# **MORGAN JUNCTION**



#### Who did we hear from?

210 people responded to the online questionnaire compared to 20 who participated in the neighborhood discussion. Online respondents were as likely to have lived in Morgan Junction for more than 10 years as they were to have recently moved to the area. Of those who participated in the public discussion, most have lived there for more than 10 years and many worked on the initial neighborhood plan.

### What did we hear?

- Respondents seem somewhat divided about new development many feel that the quality of life in Morgan Junction increased with improvements to the business district, parks and improvements for cyclists and pedestrians. Others feel that new townhouses and condos have increased traffic and parking problems and that the design of new buildings does not fit into the neighborhood character.
- A number of respondents remarked on a strong sense of community.
- Some people feel that crime and noise has increased.
- Changes to Fauntleroy are viewed as positive by some but negatively by others who are concerned about increased automobile traffic.
- Most people are very pleased with changes to the business district and the parks while others feel that much more should still be done.
- Many respondents mentioned the failure of the monorail and would like to see improved transit service.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's <u>report</u>.



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## What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Online questionnaire comments pretty much followed the issues identified at the neighborhood-planning meeting. A key factor for many respondents, both online and in-person, was the lack of transportation development for Morgan Junction after termination of the monorail project. Participants seems to have little information about planning for the bus rapid transit commitment the City made to West Seattle. In addition there were many online comments on the need for more parking at the water taxi terminal. Overall the neighborhood seems pleased with developments in the neighborhood with the exception of transit planning.

#### In their own words... How has your neighborhood changed?

Strange looking apartment buildings have been built.

since the plan adoption- there are several new apartments and condominiums; there are a significant amount of multifamily townhomes, there is a new pocket park on California and the Orchard Street Ravine is underway. Traffic is worse especially at California and Fauntleroy

Have only lived here for one year. Love it! I know that there has been great park development and good roads & repaving projects.

Green Space—some improvements have been made to "Green Crescent" but connections are missing. Demographics—Density is increasing. Households are younger. Townhouses—Increased density is OK but design quality has to be better regulated & enforced. Commercial—# of businesses is increasing & quality is higher.

There are organized groups of people accomplishing things that are described in summary for our neighborhood. The Morgan Community Association (MoCA) is an organization to go to for resolving community issues.

The neighborhood has seen some single-family homes torn down for townhouses; this increases density (which might be good) but also detracts from some of the character of the neighborhood.