

Community Planning Division

Q1 Highlights & Q2 2023 Key Priorities



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Agenda

1) Interactive activity – *Imagine a space that you feel inspired by or felt a sense of belonging*

2) Overview of Community Planning Portfolio:

- Subarea Plans
- WSBLE & Station Area Planning
- Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD)
- Duwamish Valley Program
- Reconnect South Park
- South Delridge Community Planning
- Aurora Licton Springs Community Planning

3) Discussion – *What does the future of community planning look like?*

What is "Community" for you?

Imagine a space that you feel inspired by or felt a sense of belonging

"I Am From" POEM ACTIVITY

I am from _____ (an everyday item or detail from home)

from _____ and _____ (products or everyday items)

I am from _____ (description of your community)

_____ (a detail – a smell, taste, or feel)

I am from the _____ (music and/or sound)

The _____ (plant or tree in your community)

whose long gone limbs I remember

as if they were my own.

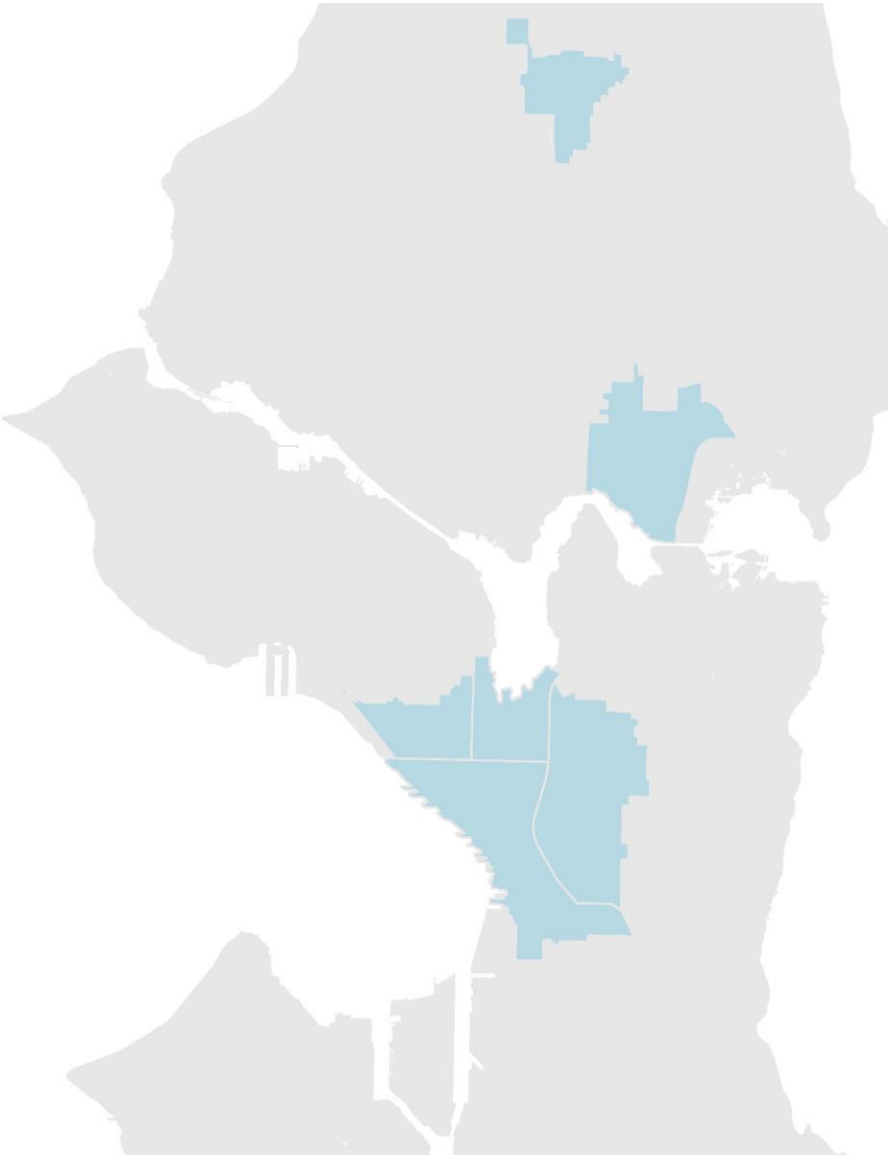
Poem Adapted by Levi Romero – Inspired by "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon

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Subarea Plans

2022	2023	2024	2025
	Downtown		
	Northgate		
	First Hill	Capitol Hill	
		SLU	
		Uptown	
			U District

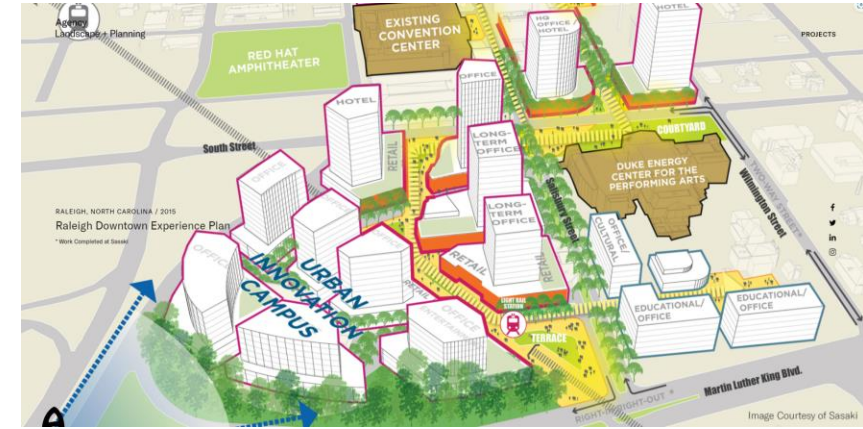
Preliminary timeline. Subject to adjustment.



Subarea Plans

Q1 Highlights

- We selected our first Downtown Subarea Planning consultant team, focused on Racial Equity, Engagement, Vision, and Policy development for Downtown Subarea Plan (Parts A, C, D of draft scope of work. They proposed a process that will address the City's aspirations to create an equity-oriented, engagement-driven strategic plan for the longer-term future of Downtown Seattle.
- Conceptualized and launched a tribal assessment of place to ensure an Indigenous lens is brought to the planning process early on. Specific topics include an indigenous inclusivity guide, engagement strategy for future subareas that includes future focus groups, message testing, key partners, and Tribal government engagement and consultation, downtown place-specific policies findings, policy recommendations, and how to implement for future processes.
- Meetings with OPCD staff and SDCI, SDOT, OED, OSE & ARTS to inform the development of the scope of work.



Q2 Key Priorities

- Consultant selection for future subarea planning work.
- Co-developing a plan for the engagement and visioning process with the consultant team.
- Finalize the draft RET outcomes for the downtown subarea place. Center equity using the tools and resources developed by the Office of Civil Rights and the Tribal assessment of place to shape the work ahead.
- Creation of a website for all subarea planning work.

WSBLE & Station Area Planning

Q1 Highlights

- Provided guidance on staff recommendation for City's preferred alignment
- Incorporating station access projects into the Seattle Transportation Plan
- Continued to develop conceptual plans for WSBLE stations
- Advocated for ADA access from 4th Ave to SODO station
- Worked through policy discussions around bus layover, passenger loading zones, retail, restrooms, active uses under guideways, and vertical circulation

Q2 Key Priorities

- Ensuring “catalyst” projects to improve station access for WSBLE are included in the Seattle Transportation Plan Funding package
- Develop a funding strategy for access projects
- Hire and on-board TOD Strategist
- Prepare for summer community engagement for the WSBLE



Equitable Transit Oriented Development

How Will the City Develop an ETOD Strategy?

- » Community informed → Community led
- » Place-based → Citywide
- » Leverage opportunities for communities through a two-pronged steering group approach
- » Challenging assumptions with small-scale steering group
- » Co-learning and Co-design format
- » Scope and format informed/designed by steering groups



Core Steering Group

- Assist the City in creating a community-based approach
- Set preliminary principles, values and values
- Set the stage for what ETOD looks like and what it means when we use the term
- Co-design a large steering group process and structure

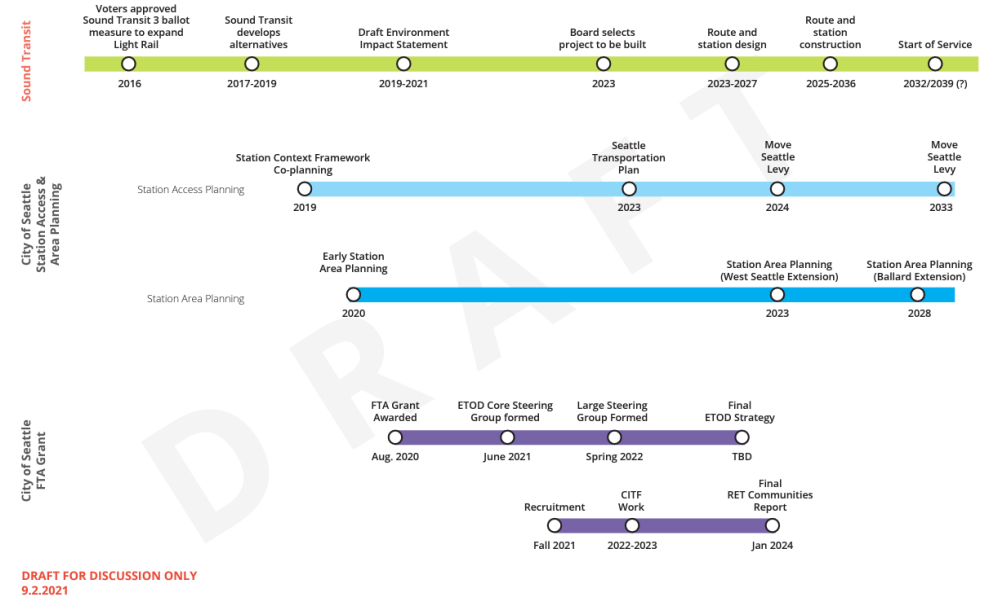


Large Steering Group

- Represent a broad intersection of experience and expertise
- Recruited through equitable and inclusive process
- Guide the City in the development and implementation of an ETOD Strategy

Q1 Highlights

- Engaged CID and Delridge stakeholders to scope place-based activities outlined in the grant.
- Release intern job description
- Ongoing coordination with City staff teams: WSBLE, EDI, Subarea Planning.
- Drafted remnant parcels scope and TOD Advisor role



Q2 Key Priorities

- Design and implement outreach strategy for community advisory group (CAG).
- Develop curriculum for first module with staff support.
- Finalize and collect MOAs with CAG, Technical Advisory Group, and Place Based Strategy participants.
- Plan for launch of place-based strategy.
- Ongoing coordination with City staff teams: WSBLE, EDI, Subarea Planning.

Duwamish Valley Program



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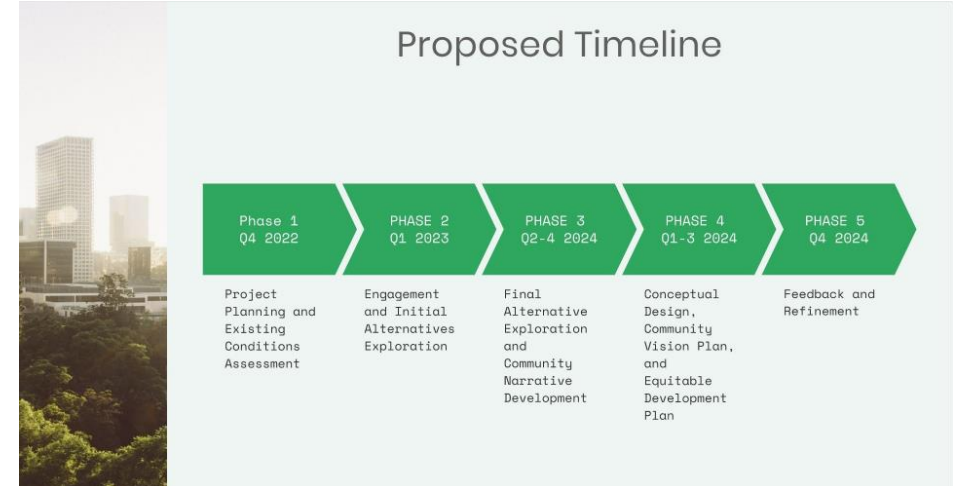
Q1 Highlights

- Produced 2022 DVP Annual Update
<https://www.seattle.gov/environment/equity-and-environment/duwamish-valley-program/annual-updates->
- Launched Georgetown Community Spaces planning
- Empaneled 18 member DV Resilience Planning Project Advisory Group with Industrial and residential stakeholders from South Park and Georgetown
- Kicked off Sea Level Rise adaptation planning, and other project consultants and convened racial equity orientation for project team
- Finalize responses to FEMA “requests for information” to advance Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) SLR Planning Grant

Q2 Key Priorities

- Kick off Advisory Group with racial equity orientation, and topic “101”
- Host communitywide DV Resilience Planning engagement

Reconnect South Park



Q1 Highlights

Federal Grant:

- Reconnect South Park was awarded \$1.6 million from the first ever round of federal reconnecting communities pilot program grants

Community-led engagement efforts (funded by State grant):

- Community coalition developed leadership structure and formed media, organizing, and design teams
- Created Media and Outreach and Organizing Plans
- Began outreach and engagement

Technical Studies (funded by State grant):

- Began work on existing conditions assessment (including a review of past plans and studies)

Q2 Key Priorities

Federal Grant:

- Develop grant agreement with USDOT and accept funds
- Scope out the traffic modeling studies, equitable development plan, and implementation planning work

Prepare new RFPS

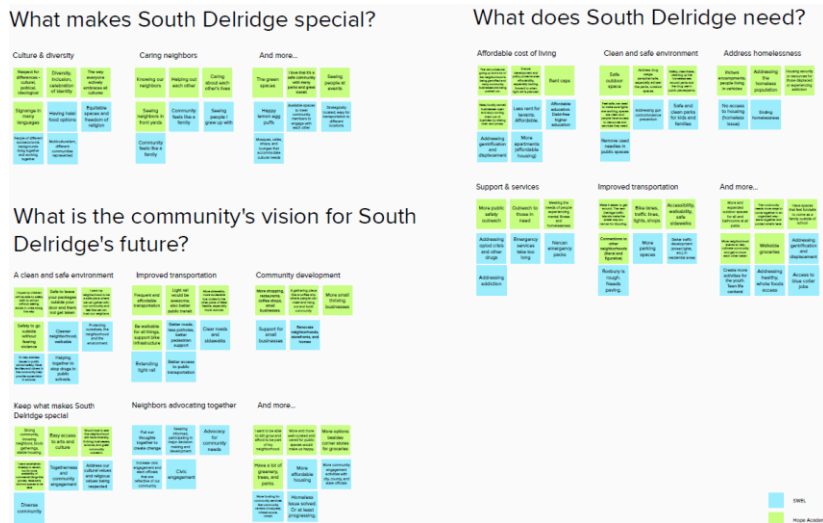
Community-led engagement efforts (funded by State grant):

- Host Community Meeting #1

Technical Studies (funded by State grant):

- Conduct existing conditions assessment
- Begin potential futures assessment based on community and agency input

South Delridge Community Planning

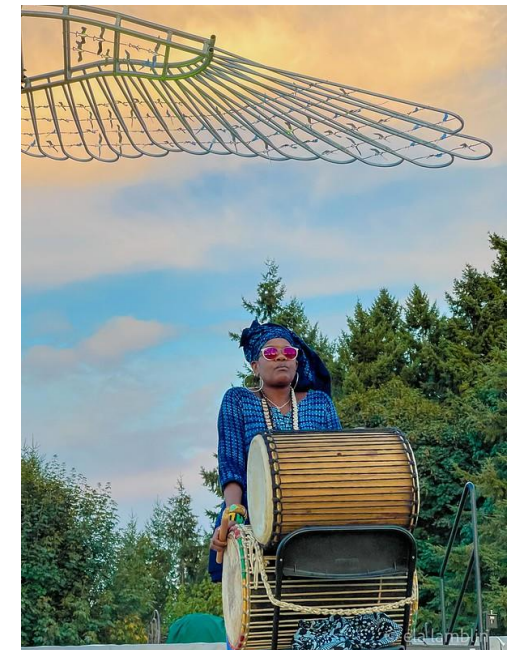


Q1 Highlights

- Nearly 300 people responded to an on-line survey to help set direction on community priorities. Follows specific engagement with three BIPOC led/serving organizations during the second half of 2022.
- Built a shared timeline for coordinated planning with SPU, DON and SDOT for 2023
- Submitted grant application to support community and organizational engagement in SPU's GSI planning along Longfellow Creek Watershed

Q2 Key Priorities

- Produce Summary in initial engagement
- Build IDT
- Collaborate with SPU & on launching an advisory committee
- Collaborate with ETOD Team to build Delridge ETOD working group
- Define Q3 Community engagement on Initial Strategies



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Aurora-Licton Springs

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Q1 Highlights

- OPCD staff have been reaching out to staff in relevant departments (Parks, SPU, SPS, OED) to build relationships and get information about work each dept is doing in the area, ahead of an official 'launch'.
- OPCD staff continues to collaborate with SDOT in planning the upcoming (spring/early summer) community workshops. SDOT's intent is that these workshops will mainly focus on creating cross-sections for the corridor; there will be some questions and discussions directly related to land use, which will provide a springboard for broader community engagement around land use and community planning.



Q2 Key Priorities

- OPCD staff will continue to build relationships with the leadership in the prominent community org, Aurora Reimagined Coalition, and will be meeting them this week to gain a better understanding of their mission, their membership, and how we can work together on community planning.
- Staff is coordinating efforts in areas along Aurora with the Northgate Subarea Planning staff to see where we might be able to have a greater impact. Focus topics include building community capacity, connecting local organizations, and connectivity between the Northgate Urban Center and surrounding urban villages.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What does the future of community planning look like?
- 2) How can we leverage the current community planning portfolio to achieve it? What gaps do you see?