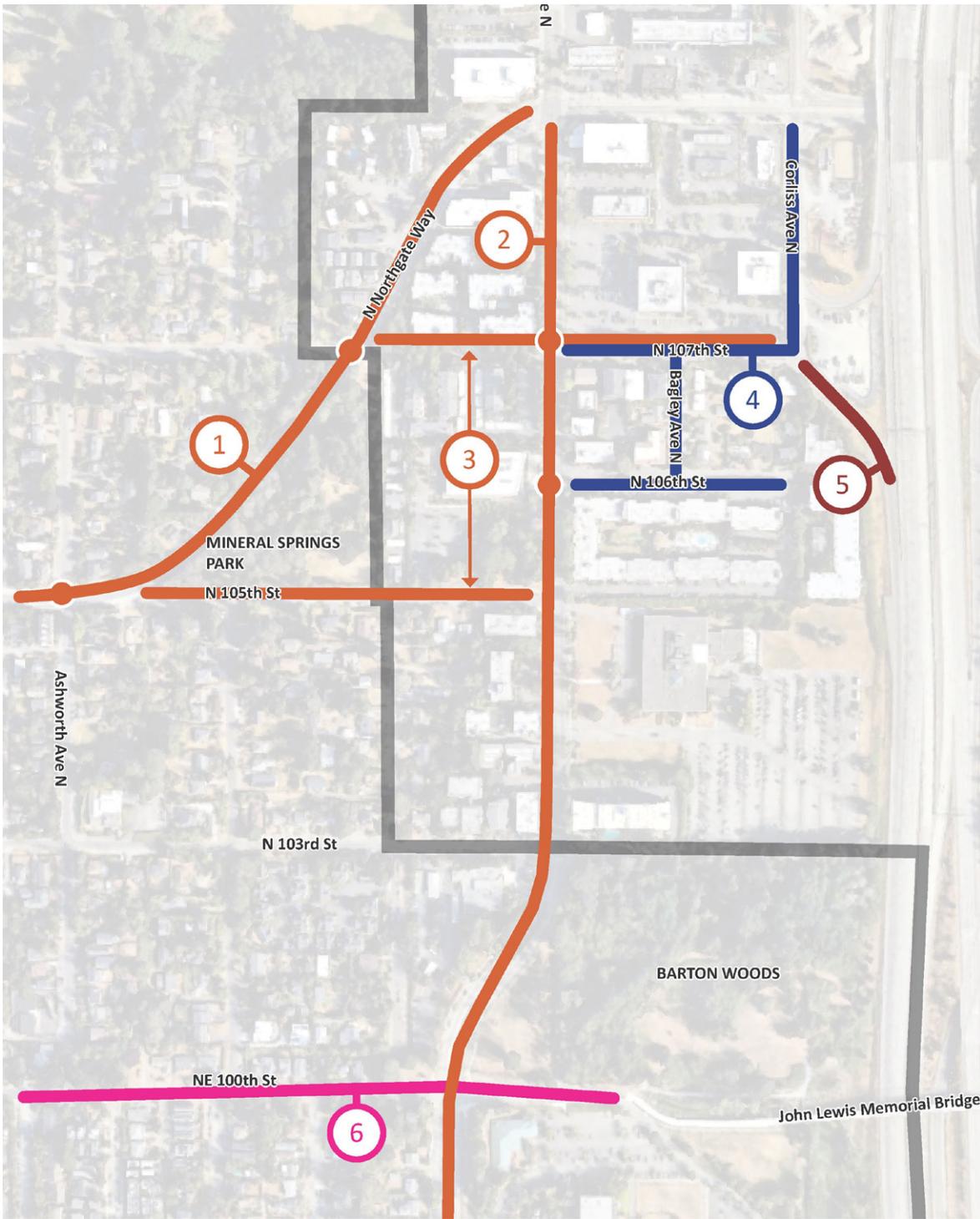
We want to hear what types of transportation changes you most want to see and what locations in the Southwest portion of the study area are your priorities.

In the subsequent section of the survey, you will evaluate projects in the North.

*** 4. Using the map below, select up to 2 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your two. (You will get an error message if you select more than 2 projects.)**

- 1. Improve safety along N Northgate Way, such as traffic calming, new crosswalks, and sidewalk widening
- 2. Upgrade existing bike lanes to make safer and add new crosswalks
- 3. Implement traffic calming measures along these streets to address people speeding
- 4. Add or upgrade sidewalks and add street trees
- 5. Update I-5 on-ramps to improve sightlines and merge time for drivers merging onto freeway
- 6. Improve the experience for people walking, rolling, and biking between Aurora Ave N and the John Lewis Memorial Bridge
- Other (please specify)

- I do not want to answer this question



KEY



Northgate Regional Center Boundary

Potential Projects



Pedestrian Improvements & Crossings



Sidewalks and Walkways



New Pedestrian Connections



Multimodal Improvements



Bicycle Improvements



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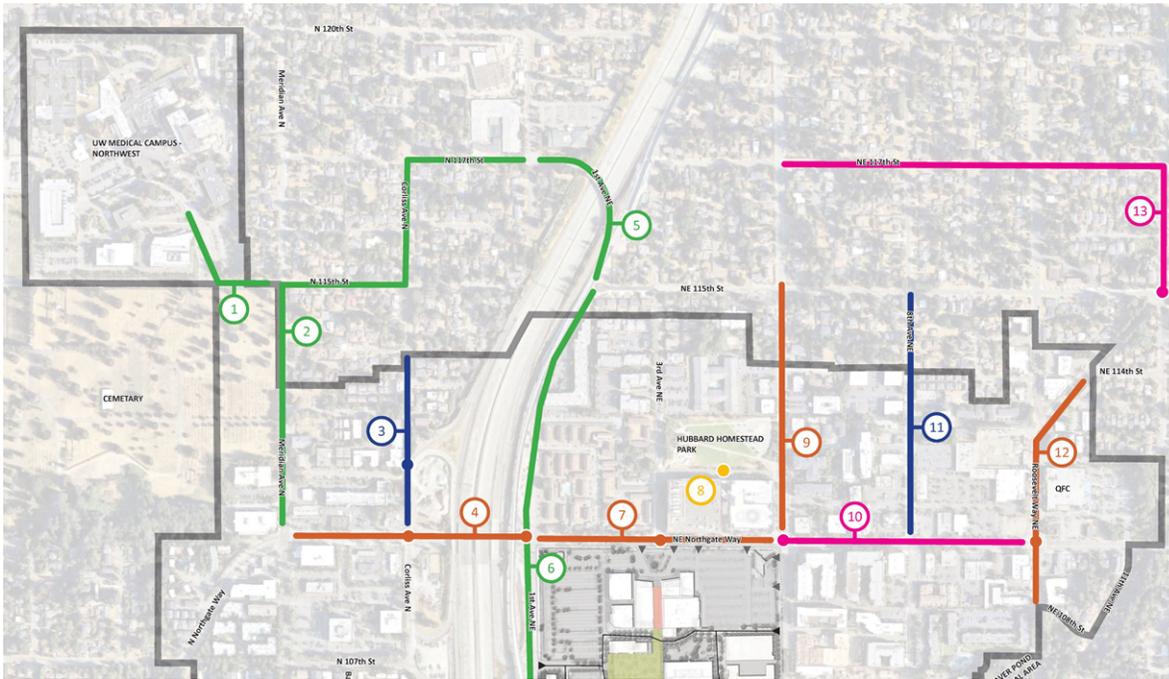
Transportation Project Ideas – NORTH

We want to hear what types of transportation changes you most want to see and what locations in the North portion of the study area are your priorities.

*** 5. Using the map below, select up to 3 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your three. (You will get an error message if you select more than 3 projects.)**

- 1. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities on N 115th St that connect to UW Medical Center NW
- 2. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities between 1st Ave NE bridge and N Northgate Way
- 3. Add continuous sidewalks and street trees along Corliss Ave N
- 4. Make improvements along Northgate Way and the I-5 underpass to improve pedestrian safety and support transit
- 5. Provide a widened bike connection to serve as an East-West connection across I-5
- 6. Extend the existing multiuse trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light rail station to NE 115th St
- 7. Make improvements along Northgate Way to improve pedestrian safety and comfort and support transit
- 8. Add a crosswalk that connects Target/Best Buy to Hubbard Homestead Park, pending feasibility
- 9. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities and upgrade sidewalks along 5th Ave NE
- 10. Improve pedestrian safety and comfort along NE Northgate Way, including intersection improvements at 5th Ave NE
- 11. Upgrade sidewalks and add street trees on 8th Ave NE
- 12. Upgrade sidewalks on Roosevelt Ave NE and provide safe bike crossing across NE Northgate Way
- 13. Add sidewalks and redesign intersections to support Safe Routes to School
- Other (please specify)

- I do not want to answer this question



KEY

 Northgate Regional Center Boundary

Potential Projects	Northgate Mall Redevelopment
 Pedestrian Improvements & Crossings	 Public Space/Pedestrian Connection
 Sidewalks and Walkways	 Semi Public Pedestrian Connection (Interior)
 New Pedestrian Connections	 Private Space
 Multimodal Improvements	 Interior Street
 Bicycle Improvements	 Interior Street entrance/exit
 People Streets & Public Space Improvements	 Parking Lot entrance/exit
 Vehicular Improvements	 Pedestrian Only entrance/exit

Gathering Space

In previous outreach phases, we heard that the Northgate Regional Center currently lacks community gathering space, and this is something communities who live, work, and visit Northgate crave.

6. What location(s) would you like to serve as a formalized gathering space? This could include a farmer's market, occasional events like movie nights or markets with vendor booths, or other programmed events. (Check all that apply)

- Northgate Community Center / Public Library
- Underutilized paved areas adjacent to Northgate light rail station (temporary gathering space, as this site will eventually get redeveloped)
- Hubbard Homestead Park
- Northgate mall site near Kraken Community Iceplex
- Other (please specify)

*** 7. What types of gathering spaces and amenities would you most love to see in Northgate? Pick up to three.**

- Picnic tables and BBQ areas
- A public plaza or street that prioritizes people walking, rolling, and biking in the area connecting the light rail to the movie theatre
- A splash pad or wading pool
- Activations or programming in existing spaces like Hubbard Homestead Park or underutilized paved areas adjacent to the light rail station
- Indoor gathering space, such as community rooms
- Outdoor amphitheater for small concerts
- Elements of play and learning (ping pong tables, hopscotch on the sidewalk, word search on the sidewalk, etc)
- Small food vending carts in outdoor plazas (where there aren't brick and mortar spots nearby)
- More community gardens/P-patches
- Other (please specify)

- I do not want to answer this question



Diverse Housing Types

Job Opportunities

Community Spaces

Accessible Connections

Art and Color

Cooling Areas

Spaces for Youth

Abundant Gardens



Please tell us about yourself (Optional)

Privacy Notice

We need your help ensuring everyone in the community is being represented. Please fill out the optional questions so we can continue to improve our service to all members of the community. We use this information as part of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other federal reporting.

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8. What is your race or ethnicity? Check all that apply.

- Black or African American
- East or Southeast Asian
- South Asian
- Hispanic, Latina/Latino/Latinx
- Coast Salish
- Other Native American, Indian, Native Alaskan
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White (of European ancestry)
- Middle Eastern, Arab, or North African White
- Other (please specify)

9. What is your gender? Check all that apply

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary or gender non-conforming
- Transgender
- Not listed
- I choose not to answer

10. Do you rent or own your current residence?

- Rent
- Own
- Do not have a stable residence currently

11. What is the zip code of your current residence?

12. What is your household income bracket?

- Less than \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - 149,999
- \$150,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

13. Is anyone in your household (including yourself - check all that apply)

- Under 6 years of age
- School aged (6-18)
- Over 65 years of age
- Living with a physical disability/mobility impaired
- Experiencing housing instability

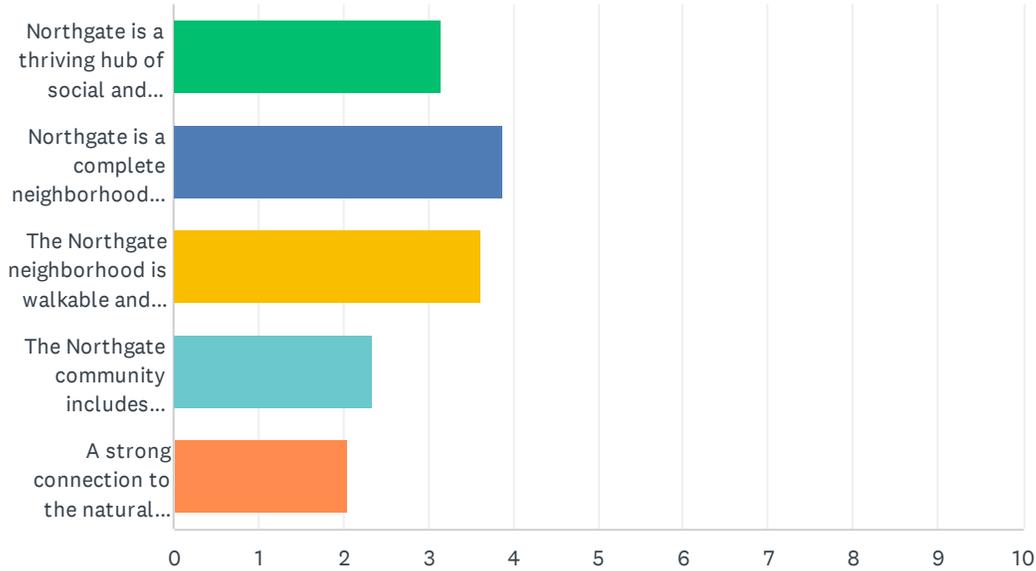
14. How are you currently connected to the Northgate neighborhood? (Check all that apply)

- Live here
- Work here
- Commute from here (e.g. catch a bus, light rail, or carpool from here)
- Study or go to school here
- Worship here
- Shop or get services here
- Play or spend leisure time here
- Own a business here
- I'm not connected to Northgate

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback about the Northgate Regional Center Plan. To learn more and join our mailing list, please visit our [website](#).

Q1 Help us establish the vision for Northgate’s future! Please rank the five draft vision statements below in order of how well they resonate with you, with 1 being most important to you and 5 being least important.

Answered: 315 Skipped: 14



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Northgate is a thriving hub of social and economic life in North Seattle, with convenient access to opportunity and destinations throughout the region.	19.48% 60	22.08% 68	28.25% 87	14.94% 46	15.26% 47	308	3.16
Northgate is a complete neighborhood with amenities like green and open spaces, high quality schools, community gathering spaces, healthcare, and essential retail like grocery stores.	39.87% 124	26.37% 82	20.26% 63	9.32% 29	4.18% 13	311	3.88
The Northgate neighborhood is walkable and has mass transit options, such as Link Light Rail, that are convenient and accessible to many.	29.22% 90	30.19% 93	22.08% 68	11.36% 35	7.14% 22	308	3.63
The Northgate community includes diverse social networks, supported by abundant recreation and entertainment sites for all ages.	4.50% 14	11.90% 37	18.97% 59	43.09% 134	21.54% 67	311	2.35
A strong connection to the natural environment is experienced across the Northgate neighborhood.	7.35% 23	10.22% 32	11.18% 35	21.09% 66	50.16% 157	313	2.04

Q2 Share one “big idea” for a project in Northgate that would support your highest ranked neighborhood vision statement, from above.

Answered: 241 Skipped: 88

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	make northgate more bus-friendly -- expand routes? improve signage from Light Rail to destinations	12/17/2024 10:26 AM
2	I would like to see more accessibility between east & west sides of I-5	12/17/2024 10:23 AM
3	Shifting the area from its previous life as a mall/retail area people drive to, to a walkable area with a lot more activities (bars, shops, restaurants) like a Ballard Way type road where you can spend time more than the "reason" you came in the first place. (i.e. Target run)	12/17/2024 10:22 AM
4	A big indoor/outdoor shared community space! There are many different communities that live here, but very few places to meet host/congregate that has tables; bathrooms, etc. Also, a playground!	12/17/2024 10:20 AM
5	Seamless transitions from Simon property to the many residential communities, public transit and library/community center, in terms of walkability green space and lighting.	12/17/2024 9:51 AM
6	Additional walking paths along a daylight Thornton Creek.	12/17/2024 9:49 AM
7	Restore the bus option (I think the #60?) that was recently taken from students, faculty, staff & visitors to North Seattle College. This is having a negative impact on many people who relied on the bus route to get to/from the college.	12/17/2024 9:46 AM
8	Would be very nice for more green spaces as apartments constructed will block out the sky.	12/17/2024 9:39 AM
9	On demand transportation for people with disabilities, change zoning to allow mixed multifamily housing and local grocery stores (bodegas).	12/17/2024 9:37 AM
10	Northgate should have a major bike/walk corridor or loop. This would be a boon for commerce in the area. Surround it with dense housing options and it could be one of our more desirable neighborhoods. Have it touch or nearly touch the light rail and we have a winner.	12/17/2024 9:35 AM
11	Perhaps creating a community center that may have a performance center along with spaces to host events/meetings to plan.	12/17/2024 9:30 AM
12	safety and walkability	12/15/2024 10:38 PM
13	Sidewalks	12/15/2024 6:58 PM
14	Redevelop the streets in a sensible manner. Don't block turning lanes and remove unnecessary "No right turn on red" signs. The flow of traffic is also important, as are other modes of transportation.	12/15/2024 5:52 PM
15	It would be great to have a hopping mall nearby.	12/15/2024 7:42 AM
16	Significantly upzone the area around College Way near North Seattle Community College. It is so close to light rail via the ped bridge. This highly walkable and green neighborhood should end up being the "main street" of Lichten Springs, not Aurora.	12/14/2024 8:43 PM
17	Complete streets that are safe, enjoyable and accessible for all people outside of cars. Deprioritize drivers and cars.	12/14/2024 1:36 PM
18	The idea that Northgate is a complete neighborhood gives importance to all the other draft visions and can expand the idea of essential retail like grocery stores to include some of the major department stores we lost.	12/14/2024 12:08 PM
19	Skyway / walkway direct from I-5 pedestrian bridge to Kraken Iceplex (without having to go to street level or go UP to the top of the light rail platform).	12/14/2024 10:03 AM
20	Large apartment buildings (market rate and low income) with lots of ground floor space for	12/14/2024 9:41 AM

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	retail/daycares/etc	
21	The area is very difficult to get around by car. I know the vision is less cars but some of us don't have time or ability to spend all day on public transit or need to get groceries, senior walking issues. Speed bumps and closing residential streets, speed bumps, blocks, arterial speed bumps do not help. Enforcement of ordinances would.	12/14/2024 8:26 AM
22	Opening more green space with less density	12/13/2024 7:07 PM
23	Wider pedestrian sidewalks, accompanied by better lighting, and some greenery along those paths.	12/13/2024 6:50 PM
24	We are losing all sorts of 'normal' stores and getting too tourist driven. We need more retail that is normal in terms of clothes and things like that.	12/13/2024 6:27 PM
25	None of the vision statements actually resonated to me, but I had no choice of one that did.	12/13/2024 6:19 PM
26	More Trees More Roads Less Bike Lanes - bike lanes will not change the fact that this is seattle and no one is going to bike in the winter	12/13/2024 6:17 PM
27	Buy one home and lot per 2 square- block area. Create a neighborhood park/garden with play space for kids, and use the house as a 3rd place for the neighborhood with a small cafe inside, meeting rooms, reading rooms, play room for kids, gathering spaces.	12/13/2024 5:46 PM
28	Adding sidewalks to every street	12/13/2024 3:18 PM
29	Neighborhood walking trail through the Thornton Creek natural areas could be a wonderful way to connect neighborhoods. Because of hills and stairs would probably have to be for foot traffic only. The intersection of 8th NE & NE 105th should be closed to auto traffic. This would make a beautiful community gathering place to visit and watch for wildlife in Beaver Pond Natural Area. PS Gardens are very well, but we are more interested in native plantings and habitat development.	12/11/2024 10:47 PM
30	Reduce NorthGate mall parking lots and increase walkable cross campus green spaces with urban forest canopy and that would extend from the I-5 corridor and link with the Thornton Creek watershed. Less concrete and hardscaping to allow for better stormwater drainage and control. Enhance wetlands areas and perhaps rebuild original bogs and marshes. Recreational as well as retail opportunities could be included perhaps on the Magnuson Park model.	12/11/2024 2:48 PM
31	Spaces for small businesses with outdoor areas where people can hang out and mingle	12/11/2024 9:49 AM
32	Planting more trees at Hubbard Homestead Park.	12/10/2024 10:39 PM
33	Plant and protect as many trees as possible.	12/10/2024 9:34 PM
34	Lid I-5, reconnect neighborhoods, put housing and parks on top	12/10/2024 5:18 PM
35	Lots of housing to support retail and amenities. Pedestrian areas with retail and amenities (i.e., streets with no cars).	12/10/2024 3:26 PM
36	Create an urban forest with native trees.	12/10/2024 1:38 PM
37	reconnecting with Thornton Creek watershed, the Native American presence, neighborhood history and development,	12/10/2024 12:33 PM
38	Middle class family housing including arts (music, dance, theater, visual arts) spaces	12/10/2024 12:02 PM
39	More green spaces and parks	12/10/2024 10:01 AM
40	Keep single family zoning in certain areas. Stop the high density apartments. Build parking if building mass housing. Keep the trees and backyards.	12/10/2024 3:53 AM
41	A gathering space- such as a sports/festival field and performance stage(s)	12/9/2024 9:40 PM
42	Lid I-5 -- connect to the college and wetlands, and reduce traffic pollution and noise	12/9/2024 9:32 PM
43	Northgate can return to being a SAFE space for the region, with businesses and gathering places that are meaningful and useful for many audiences.	12/9/2024 9:24 PM
44	Pedestrian street	12/9/2024 5:54 PM
45	Strong connection to natural environment	12/9/2024 3:53 PM

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46	Protect the Beaver Pond Natural Area and prevent development and its attendant traffic from encroaching.	12/9/2024 3:33 PM
47	with the planet warming, I think cooling areas for families, community and families pets is a wonderful idea w/ more trees because that also helps keep it cool too. Maybe w/ adjacent parks and gardens?	12/9/2024 10:11 AM
48	Affordable housing and amenities near the light rail station	12/9/2024 7:03 AM
49	Safely walkable	12/8/2024 3:37 PM
50	We need useful retail! And trees as well as housing. The loss of the mall is an ongoing problem— there is almost no place to shop for clothes in Seattle now outside if Target, one Nordstrom downtown, or University Village luxury shopping.	12/8/2024 12:52 PM
51	Better sidewalks, on demand pedestrian crossings on Northgate Way.	12/8/2024 12:16 PM
52	Expand green spaces, particularly along Thornton Creek	12/8/2024 11:18 AM
53	Leaving and/or planting and maintaining large trees (not just small ornamental trees that are often left to die) among housing and commerce is SO important for quality of life, avoiding heat islands, and providing bird/wildlife habitat. More trees!!	12/8/2024 10:12 AM
54	A cultural/entertainment district with diverse and accessible offerings for theatre, music, dance, art, and community building	12/8/2024 9:23 AM
55	Better Ingress and egress to the light rail station with consistent bus transfers and more restaurants and entertainment nearby.	12/7/2024 9:30 PM
56	Better bike connections to and from Link, including better access to points, north, east, and south. Currently, 5th is very scary to ride east of the mall complex, but access to many businesses is difficult without riding on streets that lack bike lanes. Pedestrian infrastructure is slightly better but still not great. The area all around the mall and transit center needs a redesign to support Vision Zero.	12/7/2024 6:28 PM
57	Crossing I-5 should be made more accessible without a car, with options beyond the two that exist currently.	12/7/2024 12:23 PM
58	Need zoning to support more essential retail in the Southwest zone and extend this zone to 92nd as it is at the Southwest zone.	12/6/2024 11:16 AM
59	Go higher!!! It should have larger/taller/denser housing with more/active open space. like U District or Burnaby/Surrey BC	12/5/2024 5:20 PM
60	Since I-5 already cuts the neighborhood in half, it is imperative that as many walkable services as possible be built next to the light rail station on the south, east and of course, the north mall side of the station. As the area of the mall gets built and filled in, arts venues, shops, and restaurants should be prioritized over parking. Especially with the Lynwood line being open, Northgate is no longer the furthest north station for commuters and no longer needs to be a park and ride. All existing parking lots within five minutes walking distance from the station should be replaced with mixed use affordable housing and shops to ensure the light rail is the epicenter and beating heart of the neighborhood. If any parking need remain, it should be further away towards 5th ave or towards the best buy/target mall complex. Transit and walkability must be prioritized.	12/5/2024 4:29 PM
61	More sidewalks	12/5/2024 8:05 AM
62	Fountain or water feature to soften effects of concrete, noise, pollution, congestion and lack of trees inviting walking relaxing	12/4/2024 11:48 PM
63	We need to return basic stores to the mall and ample inside area for people to safely get their exercise walking around. The mall must return to how it was now that it is surrounded by so many apartment complexes, especially those for the elderly, disabled, and low-income. The mall is now a mere shell of what it was and it is mainly devoted to Ice Skating. This is not fair to those developers who expected their tenants to be close to shopping.	12/4/2024 10:08 PM
64	Northgate needs an arcade	12/4/2024 8:23 PM
65	I think it would be positive to have a very large space that integrates many of the items listed and is a vibrant part of community life. For instance, putting a high quality school in the same	12/4/2024 8:14 PM

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geographic area (i.e. walkable) as a park and essential retail stores or a community center with recreation options like classes or a pool. It should be common to see adults as well as kids leaving school to be walking in this area to stop at the park, community center, store.

66	make parking adequate without charging to shop or take a walk.	12/4/2024 7:47 PM
67	Making space for a farmers market and community gathering in or near the old transit center next to the light rail station.	12/4/2024 7:26 PM
68	An open space that could host a farmers market and pop-up retail near Northgate Station would be awesome. Right now the closest markets are in the U District and Lake City, but Northgate could definitely support one of its own.	12/4/2024 5:29 PM
69	Cap the freeway to reduce the divide between east and west	12/4/2024 5:26 PM
70	Improvement of the Beaver Pond natural area with walkways, observation areas, and safer areas for pedestrians	12/4/2024 5:17 PM
71	Protected/wider sidewalks on N Northgate Way + protected bike lanes on N Northgate Way to make walking & biking near/under I-5 safer and more comfortable.	12/4/2024 5:10 PM
72	reduce the prominence of surface parking lots in the region and replace with green space	12/4/2024 3:45 PM
73	A community center in Licton Springs area	12/4/2024 3:43 PM
74	I love the idea of a "complete neighborhood"	12/4/2024 3:21 PM
75	Make the streets at Northgate Mall public ROW	12/4/2024 2:21 PM
76	Abundant safe clean gardens and green spaces	12/4/2024 2:02 PM
77	Save the trees, the trees developers add after building die quickly and are not a good replacement to older trees and remain and after thought just so the developer can add buildings and artificial turf fields which are unhealthy.	12/4/2024 1:45 PM
78	Planting more and larger Evergreen trees, encouraging a greater diversity of grocery stores to open especially in the northern section of Northgate, repurchase parts of Northgate Mall for Community gathering places with popup art installations, food vendors and outdoor live music.	12/4/2024 1:10 PM
79	Daylight Thornton Creek	12/4/2024 1:09 PM
80	Remove I5 so it's not so loud and disruptive to the natural environment	12/4/2024 1:09 PM
81	Dense (i.e. 30-40 story buildings) housing options	12/4/2024 1:02 PM
82	Restoration of the wetlands that once defined the area	12/4/2024 1:00 PM
83	Sidewalks (wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, etc with no light or electric poles in the middle of them) in all neighborhoods and prioritizing pedestrians/bikes over vehicles. Would make walking to nearby stores, restaurants, parks, etc more accessible.	12/3/2024 4:38 PM
84	Large park and open areas that are safe from people doing drugs or from an unlawful activities.	12/3/2024 12:34 PM
85	Expand the skatepark!	12/3/2024 9:19 AM
86	Reduced street sizes and crossings with large pathways that are separated from the vehicles by ample vegetation.	12/3/2024 6:05 AM
87	Trader Joe's!	12/3/2024 5:55 AM
88	Art venues for people to create and/or display, also .interchangeable still art	12/2/2024 10:56 PM
89	Northgate needs to help the drug addicts and clean it	12/2/2024 7:34 PM
90	design for pedestrians and bikes and not cars. Eliminate parking lots and parking structures.	12/2/2024 6:26 PM
91	more outdoor spaces for kids and mixed-use commercial strips that encourage local businesses to set up (eg: childcare services) that make the community more walkable	12/2/2024 1:19 PM
92	Massive TOD	12/1/2024 3:01 PM
93	There needs to be retail destinations to make it work, especially places to eat. Also, the old mall was a gathering and walking destination for teens, disabled people, and the elderly. The	11/30/2024 10:58 AM

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new plans seem to be exclusively for young healthy people. Seattle is not California, and needs indoor areas to walk, gather, etc.

94	Institute neighborhood watch or safety programs	11/29/2024 4:03 PM
95	A major carless mixed use development with amenities like affordable housing, education, childcare, groceries, restaurants, cafes, entertainment and direct access to public transit.	11/29/2024 3:05 PM
96	I live on 8th Ave NE near 105th and my street (plus a number of the streets nearby) do not have sidewalks. This is very dangerous for pedestrians and discourages me from walking around my neighborhood. I'd love for sidewalks to be added so that this can be a more safer and more walkable neighborhood.	11/28/2024 9:30 PM
97	More pedestrian only streets and spaces that connect parks and amenities, free gathering spots (plazas); a transportation plan that gets rid of cut through traffic so streets become places to play; an actual family friendly neighborhood where kids have autonomy to walk around	11/27/2024 2:45 PM
98	Community events that incorporate small businesses in the neighborhood	11/27/2024 8:31 AM
99	Complete the bike and pedestrian network throughout the neighborhood	11/27/2024 8:08 AM
100	Re-purpose Jackson gif course (surrounded by chain link fence) into useable green space surrounded by housing, retail, social services.	11/27/2024 7:41 AM
101	Northgate is a place where people want to gather and spend time, not a transportation hub for people to pass through	11/26/2024 8:30 PM
102	The neighborhood needs to be accessible by those in the neighborhood and those outside of the neighborhood through all modes of transportation with auto being a larger portion than currently anticipated.	11/26/2024 7:37 PM
103	A community forest with unpaved walking trails, similar to Llandover Woods, with a separate dog park to keep dogs out of the forest.	11/26/2024 11:37 AM
104	Convert the all but abandoned Northgate Mall into housing. Turn the vast, empty dead space of the Northgate Mall Parking Lot into housing, preferably subsidized housing.	11/26/2024 10:33 AM
105	The Northgate station would have a bunch of options (shopping, eating, recreation) and sidewalks would be added to all the neighborhoods. Maybe there can be a signature event that the whole city knows about and comes to. Perhaps a Christmas skating event and a tree lighting ceremony with a parade and lights and Santa.	11/26/2024 5:45 AM
106	Maintain, invest and grow in green spaces. Maintain existing tree canopy and build around mature foliage.	11/25/2024 9:26 PM
107	Continuous sidewalk to connect neighborhood to Northgate center	11/25/2024 4:58 PM
108	Seems like a perfect place for indoor pickleball courts that would be used daily by people of all ages. Makes sense since there's already indoor hockey there. A sports center.	11/25/2024 3:22 PM
109	Encouraging more higher end retail and restaurants to come back to the area. Maybe a large unique art attraction / music venue	11/25/2024 1:28 PM
110	Music venue at Northgate	11/25/2024 12:48 PM
111	Improve Victory Park - right now is a hub for drugs and trash.	11/25/2024 12:32 PM
112	We sorely need a "hub" in this Northgate/Roosevelt/Maple Leaf neighborhood where many options for dining, shopping, meeting, recreation, and entertainment are available to allow for "browsing." Instead of going to "a restaurant" you go to "a neighborhood" and find the vibe you want and see people you know and enjoy spontaneity that allows for memorable experiences that are repeatable and build community. Maybe that's multiple food trucks/food stands w/open dining spaces that allows alcoholic beverages, or maybe it's a row of shops and restaurants w/outdoor gathering spaces that offer choice and variety. Maybe there is an open movie theater/stage for entertainment. So much of this is available in Europe - family and community friendly. Could someone use their spaces as inspiration? One of my fave memories is a grouping of restaurants surrounding a small playground - parents (clients) could eat and visit while kids played w/in close sight. Any idea should include outdoor eating/gathering options that take our inclement weather into account.	11/25/2024 10:28 AM

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113	Walking/bike ability is #1! I would love to be able to safely walk to groceries + restaurants without fear of traffic. More green, pedestrian/bike only paths that can cut down my walking time and give a natural escape like the path along Thornton creek.	11/24/2024 6:28 PM
114	border with trees and foliage so it feels like an arboretum	11/24/2024 6:26 PM
115	Stop cramming too many people into an already crowded area . I hate having to go to the Northgate area for my bank, Total Wine, access to get to QFC for gas on 145th & 1st NW. It's miserable to get around in Seattle. I take the bus when I can but do need to drive as well.	11/24/2024 5:34 PM
116	An efficient, climate friendly way to cluster amenities we all seek when choosing housing.	11/24/2024 2:31 PM
117	More parking for transit	11/24/2024 11:11 AM
118	Indoor pickleball complex	11/24/2024 11:03 AM
119	Weekly farmers market.	11/24/2024 10:57 AM
120	Cultural center, educational hub	11/24/2024 12:21 AM
121	Require all multifamily housing to include 20% low-income affordable housing, instead of paying a fee, soo that each building is mixed income and people of all incomes can truly find a home in North Seattle with access to excellent transit. Dedicate a large parcel to the Social Housing Project, ideally on the Northgate Apartments site near Target and the new elementary school.	11/24/2024 12:02 AM
122	An Arts Center for all ages.	11/23/2024 9:51 PM
123	Less traffic and sidewalks for 8th Ave., Northeast And no high-rises so people can see the sun	11/23/2024 8:29 PM
124	businesss	11/23/2024 7:17 PM
125	Get rid of I-5. Replace it with parks, schools, and social housing.	11/23/2024 6:51 PM
126	Protect, enhance, and showcase Thornton Creek's Beaver Pond Natural Area, an invaluable asset to the neighborhood, by connecting disparate parcels, increasing fish passage, and reducing impact of development on the riparian corridor.	11/23/2024 6:41 PM
127	Restore what used to be Northgate Mall to offer a variety of local retail, dining and other options easily accessible by public transit. The only options for shopping anymore are Target and Barnes & Noble, and most of the restaurants have shut down.	11/23/2024 5:35 PM
128	A large beautifully landscaped park-like public plaza in place of the old shopping mall, with public music and community gatherings	11/23/2024 4:57 PM
129	Can Northgate become the next downtown Bellevue with a mix of fine restaurants and a working class with up scale condo living? Unlikely, but this will clean the area (ie., clean Aurora and its nasty).	11/23/2024 3:41 PM
130	More outdoor 'green' space please - much like the University Village experience. Would like our Northgate future to be a place where people can gather with family and friends that will include enjoying a meal or a casual walk, and feel safe at the same time. Regarding safe, I hope there are plans to have 'mall' security as well, again, similar to the University Village. Their security presence is seen/felt and it makes a difference to visitors.	11/23/2024 3:35 PM
131	I would love a string of restaurants and bars that are walkable between each other and maybe even have patio or rooftop seating. But literally if y'all could just get the sidewalks that we do have fixed so they're not a danger for handicapped people to use them that would be nice.	11/23/2024 3:03 PM
132	New park and green spaces - accessible for all.	11/23/2024 2:33 PM
133	Walkable with green and open spaces	11/23/2024 1:30 PM
134	More independent businesses for increased diversity in retail & restaurants.	11/23/2024 1:24 PM
135	My vision would be a neighborhood with services. Those are all being taken away. No small business opportunities because it's been a land grab for developers. Whoever thought that ice rink was a good idea is an idiot. Tiny studio apartments create over crowding, sleepless nights due to noise which then manifests to mental illness and non functioning humans.	11/23/2024 1:07 PM
136	A piazza with restaurants, small shops (something interesting (tired of pot shops and nail salons) outside dining, leading on to green space	11/23/2024 12:42 PM

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137	Sidewalks everywhere. Slower cars.	11/23/2024 12:20 PM
138	Retail/entertainment similar to U Village	11/23/2024 9:34 AM
139	Green and open spaces need to be well-lit and safe for all, not just for the most poor and vulnerable. Make an effort to attract people who are stable and able to contribute - not just need - resources.	11/23/2024 7:47 AM
140	An indigenous community space, like the Duwamish Longhouse or the Intellectual House on the UW Seattle campus. Also, a safe injection site (there should be one in every district of Seattle and King County so that no one location takes on the burden of the entire regional problem of drug addiction and public use) where people suffering from addiction-related health issues can get access to appropriate services.	11/22/2024 10:42 PM
141	Make the 8th Ave Greenway a real greenway and not just a joke of a name, by building a safe space for walkers!	11/22/2024 10:32 PM
142	Keep the trees, do not allow developers to destroy trees.	11/22/2024 9:39 PM
143	These options should be easily accessible for all people, including those with mobility issues. This means parking should be available for people who can't walk and need to drive.	11/22/2024 9:20 PM
144	The Northgate Mall no longer is one. In the past the mall served as a regional "Main Street" where residents came to hang out and be seen. This civic function needs to be re-established. Encourage Simon to recreate a small business kiosk and stall breezeway at the old mall location or nearby. Currently the the old mall is too reliant on single sports related uses.	11/22/2024 8:52 PM
145	Extend NE 112th Street between 3rd Ave NE and 1st Ave NE, so people have an alternate east west connection to Northgate Way, since Northgate Was is often to congested.	11/22/2024 8:31 PM
146	A large community center with space for all ages to have activities at the same time.	11/22/2024 5:53 PM
147	Northgate Right of Way. Human Scaled, Safe, Accessible Right of Way, that cares for our waters and their inhabitants (who have their own right of way) with Waterwise Street Design, Protection and Expansion of Tree Canopy. We don't have to choose just one thing—we can have and deserve 15 minute city centers with accessible walking and bike pathways to daily destinations (schools, markets, libraries, third places, and transportation hubs). Let's expand the Rainwise program to cover north neighborhoods, incorporating bioswales and other runoff-mitigating solutions and really protect our tree canopy for beauty, fresh air, and climate stabilizing effects. Northgate itself can become a model green construction connecting the complex to the Kraken's home stadium, Climate Pledge Arena.	11/22/2024 5:26 PM
148	mini city park	11/22/2024 4:57 PM
149	Improved east-west transit options	11/22/2024 4:54 PM
150	Cultural space for theater, music, dance	11/22/2024 3:58 PM
151	Climate driven design for natural wild spaces, green infrastructure, carbon sequestering trees and plants, pollutant filtering plants, roadsides, parks, green roofs, street plantings all designed for wildlife and to reduce heat and carbon from climate change. Stationary bikes to generate power, charge batteries, throughout neighborhood. Can ride them while waiting for transit.	11/21/2024 6:41 PM
152	Build more sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, especially on NE 115th St between 5th Ave NE and 15th Ave NE. Many people walk and bike to schools on this street.	11/21/2024 12:41 PM
153	Northgate Mall will have shopping and restaurants similar to university village.	11/21/2024 8:01 AM
154	Make green areas the first item of any new development, not the after-thought after buildings are designed.	11/20/2024 11:36 PM
155	Coffee shops, diverse cafes.	11/20/2024 6:14 PM
156	Northgate should be walkable and accessible for disabled people.	11/20/2024 5:33 PM
157	encourage more restaurants and entertainment venues.	11/20/2024 4:24 PM
158	More grocery / retail options	11/20/2024 2:43 PM
159	Transit redundancy via bus during frequent light rail outages/delays	11/19/2024 10:12 PM

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160	An outdoor play street that transitions into a covered or indoor play street within a reimagined shopping center/mall. Play street would start at private ROW across from 3rd and enter into mall area. There would also include a pathway from play street to the Northgate library and community center.	11/19/2024 7:39 PM
161	Housing and more housing, walkable to the Link. Mixed use to create walkable communities. Maybe a bike connection to the interurban greenways	11/19/2024 3:44 PM
162	Greatly expanded housing inventory	11/19/2024 11:49 AM
163	Abolish parking minimums and height restrictions.	11/19/2024 11:17 AM
164	Wherever there is surface pavement for cars put something else.	11/19/2024 11:00 AM
165	Northgate Way, 1st Ave and 5th Ave need to be transformed into a pedestrian first space with wide sidewalks and more protection from the constant traffic that is only concerned about getting on or off the interstate.	11/19/2024 10:17 AM
166	NBA team!	11/19/2024 9:36 AM
167	Tons of car free streets!	11/19/2024 8:40 AM
168	Keep natural areas and protect trees, create p-patches or community open spaces with trees in all new developments. Have ground-floor retail in large apartments. Keep medical centers	11/19/2024 5:56 AM
169	Build a compact neighborhood within the 10 minute walkshed of the Northgate station. It should have retail space that is affordable to first-time business owners, housing for all income levels, a "centerpiece" park, and be safe enough for a child to explore on their own. The impact of I-5 must be minimized by adding noise barriers, pollution control, and keeping all through traffic out of the built-up area.	11/19/2024 12:08 AM
170	More trees planted, particularly along I5 as a sound and vehicle pollution break.	11/18/2024 10:30 PM
171	Adaptive reuse of one of the churches to be a high capacity concert venue.	11/18/2024 10:04 PM
172	Northgate has many large parcels and surface parking lots, breaking these into smaller parcels for fine-scaled housing, commercial, and office spaces would sky rocket the social/economic value of the neighborhood in a fair and just manner versus large scale master plan development.	11/18/2024 8:27 PM
173	Incorporation of the former Northgate Mall and surrounding areas into a first-in-region Ecodistrict.	11/18/2024 8:16 PM
174	Farmer's Market with a performance stage.	11/18/2024 8:16 PM
175	Accessible connections. I don't have a car and if I can't get to any of the great things you plan what's the point of having them at all. Also allows more people to participate in the system created. Good for everyone.	11/18/2024 7:58 PM
176	Grocery store, coffee shop bakery	11/18/2024 7:48 PM
177	Residential towers of 30-40 stories	11/18/2024 7:40 PM
178	More stores!!!!	11/18/2024 7:33 PM
179	More housing,	11/18/2024 7:28 PM
180	Accessible connections. Transport oriented development and easy access to amenities.	11/18/2024 6:30 PM
181	Coffee stand at the light rail station for commuters	11/18/2024 6:05 PM
182	plenty of dense, mixed-use, affordable housing! even replacing some single-family homes in the neighbourhood with townhouses/rowhouses would help alot!	11/18/2024 6:01 PM
183	Bakeries and other high quality eateries in the mall area, as well as drug-free places for the elderly to walk and children to have completed playgrounds.	11/18/2024 6:00 PM
184	We need more restaurants and sidewalks	11/18/2024 5:49 PM
185	A complete, safe, and comfortable bike network throughout the neighborhood, including protected bike lanes, trails, and multi-use paths.	11/18/2024 5:09 PM

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186	Less stroads, bigger sidewalks.	11/18/2024 3:33 PM
187	Fully separated bicycle facilities in both north/south and east/west travel directions.	11/18/2024 3:26 PM
188	A large number of sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and radical anti-cutthrough-traffic calming in the neighborhoods to the north and east of Northlake, where the use of the very streets we live on often involves risk of death and where children often cannot walk to their assigned schools	11/18/2024 2:59 PM
189	Consider incentives and zoning changes to speed up the slow development at the Simon property / Northgate Mall site.	11/18/2024 2:56 PM
190	More mixed-use zoning/development with infrastructure that supports more north-south bus lines to connect to the Northgate light rail station.	11/18/2024 2:51 PM
191	Mass upzone--make Northgate a Cap Hill, a beautiful place to walk and bike. Restaurants and life everywhere.	11/18/2024 2:42 PM
192	Neighborhoods mean community. People want to live in good places to go about their lives. But where can people go to get necessities? I really think that many people would love to have some decent stores because one has to either go downtown or go to Alderwood for clothing and shoes...or go online. I would rethink the mall. Not all the little specialty shops with unnecessary items, but a few good, reasonably priced retailers.	11/18/2024 2:21 PM
193	Go CAR FREE inside. For 50 years you weren't able to drive through Northgate. Keeps the cars relegated to the periphery, and make it a walkable neighborhood!	11/18/2024 2:12 PM
194	Look to Vancouver BC for example neighborhoods & projects (ie Senakw Village) for the scale of project that could be accomplished at Northgate.	11/18/2024 2:08 PM
195	Walkable grocery store from every home	11/18/2024 2:06 PM
196	The Northgate Neighborhood needs to counterbalance the adjacent I5 corridor by centering around the Light Rail Station NOT I5. It can do this by restricting off ramp access and bringing all of the neighborhood necessities into the neighborhood and connecting them with green walkable, and bikeable paths. The Northgate neighborhood needs to show that our city can undo the environmental harms of the past.	11/18/2024 2:02 PM
197	Open more shops and retails.	11/18/2024 2:00 PM
198	Walkable neighborhoods! Streets where no car traffic is allowed, or prevented by bollards during certain times of day.	11/18/2024 1:48 PM
199	Easy ways to connect with light rail using bus, bikes and sidewalks!	11/18/2024 1:45 PM
200	Market Hall-style shopping with independent vendors	11/18/2024 1:39 PM
201	North York area, in Toronto, Canada	11/18/2024 1:36 PM
202	A walkable, bikeable area that promotes safe, green transportation, fully integrated into the city's bike and transit network, with mixed-use (affordable residential and commercial) zoning to provide easy shopping and recreational opportunities for all.	11/18/2024 1:33 PM
203	Ensure high density multiuse buildings incorporate human scale design and access along the sidewalks on every block	11/18/2024 1:11 PM
204	More essential retail options.	11/18/2024 1:10 PM
205	Social housing and car-free streets	11/18/2024 1:09 PM
206	Northgate is all of the above	11/18/2024 1:02 PM
207	Building much more housing!!!	11/18/2024 12:51 PM
208	Fewer parking lots more activation. It should be easy to arrive via lightrail and find a vibrant community RIGHT outside the station doors, like Roosevelt or the U-District stations.	11/18/2024 12:42 PM
209	To complement the recreational offerings in Northgate, and create opportunities close to transit, use land resources at Northgate to create a regional aquatics complex with a 50-meter competition pool, community swim lessons, and recreational pool.	11/18/2024 12:37 PM
210	Dense infill housing everywhere supported by walkable access to retail/amenities and transit options.	11/18/2024 12:36 PM

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211	There should be more neighborhood bus loops to shuttle folks to Northgate & light rail station. These could also reduce traffic and enable our neighborhood to become less dependent on cars to get to/from grocery & retail centers.	11/18/2024 12:34 PM
212	A community plaza near the community center with a network of sidewalks & bike trails leading to it.	11/18/2024 12:28 PM
213	Good bike infrastructure in and out of northgate general area! Also secure bike parking	11/18/2024 12:24 PM
214	The light rail should not dump passengers out into a giant parking lot.	11/18/2024 12:23 PM
215	Extend Ballard link north and then east to Northgate, and then continue on east until Bothell.	11/18/2024 12:23 PM
216	Expand the daylight portion of Thornton creek	11/18/2024 12:22 PM
217	Accommodate more people, accommodate fewer cars. There is no reason on earth to limit building heights in this neighborhood.	11/18/2024 12:20 PM
218	Skyscraper development with integrated open space!	11/18/2024 12:17 PM
219	Pedestrian and bike only walkways throughout the neighborhood	11/18/2024 12:17 PM
220	Increasing the density so more people can live near the light rail and near all of the future shopping opportunities.	11/18/2024 12:13 PM
221	finishing the remodel of northgate mall	11/18/2024 12:09 PM
222	Diverse housing types for people of all income levels, including very low income individuals, couples, and families.	11/18/2024 11:59 AM
223	Retail and housing at the former mall	11/18/2024 11:59 AM
224	Plan more than 5,000 homes here. This should look like the towers in Surrey or Burnaby BC next to the SkyTrain stations. Go big or go home.	11/18/2024 11:54 AM
225	More pedestrian sidewalk real estate and emphasis on crosswalk safety with additional protected bike lanes. Reducing car lanes on 1st Ave NE to the bus and transit center to make these adjustments happen.	11/18/2024 11:52 AM
226	Diverse housing, multi-use apartments: first floor is business, upper floors are housing, encourage gathering in communal spaces	11/18/2024 11:49 AM
227	Expanded and diverse housing options with expanded and more on time bus service	11/18/2024 11:39 AM
228	Covered outdoor pickleball courts	11/18/2024 11:39 AM
229	High quality protected bike lane along Northgate Way connecting Aurora to the Pinehurst PBL. This would be connected to Northgate Station with PBLs on the east (safe) side of 1st Ave NE as well as a second one running along 103rd to 5th, then up 5th to Northgate Way	11/18/2024 11:39 AM
230	Safe bike paths to get from key neighborhood sites and transit. Many of the bike paths are shared roads which are sketchy.	11/18/2024 11:38 AM
231	Doubling down on the Kraken ice plex, create a new Sonics training facility with a public-facing basketball complex component, so that this is an amazing sports-focused public-private entity that builds community and includes other community partnerships to bring economic vitality to the district.	11/18/2024 11:37 AM
232	Build a grocery store walking distance to the light rail station. Current grocery stores are a 20min walk away on streets that are not pedestrian friendly.	11/18/2024 11:37 AM
233	I would like to see a lid put over I5 and the space reclaimed for use by the public.	11/18/2024 11:26 AM
234	A complete community - with housing next to useful retail, services, and entertainment that is completely walkable. Pedestrianized streets, closed to car traffic.	11/18/2024 11:23 AM
235	Northgate would have a grocery store, convenience store, playground and sidewalk access to enable the community to get there. Northgate would also be well light and safe.	11/18/2024 11:21 AM
236	Park with playground as part of mall reconstruction	11/18/2024 11:20 AM
237	A sustainability mall where multiple reuse and repair stores are co located. This could include	11/18/2024 11:19 AM

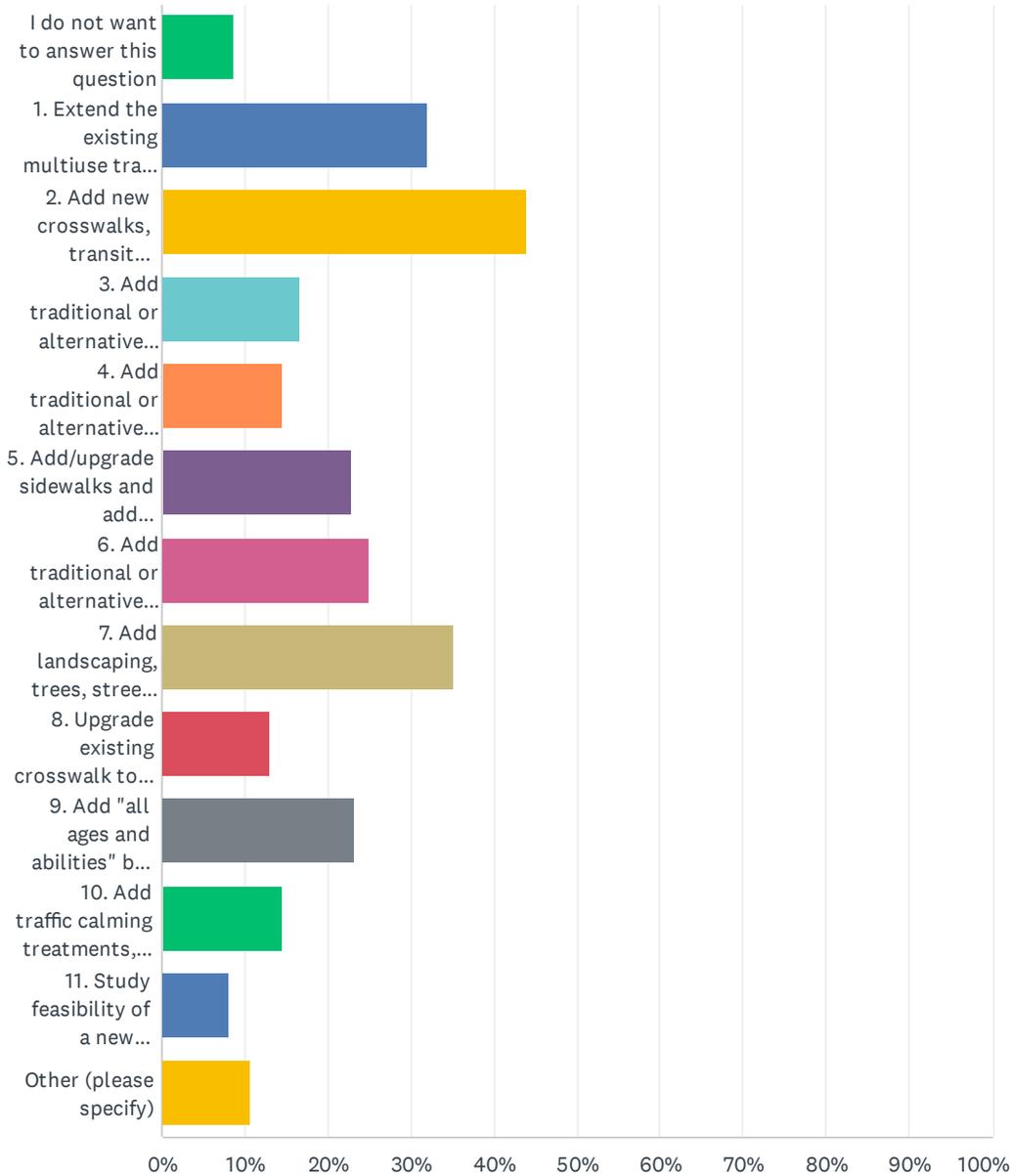
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a thrift store, library of things, electronics repair and resale, sustainable food court, and gathering space for classes and events.

238	Getting to and from North Seattle College becomes easier because the transit system reverses its recent decision to make it more difficult with fewer buses serving the college.	11/18/2024 11:17 AM
239	Other cities have outdoor food hall/brewery areas where you can get food and drinks from a bunch of different places, you eat in a central area sometimes outdoors, and it's usually dog friendly. Would love to see this in Northgate, especially close to the light rail or near the iceplex	11/18/2024 11:11 AM
240	Large, coordinated & dense housing project development within walking & biking distance of Northgate Link station that incorporate diverse unit types & sizes in a more European style development: this means large family size flats with ample windows/light on 3 sides, and ample open green spaces for trees and playgrounds. Facilitated by low/no car zones and point access block style buildings within the center of the development area.	11/18/2024 11:10 AM
241	keep Northgate small - no more huge hi-rise pats...	11/18/2024 11:04 AM

Q3 Using the map below, select up to 3 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your three. (You will get an error message if you select more than 3 projects.)

Answered: 284 Skipped: 45



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not want to answer this question	8.80%	25
1. Extend the existing multiuse trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light rail station to NE 115th St	32.04%	91
2. Add new crosswalks, transit improvements, and "all ages and abilities" bike facilities	44.01%	125
3. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks	16.55%	47
4. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks, and explore limiting who can drive on this block	14.44%	41
5. Add/upgrade sidewalks and add Neighborhood Greenway treatments, such as speed humps	22.89%	65
6. Add traditional or alternative sidewalks and street trees	25.00%	71
7. Add landscaping, trees, street furniture, wider sidewalks, and other features to make walking more enjoyable	35.21%	100
8. Upgrade existing crosswalk to a raised crosswalk for pedestrian safety	13.03%	37
9. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities on NE 100th or NE 103rd St that connects to Northgate Station	23.24%	66
10. Add traffic calming treatments, such as speed humps, to address speeding and add curb cuts to the existing multi-use trail	14.44%	41
11. Study feasibility of a new pedestrian connection on NE 94th St. It currently dead ends.	8.10%	23
Other (please specify)	10.56%	30
Total Respondents: 284		

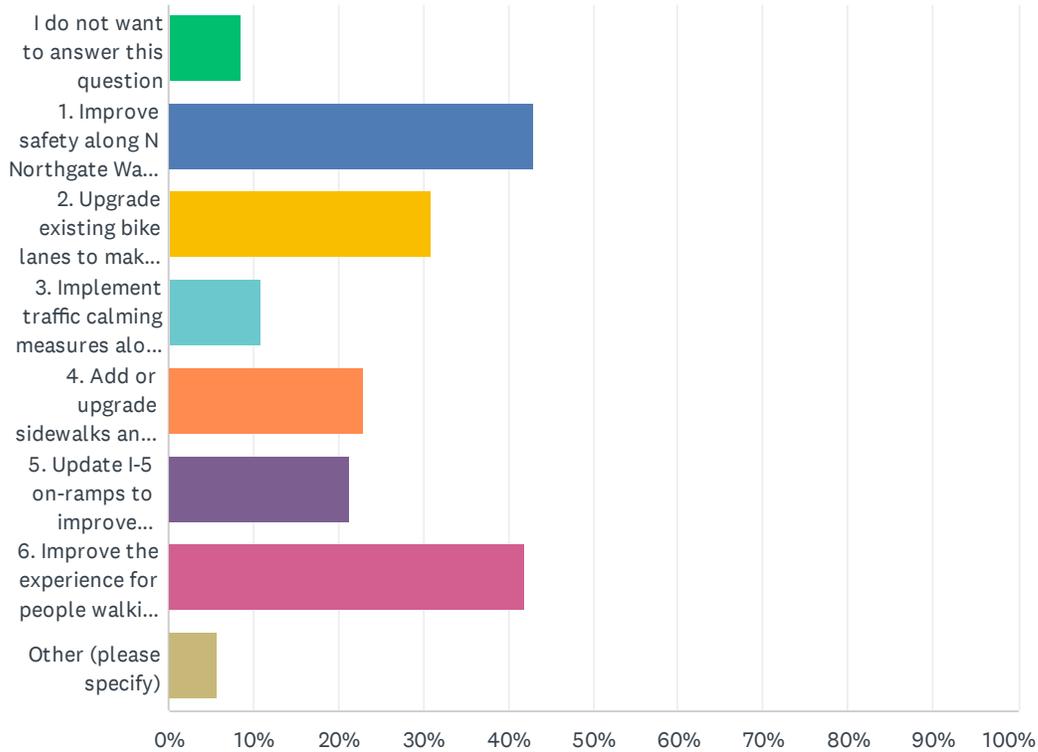
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1	Add more off street parking.	12/15/2024 7:02 PM
2	All above are worthwhile if approached sensibly. Don't go to such an extent that traffic flow is impacted. Don't make sidewalks and planting spaces so large that they eliminate driving lanes.	12/15/2024 5:56 PM
3	Come up with a way for people in vehicles to move through area faster and effeciently	12/14/2024 8:33 AM
4	Existing multiuse trail on 1st is bringing homeless to my living space stop it	12/13/2024 7:10 PM
5	Remove bike lanes, add more traffic lanes for cars and busses, remove excess speed bumps	12/13/2024 6:18 PM
6	Observe the issue of the intersection at 3rd Ave NE and NE 112th St	12/10/2024 10:42 PM
7	More side walks, fewer bike lanes	12/10/2024 8:31 PM
8	All of these transportation projects negatively impact Thornton Creek - please look at cumulative impacts	12/10/2024 12:36 PM
9	the four way intersection just before Target past Mcdonalds... Um the 1st Ave NE and NE Northgate Way intersection has always been scary for me and my family. People always seem to drive way too fast thru there. I and my sons have almost been hit by a car a number of times. Is there anything we can do to make that intersection a little safer for pedestrians who are walking ?	12/9/2024 10:19 AM
10	none of this bs	12/8/2024 9:19 PM
11	Repave 92nd	12/7/2024 9:33 PM
12	bike lanes and wider sidewalks on 5th, as well as east-west connections on Northgate and other east-west streets	12/7/2024 6:30 PM
13	These solutions all seem to be anti-car pro bike solutions rather than finding out why people gather and having a destination.	11/30/2024 11:15 AM
14	Increase safety on transit and around neighborhood	11/29/2024 4:06 PM

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15	Make sure any changes reducing auto use are GHG negative out of the blocks using congestion models. Any change made based on future benefit that is in more than 1 year out must be rejected. We are past 10-20 payback periods. What happens in the next five years is most crucial in climate change and I've seen too many GHG increasing changes implemented supposedly future benefits. All proposed changes should include measurement of baseline and installation of real time monitoring for improvement with respect to GHG reduction. The same devices could be used for traffic policing of all transportation modes.	11/26/2024 7:49 PM
16	Improve walk ability of interior streets in the block around the kraken ice plex. Add sidewalks to the "no pedestrian" streets. Replace some of the parking lot spaces with green space or businesses. Especially in the area around Nordstrom rack and red robins	11/24/2024 6:38 PM
17	Budget for maintaining plantings, weeding, pruning, etc. Of existing plants	11/23/2024 9:04 PM
18	No speed bumps is a waste of money and resources, and nobody really pays attention to those	11/23/2024 8:35 PM
19	do not allow lime green scooters and bikes on walking paths they are a hazard	11/22/2024 9:51 PM
20	Include more public seating throughout the neighborhood, benches, etc. places for people to stop and rest so walking is more doable for all ages and abilities.	11/21/2024 6:45 PM
21	Remove street parking on 5th Ave NE between NE 112th St., and NE 130th St and build 2 way bike lanes.	11/21/2024 12:48 PM
22	Make light rail run later!	11/19/2024 1:12 PM
23	Speed humps are not good traffic calming treatments, we need skinnier streets that make people go slower.	11/19/2024 10:41 AM
24	automatic pedestrian cross time without needing to press a button	11/18/2024 8:28 PM
25	This is connected to #1, but the pedestrian crossing of Northgate Way on 1st Ave NE feels very dangerous. One thing that makes it really dangerous is that the crosswalks meets the curb on the south side of Northgate Way about 8-10' east of the corner. This makes it really hard for right-turning drivers (going from 1st to eastbound Northgate Way) to see pedestrians stepping off the curb to cross Northgate Way heading north.	11/18/2024 3:01 PM
26	Separate bikes and cars. Make a street just for bikes and pedestrians.	11/18/2024 2:45 PM
27	Extend Ballard light rail through Northgate and then east to Bothell.	11/18/2024 12:26 PM
28	Transit Signal Priority and bus lanes along 5th Ave and Northgate Way to improve the 16 bphpd serving the corridor	11/18/2024 11:44 AM
29	I would like to see all crosswalks upgraded to raised crossings and intersections upgraded to raised intersections.	11/18/2024 11:32 AM
30	eliminate the bike paths they just get in the way	11/18/2024 11:05 AM

Q4 Using the map below, select up to 2 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your two. (You will get an error message if you select more than 2 projects.)

Answered: 278 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I do not want to answer this question	8.63% 24
1. Improve safety along N Northgate Way, such as traffic calming, new crosswalks, and sidewalk widening	43.17% 120
2. Upgrade existing bike lanes to make safer and add new crosswalks	30.94% 86
3. Implement traffic calming measures along these streets to address people speeding	10.79% 30
4. Add or upgrade sidewalks and add street trees	23.02% 64
5. Update I-5 on-ramps to improve sightlines and merge time for drivers merging onto freeway	21.22% 59
6. Improve the experience for people walking, rolling, and biking between Aurora Ave N and the John Lewis Memorial Bridge	42.09% 117
Other (please specify)	5.76% 16
Total Respondents: 278	

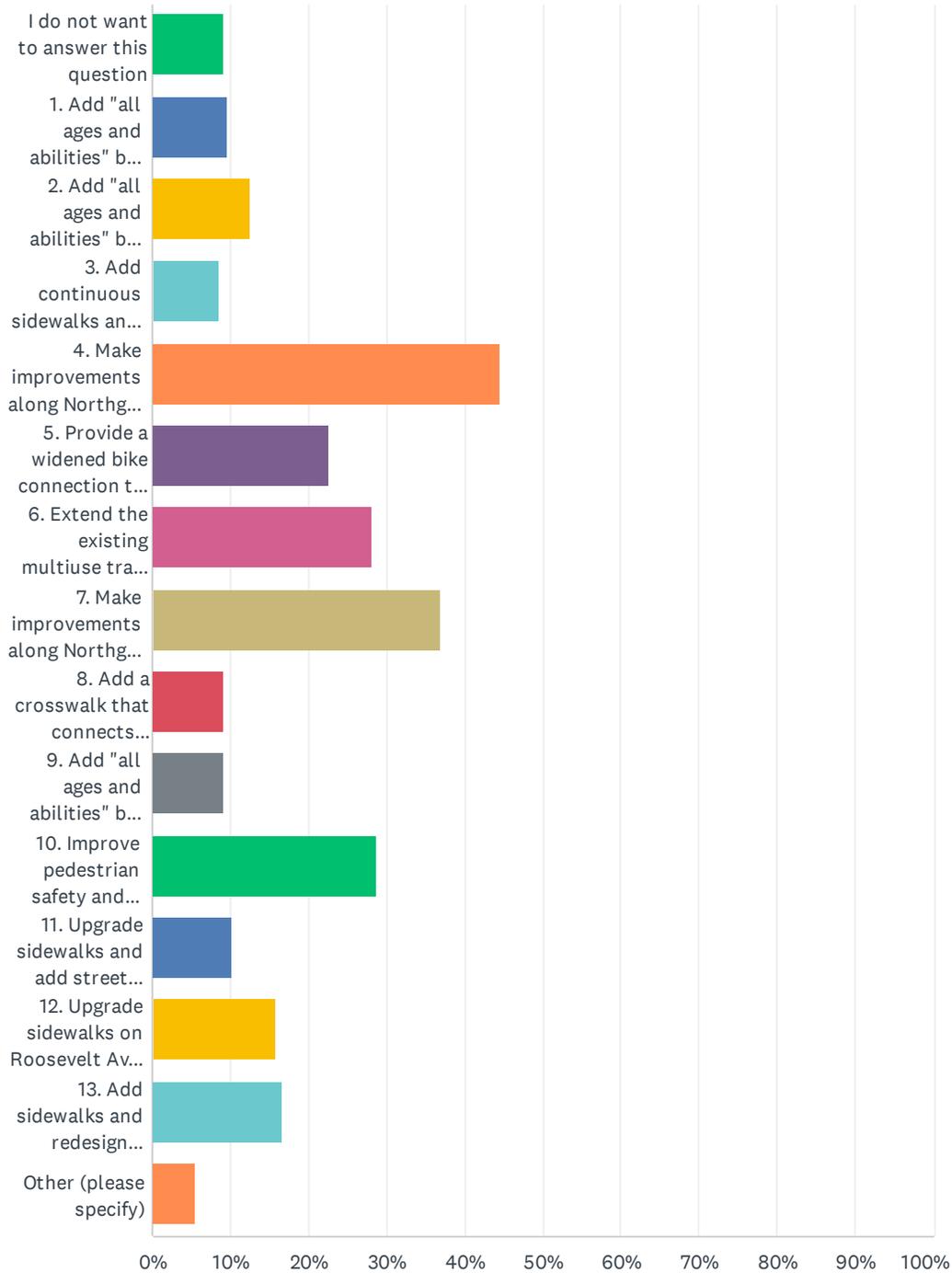
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1	Just be sensible. There is no need to "add sidewalks and add street trees" if there is already an adequate sidewalk there. The "Improvements on 120th street north us UW are an example. Now, if cars are parked, one has to pull over to allow an incoming car to procede. Take into consideration that people live here.	12/15/2024 6:01 PM
2	Driving Northgate / Holman Road needs to be a quicker more efficient	12/14/2024 8:41 AM
3	Remove traffic calming and rarely used bike lanes on Meridian.	12/13/2024 6:28 PM
4	Remove traffic calming and bike lanes	12/13/2024 6:18 PM
5	Improve the Northgate Way pedestrian experience, especially under the freeway, Add color to the concrete, lighting, and anything to make it less ugly and unappealing to walk there.	12/13/2024 5:51 PM
6	Why do improvements not extend to Licton Springs Park area south of John Lewis Memorial Bridge? Pedestrian experience along both sides of College Way is lacking.	12/6/2024 11:21 AM
7	Redesign Northgate/105th to two one way lanes with a center turn, add wider sidewalk or landscaping; add crosswalks; add bulb at west side of 107th and Northgate to reduce cut through traffic (cars going northbound on Aurora and trucks going to Pacific Topsoils)	11/27/2024 2:55 PM
8	You need to explain what multimodal improvements means. Do you realize there is no direct correlation between "multi improvements and 1-6" or that the map includes no green yet the options include biking improvements. This survey is begging to look like all SDOTs surveys designed to support predefined plan regardless of how it is answered vs. a survey that truely collects unbiased input using unbiased and complete information.	11/26/2024 7:57 PM
9	Don't know how to choose. All seem important.	11/25/2024 3:23 PM
10	No employment needed for bike lanes	11/23/2024 8:37 PM
11	No traffic calming junk!	11/23/2024 2:37 PM
12	Forget the bike lanes. They serve less than 1% of the population. Sidewalks should have been addressed before that.	11/23/2024 1:09 PM
13	Please make the Northeast 8th Avenue Greenway a real Green Way rather than just a joke of the name by providing safe places for the mini pedestrians who use it to walk. As it is, walkers are taking their lives in their hands to use that greenway!	11/22/2024 10:43 PM
14	Don't change Northgate Way so much that you create traffic jams. The City of Seattle has ruined so many streets and increased commute time.	11/22/2024 9:25 PM
15	Separate bikes and cars. Close 105th to cars and make bike only.	11/18/2024 2:46 PM
16	ditch the bike paths - riders don't respect others & there aren't enough riders to support this waste of money	11/18/2024 11:06 AM

Q5 Using the map below, select up to 3 transportation projects that you would most like to see implemented. If you have an additional project idea that we missed, feel free to add it and select it as one of your three. (You will get an error message if you select more than 3 projects.)

Answered: 271 Skipped: 58



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not want to answer this question	9.23%	25
1. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities on N 115th St that connect to UW Medical Center NW	9.59%	26
2. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities between 1st Ave NE bridge and N Northgate Way	12.55%	34
3. Add continuous sidewalks and street trees along Corliss Ave N	8.49%	23
4. Make improvements along Northgate Way and the I-5 underpass to improve pedestrian safety and support transit	44.65%	121
5. Provide a widened bike connection to serve as an East-West connection across I-5	22.51%	61
6. Extend the existing multiuse trail on 1st Ave NE further north, from the light rail station to NE 115th St	28.04%	76
7. Make improvements along Northgate Way to improve pedestrian safety and comfort and support transit	36.90%	100
8. Add a crosswalk that connects Target/Best Buy to Hubbard Homestead Park, pending feasibility	9.23%	25
9. Add "all ages and abilities" bike facilities and upgrade sidewalks along 5th Ave NE	9.23%	25
10. Improve pedestrian safety and comfort along NE Northgate Way, including intersection improvements at 5th Ave NE	28.78%	78
11. Upgrade sidewalks and add street trees on 8th Ave NE	10.33%	28
12. Upgrade sidewalks on Roosevelt Ave NE and provide safe bike crossing across NE Northgate Way	15.87%	43
13. Add sidewalks and redesign intersections to support Safe Routes to School	16.61%	45
Other (please specify)	5.54%	15
Total Respondents: 271		

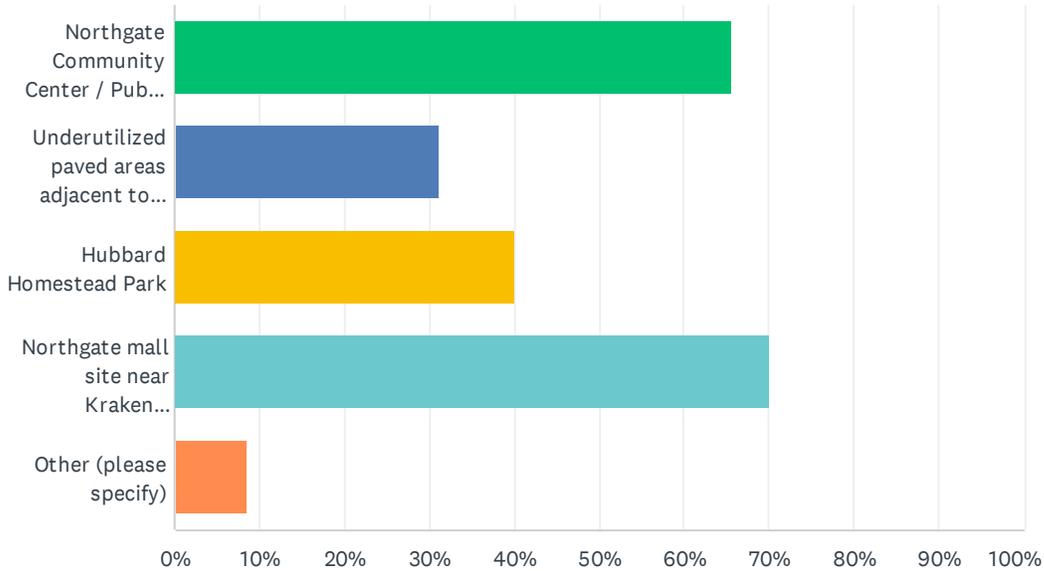
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1	Just be sensible. Make "Do not walk" crossing signs more visible, perhaps with audio. Then eliminate mant "No turn on red" intersections. Why? If the light is red, no one should be crossing that street as a pedestrian. Cars can turn after a stop. Sign: "Come to a complete stop. Then, right turn with caution is permitted"	12/15/2024 6:06 PM
2	Demolish McDonald's on Northgate Way; WAY TOO MUCH CONGESTION	12/14/2024 10:36 AM
3	Vehicles need to move more quickly through the area	12/14/2024 8:44 AM
4	Get alternative to northgate way to get from 15th to 1st	12/13/2024 7:18 PM
5	Add street trees on Northgate Way between Meridian N and Roosevelt N. BTW #4,7, and 10 are almost identical.	12/13/2024 5:57 PM
6	Improve intersection at 3rd Ave NE and NE 112th st	12/10/2024 10:43 PM
7	None	12/10/2024 12:39 PM
8	These choices are frustrating. Yes, they prioritize pedestrian safety, but they also seem to create even more vehicle congestion. This is not progress. We cannot all take public transit.	12/9/2024 9:29 PM
9	Complete 92nd with full paved roads and bike lanes to intersect with 1st ave	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
10	Add 2nd crosswalk from Target to Northgate Mall, east of existing one.	11/30/2024 11:26 AM
11	Cross walk from Target/ Best Buy across Northgate Way between 3rd and 5th	11/23/2024 2:50 PM
12	Close lanes on 105th and make them bike or pedestrian only.	11/18/2024 2:48 PM
13	Add TSP and bus lanes along the main transit corridors to improve performance as mentioned in my first comment	11/18/2024 11:47 AM

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14	Add crosswalk at 102nd and 5th to add additional crossing point directly into Thornton Place/path to light rail	11/18/2024 11:30 AM
15	why the bias for improving multiuse trail?	11/18/2024 11:07 AM

**Q6 What location(s) would you like to serve as a formalized gathering space? This could include a farmer's market, occasional events like movie nights or markets with vendor booths, or other programmed events.
(Check all that apply)**

Answered: 244 Skipped: 85



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Northgate Community Center / Public Library	65.57% 160
Underutilized paved areas adjacent to Northgate light rail station (temporary gathering space, as this site will eventually get redeveloped)	31.15% 76
Hubbard Homestead Park	40.16% 98
Northgate mall site near Kraken Community Iceplex	70.08% 171
Other (please specify)	8.61% 21
Total Respondents: 244	

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1	liberty park	12/13/2024 7:21 PM
2	Create new spaces E and especially W of freeway for this. This might happen by buying a house or business and converting it.	12/13/2024 6:04 PM
3	8th NE just south of Northgate Wy was at one point designated as a 'Festival Street'. Let's bring that back.	12/11/2024 10:47 PM
4	Barton Springs/other areas near North Seattle Community College	12/8/2024 9:30 AM
5	Licton Springs Park	12/6/2024 11:26 AM

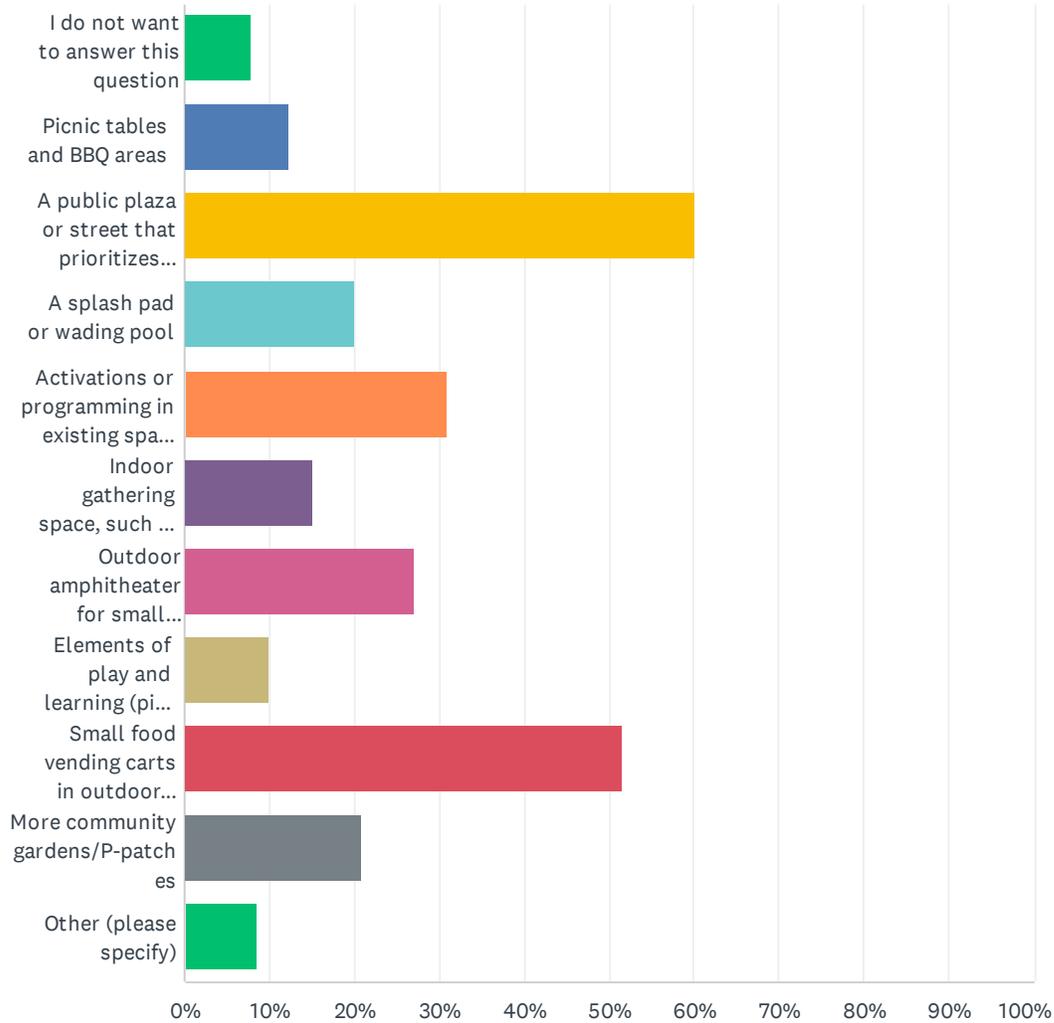
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rail station. There is lots of potential to build a community arts space right next to the light rail station that could serve as a performing arts venue and meeting space to fill this need!

7	A farmer's market or night market near the mall site/iceplex would be awesome.	12/4/2024 8:54 PM
8	Consider incorporating this in new development on Sound Transit or Metro land that is closer to the rail station than other sites. Create a cool courtyard/plaza with local businesses and cultural spaces, like Roberto Maestas Plaza at El Centro de La Raza.	12/4/2024 5:46 PM
9	SHA owned Northgate Commons future development	12/3/2024 6:17 AM
10	Indoor food court	11/30/2024 11:30 AM
11	Maple Leaf Park	11/25/2024 9:32 PM
12	My choices are these two: NG Community Center and Underutilized Paved Areas. Please do NOT allow events or farmer's market at Hubbard Homestead Park!! Those of us who live nearby (north of the Mall) will experience event parking along our quiet neighborhood streets. Those of us who live in the neighborhood (NE 115th and north) do not want to experience event parking due to events at Hubbard Homestead Park.	11/23/2024 4:03 PM
13	Somewhere where there is parking	11/23/2024 1:12 PM
14	recreate main street of removed mall section with kiosks and stalls	11/22/2024 9:01 PM
15	?!?	11/20/2024 6:20 PM
16	Please include North Seattle College in this discussion. It has nice meeting spaces. It's a large population that travels through and uses most Northgate neighborhood facilities.	11/20/2024 4:43 PM
17	North Seattle community college already exists. Use it.	11/18/2024 2:50 PM
18	what is Hubbard Homestead Park?	11/18/2024 2:48 PM
19	A new aquatics center	11/18/2024 12:42 PM
20	Maple Leaf Reservoir Park	11/18/2024 11:43 AM
21	we already have a farmers market at Lake City...	11/18/2024 11:09 AM

Q7 What types of gathering spaces and amenities would you most love to see in Northgate? Pick up to three.

Answered: 269 Skipped: 60



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I do not want to answer this question	7.81% 21
Picnic tables and BBQ areas	12.27% 33
A public plaza or street that prioritizes people walking, rolling, and biking in the area connecting the light rail to the movie theatre	60.22% 162
A splash pad or wading pool	20.07% 54
Activations or programming in existing spaces like Hubbard Homestead Park or underutilized paved areas adjacent to the light rail station	30.86% 83
Indoor gathering space, such as community rooms	15.24% 41
Outdoor amphitheater for small concerts	27.14% 73
Elements of play and learning (ping pong tables, hopscotch on the sidewalk, word search on the sidewalk, etc)	10.04% 27
Small food vending carts in outdoor plazas (where there aren't brick and mortar spots nearby)	51.67% 139
More community gardens/P-patches	20.82% 56
Other (please specify)	8.55% 23
Total Respondents: 269	

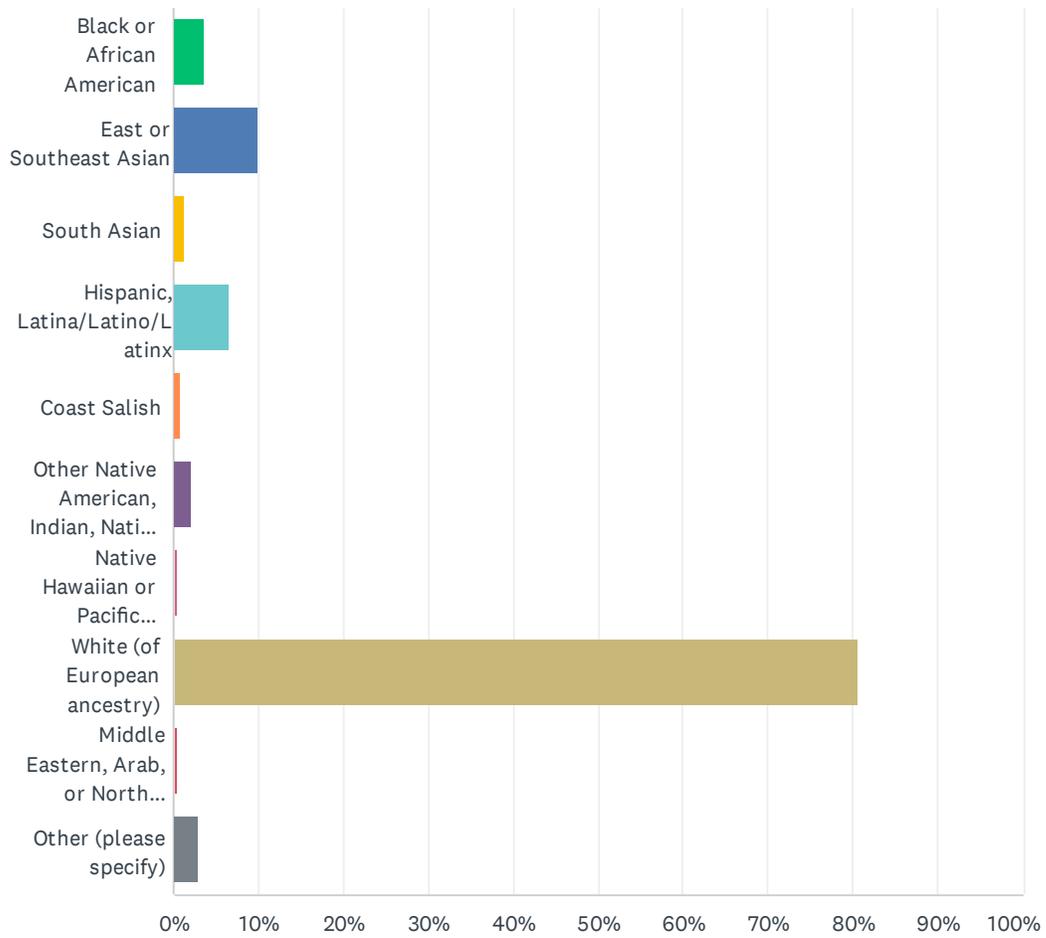
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Revitalize the plan to build a police station at Aurora and 130th. The plans I remember had a large courtyard and community room with counseling/safe spaces available. The current police station is fenced off and inaccessible -- and not community-oriented.	12/15/2024 6:14 PM
2	green spaces like pocket parks	12/13/2024 7:21 PM
3	Trees	12/13/2024 6:20 PM
4	A bowling alley, a food court, places that would attract teenagers and give them interaction/play options.	12/13/2024 6:04 PM
5	Cooling areas with trees for families and families pets as earth continues to warm.	12/9/2024 10:22 AM
6	Places for Farmers Markets or other programming walking distance within to the Southwest and Southeast neighborhoods.	12/6/2024 11:26 AM
7	gardens and grassy areas with benches	12/4/2024 10:12 PM
8	Affordable commercial spaces that prioritize arts and culture, local craftspeople and makers, in contrast to the national chains that Simon Malls/other big commercial developers rent to.	12/4/2024 5:46 PM
9	Display Various types of art: seasonal, cultural	12/2/2024 11:20 PM
10	Indoor food court	11/30/2024 11:30 AM
11	Plazas with playable features and space for vendors; covered and lit playspaces along key pedestrian routes, like over by police station or North Seattle College.	11/27/2024 2:59 PM
12	Define what you mean by "Northgate"	11/26/2024 8:01 PM
13	public unpaved walking woods	11/26/2024 11:43 AM
14	Housing	11/26/2024 10:47 AM
15	Indoor pickleball	11/25/2024 3:25 PM
16	Trees in already existing paved areas, for cooling and pleasure	11/22/2024 10:58 PM
17	dedicated corner with trees for shade and allow small gatherings like Tai Chi and dancing for all ages	11/21/2024 12:56 PM

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18	Indoor playgrounds/playrooms - Recreation Center	11/19/2024 8:14 PM
19	Trader Joes or other	11/18/2024 6:30 PM
20	covered/all-weather skate Park or skateable obstacles	11/18/2024 4:43 PM
21	More areas where cars are not allowed to enter.	11/18/2024 2:50 PM
22	Public parks with trees and green space!	11/18/2024 2:10 PM
23	Repeating the same suggestion for an aquatic center that could also play this role	11/18/2024 12:42 PM

Q8 What is your race or ethnicity? Check all that apply.

Answered: 242 Skipped: 87



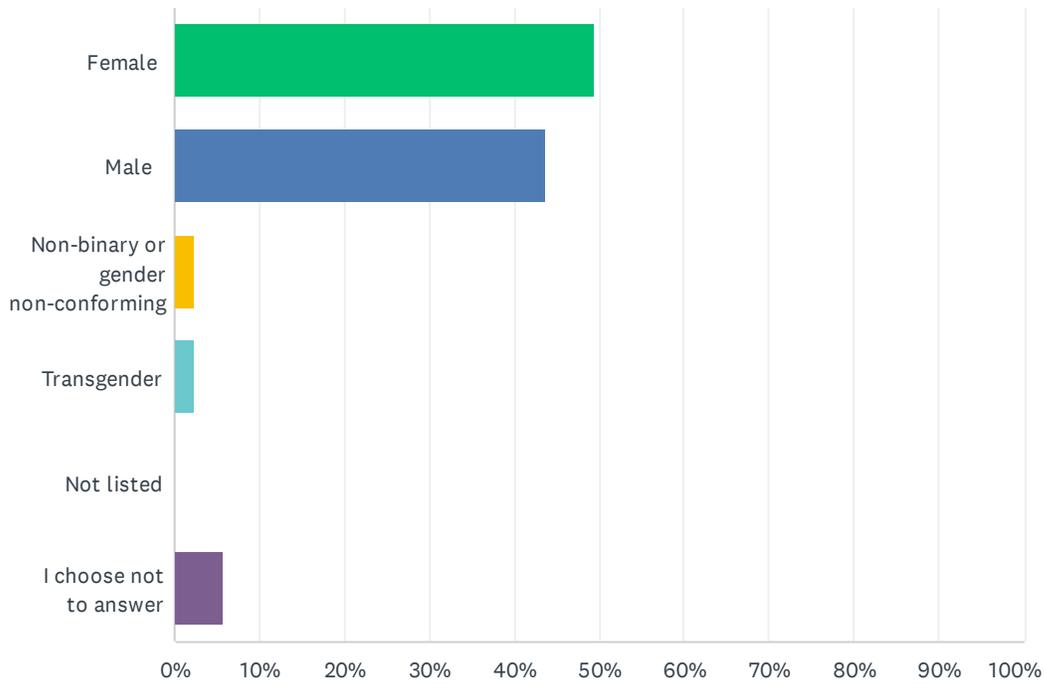
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Black or African American	3.72%	9
East or Southeast Asian	9.92%	24
South Asian	1.24%	3
Hispanic, Latina/Latino/Latinx	6.61%	16
Coast Salish	0.83%	2
Other Native American, Indian, Native Alaskan	2.07%	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.41%	1
White (of European ancestry)	80.58%	195
Middle Eastern, Arab, or North African White	0.41%	1
Other (please specify)	2.89%	7
Total Respondents: 242		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Human	12/13/2024 6:20 PM
2	multiracial	12/11/2024 3:02 PM
3	Human race	12/4/2024 10:13 PM
4	unimportant	12/4/2024 1:55 PM
5	this is unimportant, just a person	11/22/2024 10:01 PM
6	Caucasian	11/22/2024 8:40 PM
7	Multi	11/18/2024 3:07 PM

Q9 What is your gender? Check all that apply

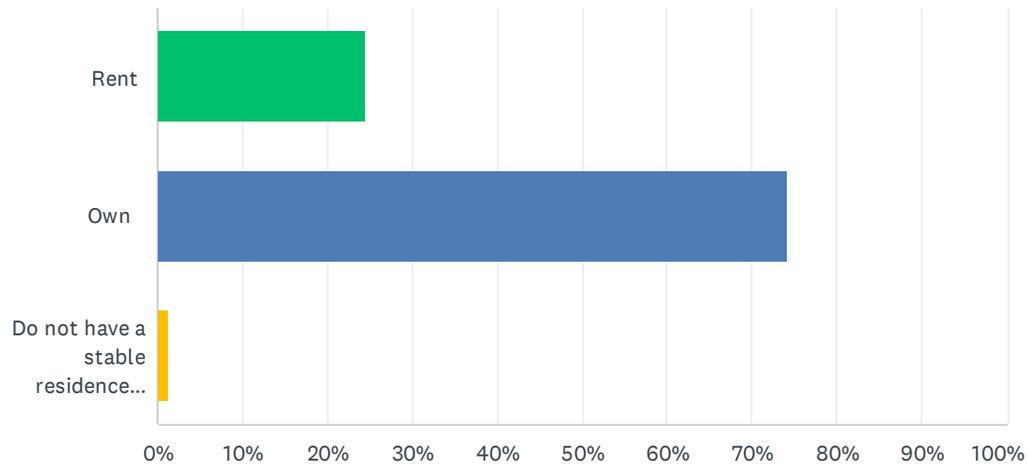
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	49.39%	121
Male	43.67%	107
Non-binary or gender non-conforming	2.45%	6
Transgender	2.45%	6
Not listed	0.00%	0
I choose not to answer	5.71%	14
Total Respondents: 245		

Q10 Do you rent or own your current residence?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 85



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rent	24.59%	60
Own	74.18%	181
Do not have a stable residence currently	1.23%	3
TOTAL		244

Q11 What is the zip code of your current residence?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 113

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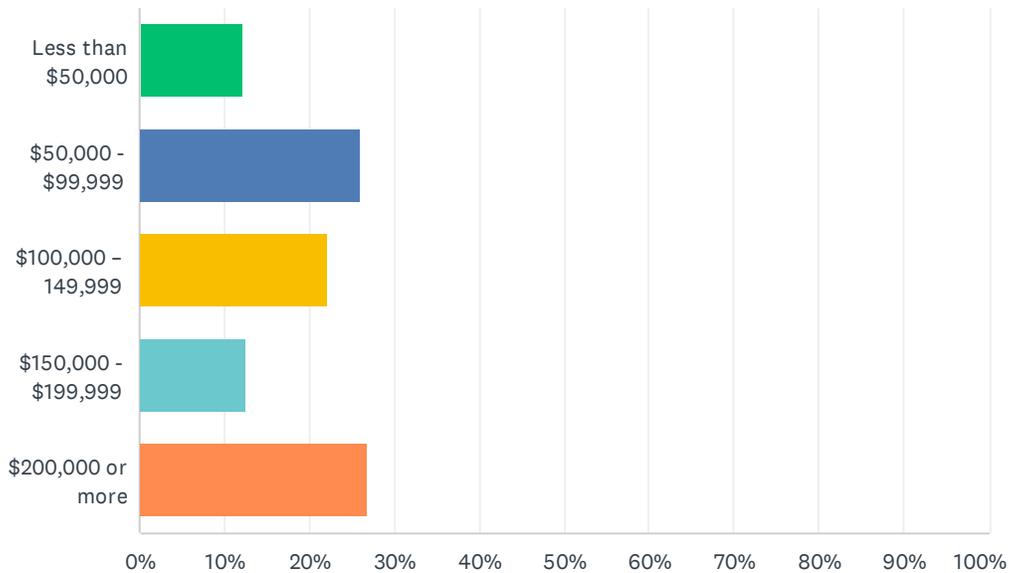
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Q12 What is your household income bracket?

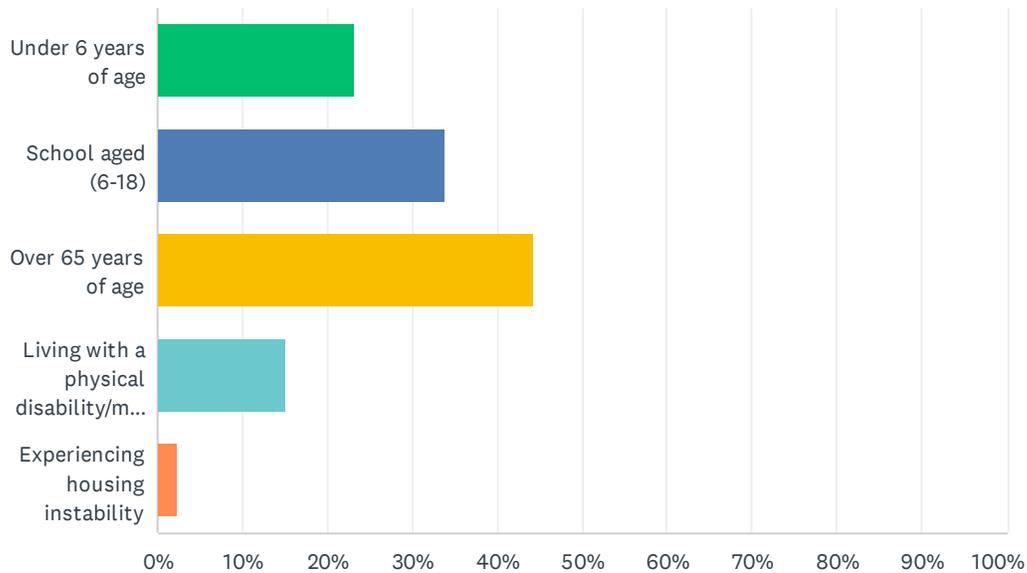
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$50,000	12.17%	28
\$50,000 - \$99,999	26.09%	60
\$100,000 – 149,999	22.17%	51
\$150,000 - \$199,999	12.61%	29
\$200,000 or more	26.96%	62
TOTAL		230

Q13 Is anyone in your household (including yourself – check all that apply)

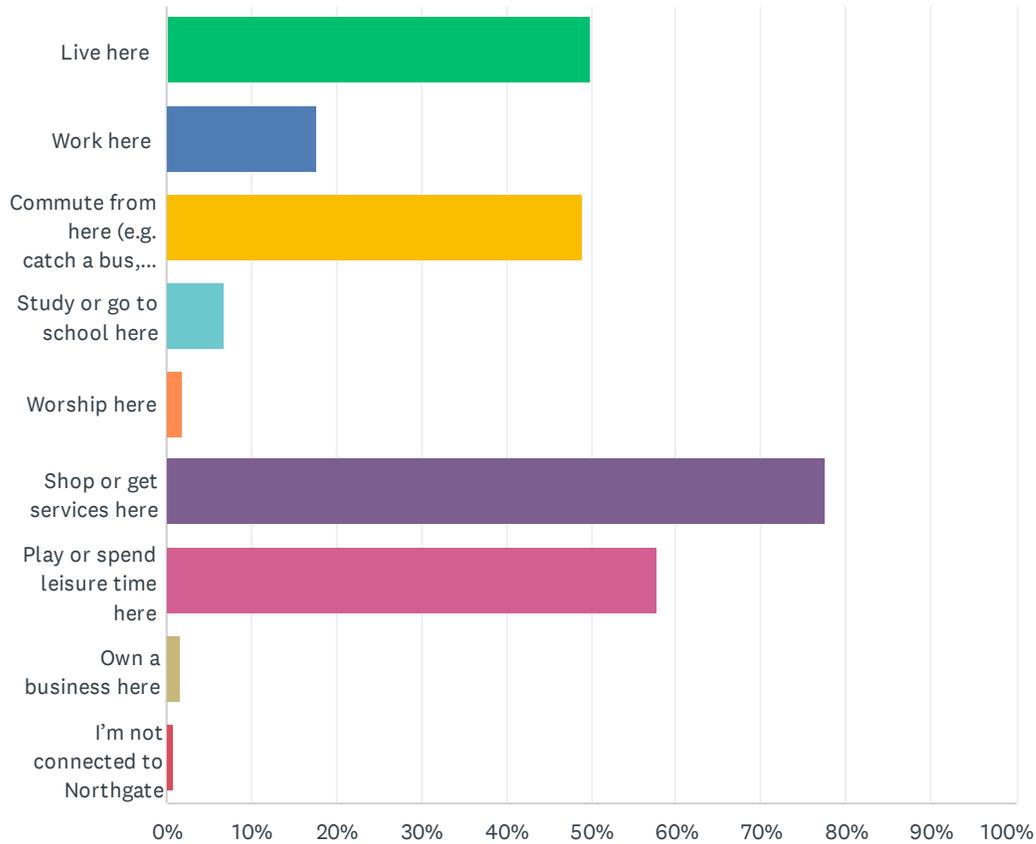
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 6 years of age	23.31%	31
School aged (6-18)	33.83%	45
Over 65 years of age	44.36%	59
Living with a physical disability/mobility impaired	15.04%	20
Experiencing housing instability	2.26%	3
Total Respondents: 133		

Q14 How are you currently connected to the Northgate neighborhood? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 249 Skipped: 80



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Live here	49.80%	124
Work here	17.67%	44
Commute from here (e.g. catch a bus, light rail, or carpool from here)	49.00%	122
Study or go to school here	6.83%	17
Worship here	2.01%	5
Shop or get services here	77.51%	193
Play or spend leisure time here	57.83%	144
Own a business here	1.61%	4
I'm not connected to Northgate	0.80%	2
Total Respondents: 249		