

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

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ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD

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BACKGROUND & VISION

BACKGROUND

The existing Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan, “Tomorrow’s Roosevelt” was adopted by the City of Seattle in 1999 as part of the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Significant changes have occurred in the Roosevelt neighborhood since the adoption of the neighborhood plan including the selection by Sound Transit of the location of the light rail station, the renovation of Roosevelt High School, new commercial developments and the expansion, to the north, of the neighborhood planning boundary. A strong, relevant plan is needed to guide the community in addressing the upcoming challenges of Station Area Planning and population growth.

The 2006 Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan will build on the success of the existing plan by updating it to reflect conditions, issues and information, which have changed since the plan was originally written.

The project of updating Roosevelt’s neighborhood plan is a mission undertaken with an abiding belief that:
Neighborhood Plans Do Matter.

Why? Roosevelt’s Neighborhood Plan has been vital to maintaining the community’s sense of place while encouraging distinctive and appropriate development and growth. Roosevelt’s plan places its highest emphasis on community. The key details and strategies listed in *Tomorrow’s Roosevelt* reflect the neighborhood’s desire to continue community-building efforts.

The 2006 Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan makes certain that the plan is an important and effective tool to ensure the Roosevelt community’s ability to meet the new growth challenges of today, preserving, preparing, and improving the community for tomorrow.

GOAL

Communicate and coordinate with city, county and state organizations to promote awareness of issues of importance to the Roosevelt community. Communicate and coordinate with groups representing adjacent neighborhoods to ensure community planning efforts are consistent across neighborhood boundaries.

STRATEGIES

The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) will coordinate with the Neighborhood Associations representing Green Lake, Maple Leaf, Roosevelt Neighbors Alliance and Ravenna/Bryant to ensure community planning efforts are consistent across neighborhood boundaries.

RNA will act as the neighborhood representative with Northeast District Council, Seattle City Council, CUCAC, Sound Transit, WSDOT, DPD, SPD and other regional government agencies.

NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

The Roosevelt Neighborhood is a diverse, eclectic, and socially active community that, while principally existing as a residential area, also serves as a transportation and commerce hub in northeast Seattle. Through thoughtful planning, Roosevelt successfully integrates diverse housing and employment options, transportation alternatives, thriving commercial activity and open space, creating a livable and sustainable neighborhood.

The Roosevelt Neighborhood encourages a wide range of businesses in its pedestrian and transit friendly commercial core to serve the needs of the community. The vibrant activity in downtown Roosevelt makes the neighborhood a safe place to be, day or night. The diversity and vitality of Roosevelt's cultural, entertainment and shopping amenities makes it an attractive destination.

An integrated variety of safe and convenient transportation alternatives in the Roosevelt neighborhood provide access to amenities in the surrounding area and provide links to destinations throughout the region.

The Roosevelt Neighborhood grows in an orderly manner, respecting its landmark buildings and predominant single-family character while accommodating increased urban density and transportation needs. Roosevelt's wide range of housing types, combined with the availability of goods and services within the neighborhood, make it an attractive place to live and work and results in an eclectic and diverse community.

It's a community where residents, businesses and workers shape the neighborhood's identity and take an active role in influencing civic concerns. Roosevelt is a place where neighbors know each other and recognize the importance of places to gather and celebrate community.

PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

To be included in final document.

KEY INTEGRATED STRATEGIES

No single activity will achieve the vision of the community. Recommendations from several of the plan elements, when combined, result in a strategy of multiple actions or activities that will achieve that vision. Each key strategy consists of activities for a single complex project or theme that the neighborhood considers critical in achieving its vision for the neighborhood. Some of the recommendations require City action. Others are recommended community activities. While Key Integrated Strategies are high priorities for the neighborhood, they represent a long-term vision, so specific activities within a key strategy may be implemented over a period of years.

KEY STRATEGY I: PRESERVE THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD'S CHARACTER

Preserve the Roosevelt neighborhood's character of well-maintained single-family homes while accommodating growth in specified areas of the Roosevelt Urban Village.

Seattle is a city of single-family neighborhoods and the strong presence of single-family homes in Roosevelt provide the essence of the neighborhood's character. The Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan seeks to balance the accommodation of new residential uses in the commercial core with the preservation of the unique single-family areas in the neighborhood and to promote the maintenance of existing properties in the neighborhood.

R-Urban Village Strategy (UVS) 2: Participate in Design Review to ensure adherence to the Transition Zone section of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines, which are intended to reduce impacts of commercial and multi-family projects on single-family zones.

R-Land Use Strategy (LUS) 1: Develop and distribute neighborhood education tools that will encourage homeowners and businesses to bring their properties into a well-maintained state to increase the overall appearance and image of the neighborhood. Participate in city-sponsored or community-sponsored neighborhood clean-up and improvement activities. Actively coordinate with City agencies to abate properties that fail to participate in these activities and pose a danger to public health and safety.

R-Housing Strategy (HS) 1: Through community outreach, encourage property owners and occupants to improve maintenance, health, and safety standards on their properties.

R-HS2 : Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle to abate properties where conditions represent a threat to public health and safety.

R-HS3: Sponsor community events that will clean up the neighborhood, plant new landscaping, help with home repair etc.

R-HS5: Coordinate with local developers, architects, and contractors when new developments are built to move single-family homes of distinguished architectural character to parcels within the neighborhood. Explore use in cottage housing situations, in-fill development, or other creative re-use ideas.

R-HS10: Explore the creation of a Community Land Trust to mitigate displacement, protect affordability, and share the financial rewards of community growth and development equitably.

R-Human Development Strategy (HDS) 4: Foster community safety with a strong block-watch system and disaster preparedness programs that help keep residential and commercial districts safe.

R-HDS11: Promote property maintenance, health, and safety standards on all properties.

R-Cultural Resources Strategy (CRS) 1: Prepare and maintain an inventory of existing buildings that have special attributes, such as historical or architectural value, or otherwise contribute significantly to the sense of community identity; implement a plan for supporting and preserving these assets and values. Incorporate the inventory into the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-Environmental Strategy (ES) 1: Protect and enhance the natural environment through community education, incentives and development standards that promote sound environmental practices by private landowners.

R-ES2: Support the planting and maintenance of street trees and landscaping, and use of alternative storm drainage practices to improve the pedestrian environment, provide shade, slow arterial traffic, reduce runoff and help lower summer street temperatures. Support the use of native, drought tolerant plants to promote water conservation and the removal of invasive plants.

KEY STRATEGY II: DEVELOP A PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY MIXED-USE CORE

Develop a compact, active, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use core around the Sound Transit Light Rail Station and ensure that the station is a vital asset to the community.

The decision by Sound Transit to locate the Roosevelt station underground adjacent the west edge of 12th Avenue NE and north of NE 65th Street provides the neighborhood with both great opportunities and great challenges. The construction of the cut-and-cover tunnel station will be disruptive and post construction impacts will need to be monitored to ensure a positive contribution of the station to the overall livability of the neighborhood.

R-Urban Village Strategy 5: Support zoning for mixed-use and high density residential in single block zones around the commercial core with less intense mixed-use zoning along the arterials radiating from the commercial core.

R-Transportation Strategy (TS) 4: Expand the Pedestrian Overlay Zone within the commercial core and around the light rail station.

R-TS17: Actively participate with Sound Transit, DPD, SDOT, METRO and contractors in planning, design and construction of the light rail station to ensure effective integration of all transportation alternatives, including pedestrians, bicycles, surface transit, taxi and private automobile.

R-TS18: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT to establish a Residential Parking Zone in areas impacted by the location of the light rail station.

R-Capital Facilities Strategy (CFS) 5: Promote and plan for the creation of a public plaza and other public amenities/facilities during the design of the Roosevelt Light Rail Station.

R-Economic Development Strategy (EDS) 2: Support and promote events and activities within the commercial core and at neighborhood institutions that will attract visitors and increase public awareness of the neighborhood and its businesses and organizations.

R-EDS3: Coordinate and support the creation and maintenance of consistent, signature street treatments within the commercial core and at gateway entry points to the neighborhood.

R-EDS6: Communicate and coordinate with the City and the Design Review Board to ensure that new developments around the light rail station incorporate the principles of Transit Oriented Development.

R-Environmental Strategy (ES) 5: Work with city and regional agencies to ensure that capital development projects meet Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines

R-ES7: Provide clean, well-lit, secure facilities for transit users and non-motorized travelers, to promote the use of environmentally friendly modes of transportation and the reduction of greenhouse gases.

KEY STRATEGY III: PROMOTE A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Promote a transportation system that provides a variety of transportation alternatives, is safe for bicycles and pedestrians and is efficient at moving traffic within and through the neighborhood.

The construction of the Sound Transit Light Rail Station in the commercial core, along with the growth expected to follow, provides opportunities to enhance the number of transportation alternatives in the community and reduce the use of automobiles. It also presents the challenges of maintaining parking supply, providing for safe and increased levels of pedestrian and bicycling traffic, accommodating increased bus service connecting with light rail.

R-Urban Village Strategy (UVS) 3: Communicate and coordinate with Seattle Police Department, King County METRO, Sound Transit and Seattle Department of Transportation to mitigate crime, parking and traffic concerns and to integrate travel to and from the Roosevelt neighborhood via thoroughfares and public transportation (city and regional).

R-UVS7: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT and participate in Design Review to promote the creation of gateway and commercial core intersections at 12th Avenue Northeast at Ravenna and NE 65th Street, Roosevelt Way at NE 65th Street and 75th Street, NE 65th Street at 8th Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE, NE 75th Street at 15th Avenue NE, NE 70th Street at 8th Avenue NE, and other intersections that may be identified in the future. Design elements should include several of the following elements: special paving or surface treatments, art, open space, water features, landscaping, seating, kiosks etc

R-Transportation Strategy (TS) 1: Establish and maintain liaison with Washington State Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, METRO and Seattle Police Department to coordinate transportation needs of the Roosevelt neighborhood. Establish a Roosevelt Neighborhood Association transportation sub- committee.

R-TS2: Promote bicycling and bicycling facilities and appoint a RNA bicycle liaison representative to the Bicycle Alliance and other bicycle organizations.

R-TS7: Maintain RNA representation on the Roosevelt High School Site Council to communicate issues and coordinate solutions to parking and transportation impacts.

R-TS8: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT and SPD to provide adequate speed limit signage and enforcement of speed limits.

R-TS9: Participate in SDOT's neighborhood speed enforcement program.

R-TS10: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT to install a fifteen-foot wide crosswalk marking at all arterial intersections and a twelve-foot wide crosswalk where access streets intersect with arterials.

R-TS11: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT, METRO and SPD to identify and implement measures to ensure pedestrian and bicycling safety.

R-TS12: Actively participate with Sound Transit, DPD, SDOT, METRO and contractors in planning, design and construction of the light rail station to ensure effective integration of all transportation alternatives, including pedestrians, bicycles, surface transit, taxi and private automobile.

R-Economic Development Strategy (EDS) 3: Coordinate and support the creation and maintenance of consistent, signature street treatments within the commercial core and at gateway entry points to the neighborhood.

R-Environmental Strategy (ES) 7: Provide clean, well-lit, secure facilities for transit users and non-motorized travelers, to promote the use of environmentally friendly modes of transportation and the reduction of greenhouse gases.

KEY STRATEGY IV: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES

Increase the amount of parks, open space and public gathering places in the Roosevelt neighborhood.

A healthy neighborhood is one in which there are a variety of places where people can recreate, relax or gather and interact. The Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan identifies numerous actions and opportunities to create new gathering places, both large and small.

R-Urban Village Strategy (UVS) 7: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT and participate in Design Review to promote the creation of gateway and commercial core intersections at 12th Avenue Northeast at Ravenna and NE 65th Street, Roosevelt Way at NE 65th Street and 75th Street, NE 65th Street at 8th Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE, NE 75th Street at 15th Avenue NE, NE 70th Street at 8th Avenue NE, and other intersections that may be identified in the future. Design elements should include several of the following elements: special paving or surface treatments, art, open space, water features, landscaping, seating, kiosks etc.

R- Capital Facilities Strategy (CFS) 4: Promote and plan for the creation of a city park at the current site of the Roosevelt Reservoir when it is decommissioned.

R-CFS5: Promote and plan for the creation of a public plaza and other public amenities/facilities during the design of the Roosevelt Light Rail Station.

R-CFS6: Promote the increase of land available for community gardening in the City's P-Patch Program

R-CFS8: Promote the increase in public open space through the use of design review, zoning departures, or the reassembly of parcel ownerships using street vacations.

R-CFS9: Communicate and coordinate with the appropriate public agencies regarding Roosevelt's need for and the location of schools, libraries, community centers, neighborhood service center, public restrooms, medical and human service facilities in the Roosevelt neighborhood.

R-Human Development Strategy (HDS) 10: Promote expansion of parks and open spaces and the pedestrian corridors that connect them to each other and the community.

R-Cultural Resources Strategy (CRS) 3: Develop open spaces, public art and public events that promote a sense of place.

R-CRS6: Develop a community gathering space that provides program activities for individuals and provides meeting/activity space for community groups.

KEY STRATEGY V: ENSURE THAT NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND REDEVELOPMENTS ARE DESIGNED IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD

Ensure that new developments and redevelopments are designed in a manner that reflects the Roosevelt neighborhood's character and is a positive addition to the community.

The anticipated construction of the Sound Transit light rail station in the core of the Roosevelt neighborhood will undoubtedly be a catalyst to construction of new commercial, residential and mixed-use buildings. The Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan supports adherence to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines to ensure that growth occurs in a manner that maintains and enhances Roosevelt's neighborhood character as known to its residents and business owners.

R-Urban Village Strategy (UVS) 1: Ensure adherence to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines through consistent and informed participation in the Design Review process.

R-UVS2: Participate in Design Review to ensure adherence to the Transition Zone section of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines, which are intended to reduce impacts of commercial and multi-family projects on single-family zones.

R-UVS4: Participate in the design of the light rail station and promote a design that conveys the neighborhood's identity, including neighborhood signage and public art. Promote inclusion, in projects beyond the light rail station, of neighborhood signage or community art that carries this look or theme through the neighborhood.

R-UVS6: Seek a reduction in the threshold by which projects are subject to design review to ensure that smaller multi-family developments and remodeling of commercial structures are subject to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-UVS7: Promote the awareness of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines to developers and regulatory agencies early in the planning process to ensure the neighborhood's identity and aesthetics is carried out and, where possible, encourage distinguishing characteristics be included in the design decisions.

R-Land Use Strategy (LUS) 4: Actively participate in the Design Review process through Roosevelt Neighborhood Association sub-committee that is given a specific responsibility to be knowledgeable of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines. Committee should serve as a two-way conduit between the community and the design review process.

R-Housing Strategy (HS) 6: Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle DPD regarding the creation of a special overlay zone for Ravenna Boulevard that would encourage the development of high quality, well-landscaped buildings along Ravenna Boulevard's north side. This overlay would be intended to complement the

Olmstead Legacy of the emerald necklace with a suitable tree canopy. Such a zone could buffer the residential zones of the neighborhood's southwest quadrant from freeway noise and, if density bonuses with appropriate subsidy were given, could integrate a portion of affordable units.

R-HS9: Support City policies to allow incentive/bonus/TDR programs in new construction, rehabilitation or adaptive re-use to encourage amenities such as open space, affordability, green design and historic preservation at the neighborhood scale, to balance increased densities and protect the livability of the neighborhood.

R-Capital Facilities Strategy (CFS) 2: Provide consistent and informed participation in the design review process to support design departures for developments that respect the protection of public views and promote the creation of public open spaces or community-gathering places.

R-Utilities Strategy (US) 3: Participate in meetings of the Design Review Board to ensure that new developments are using sustainable building products and employing techniques to reduce energy use (such as site planning for use of solar panels, natural ventilation and natural light) and storm-water runoff (such as green roofs and collection reuse of runoff for landscape irrigation).

R-Cultural Resources Strategy (CRS) 1: Prepare and maintain an inventory of existing buildings that have special attributes, such as historical or architectural value, or otherwise contribute significantly to the sense of community identity; implement a plan for supporting and preserving these assets and values. Incorporate the inventory into the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-CRS2: Make cultural resources an element of Design Review for proposed developments, and support incentives for projects that respect significant historical and cultural resources, or create significant new cultural resources.

R-ES6: Protect trees of historical and cultural significance as recognized by the Seattle Heritage Tree program and in contemporary publications such as *Trees of Seattle* through education, incentives, and development guidelines. Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle to develop a program that will identify and protect significant or signature trees during design review for private development and capital facilities. Develop public information materials that will inform the community of the location of significant or signature trees, even though those locations may be outside the jurisdiction of design review.

R-ES8: Participate in the Design Review process to ensure that new development is designed in a manner that enhances the use of natural lighting, natural ventilation and solar energy and does not create light pollution and glare. Support the extensive use of pervious surfaces, green roofs and indigenous drought-tolerant plant species and drainage systems that reduce/eliminate run-off from entering the sewer system.

PLAN ELEMENTS

This section contains Plan Elements that correspond to the Elements defined in the City of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. The intent is to echo the City of Seattle's plan structure as closely as possible.

1. URBAN VILLAGE ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan identifies the Roosevelt neighborhood as an Urban Village. The essential goals of the City's urban village strategy are to provide for a diverse mix of people of varied ages, incomes, cultures, employment and interests; vibrant, pedestrian-oriented commercial areas; a variety of housing types; a strong relationship between residential and commercial areas; community facilities; transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; well-integrated public open space; and a unique identity reflecting local history, natural features, culture and community pride.

GOALS

R-UVG1: Continue a strong representation of single-family zones, and commercial uses that support the needs of residents for goods, services and employment.

R-UVG2: Maintain and enhance Roosevelt's character as a destination urban village through a concentration of mixed uses in the urban core convenient to the light-rail station.

R-UVG3: Create a neighborhood identity drawn from existing architectural features, history, diversity and the neighborhood's reputation as an active and vital community.

R-UVG4: Promote higher-density dwellings, mixes of uses and transportation improvements in areas surrounding the commercial core and along major commercial corridors to support walking and use of public transportation, use of neighborhood businesses.

R-UVG5: Foster a sense of community among a diverse population of residents, and provide goods, services and activities to support different needs and interests of the diverse populations.

POLICIES

R-UVF1: Promote design that incorporates Roosevelt's neighborhood aesthetic and architectural history in new development, redevelopment or adaptive re-use and provides a pedestrian-friendly storefront experience.

R-UVF2: Continue and increase the neighborhood's commitment to creating safe streets free of litter, graffiti, drug usage and crime.

R-UVF3: Recognize the light rail station as a major opportunity for establishing and developing the neighborhood identity and as a focal point for an urban village core commercial zone.

R-UV4: Focus retail/commercial growth in the Commercial Core/Station Area including mixed-use and single-use projects in appropriate locations.

R-UV5: Promote the preservation and maintenance of existing neighborhood amenities (Cowen Park, Froula Park, P-Patch).

R-UV6: Promote the development of new neighborhood amenities such as art installations, public plazas, recreational facilities, parks and open space.

STRATEGIES

R-UVS1: Ensure adherence to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines through consistent and informed participation in the Design Review process.

R-UVS2: Participate in Design Review to ensure adherence to the Transition Zone section of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines, which are intended to reduce impacts of commercial and multi-family projects on single-family zones.

R-UVS3: Communicate and coordinate with Seattle Police Department, King County METRO, Sound Transit and Seattle Department of Transportation to mitigate crime, parking and traffic concerns and to integrate travel to and from the Roosevelt neighborhood via thoroughfares and public transportation (city and regional).

R-UVS4: Participate in the design of the light rail station and promote a design that conveys the neighborhood's identity, including neighborhood signage and public art. Promote inclusion, in projects beyond the light rail station, of neighborhood signage or community art that carries this look or theme through the neighborhood.

R-UVS5: Support zoning for mixed-use and high density residential in single block zones around the commercial core with less intense mixed-use zoning along the arterials radiating from the commercial core.

R-UVS6: Seek a reduction in the threshold by which projects are subject to design review to ensure that smaller multi-family developments and remodeling of commercial structures are subject to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-UVS7: Promote the awareness of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines to developers and regulatory agencies early in the planning process to ensure the neighborhood's identity and aesthetic is carried out and, where possible, encourage distinguishing characteristics be included in the design decisions.

R-UVS8: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT and participate in Design Review to promote the creation of gateway and commercial core intersections at 12th Avenue Northeast at Ravenna and NE 65th Street, Roosevelt Way at NE 65th Street and 75th Street, NE 65th Street at 8th Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE, NE 75th Street at 15th Avenue NE, NE 70th Street at 8th Avenue NE, and other intersections that may be identified in the future. Design elements should include several of the following elements: special paving or surface treatments, art, open space, water features, landscaping, seating, kiosks etc.

R-UVS9: Promote awareness and participation in the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and support activities that bring awareness of community needs, foster dialogue between citizens, encourage participation in community events and organized community programs such as Block Watch and Adopt-a-Street.

2. LAND USE ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The Roosevelt Urban Village contains a broad mixture of residential, commercial and public uses. The predominant land use and zoning is single-family residential. Commercial zoning is centered around the intersection of Roosevelt Way and NE 65th Street and radiates each direction along those arterial streets. Three large public parcels are occupied by Cowen Park, Roosevelt High School and the Roosevelt Reservoir/Froula Park.

GOALS

R-LUG1: Foster development in a way that preserves single-family residentially zoned enclaves and provides buffers between incompatible uses

R-LUG2: Promote the growth of the Roosevelt Urban Village in a manner that concentrates growth in the commercial core and near the light rail station and provides less dense residential, mixed use and commercial development along the commercial arterials that extend from the core.

R-LUG3: Support the development of local businesses that serve both the Roosevelt community and consumers from adjacent areas.

R-LUG4: Promote the development of the area within one-quarter mile of the light rail station in a manner that encourages and enables a high level of pedestrian activity.

R-LUG5: Promote the design of private development and capital facilities that protects and enhances views and vistas.

POLICIES

R-LUP1: Promote architectural design of new single-family developments compatible with the historic Craftsman (bungalow), Tudor and Deco styles of the Roosevelt Neighborhood.

R-LUP2: Foster a favorable pedestrian experience through the planting of street trees and landscaping, and undergrounding of utility lines.

R-LUP3: Support a zoning strategy that consolidates disparate zoning into whole blocks in and near the urban core and light rail station, to result in more congruous development.

R-LUP4: Support the infill development of commercial zoned properties that are vacant or underutilized.

R-LUP5: Promote the development of new multi-family dwellings, in properly zoned areas, that will serve as buffers between the commercial core, freeway and commercial corridors and single-family zoned enclaves.

STRATEGIES

R-LUS1: Develop and distribute neighborhood education tools that will encourage homeowners and businesses to bring their properties into a well-maintained state to increase the overall appearance and image of the neighborhood.

R-LUS2: Participate in city-sponsored or community-sponsored neighborhood clean-up and improvement activities.

R-LUS3: Actively coordinate with City agencies to abate properties that fail to participate in these activities and pose a danger to public health and safety.

R-LUS4: Communicate and coordinate with DPD to develop a sub-designation or overlay for Low-rise zones that would prohibit the construction of tandem housing.

R-LUS5: Actively participate in the Design Review process through Roosevelt Neighborhood Association sub-committee that is given a specific responsibility to be knowledgeable of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines. Committee should serve as a two-way conduit between the community and the design review process.

R-LUS6: Support the recruitment of local businesses that bring goods and services and job opportunities and that are appropriate to serve the diverse population with a strong base of single-family homes.

R-LUS7: Communicate and coordinate with DPD to provide means by which Urban Villages outside Downtown Seattle can provide “bonus” programs that encourage affordable housing, open space, public amenities and sustainable design.

R-LUS8: Seek a reduction in the threshold by which projects are subject to design review to ensure that smaller multi-family developments and remodeling of commercial structures are subject to the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

3. TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Roosevelt's designation as an Urban Village reflects Seattle's intent to enhance the neighborhood's pedestrian and bicycle friendly nature and the desire to connect Roosevelt to the surrounding neighborhoods, urban centers and to the rest of the city and outlying communities.

Following a strong, enthusiastic and cooperative campaign by the Roosevelt Neighborhood and adjacent communities, Sound Transit chose a route and station location including an underground light rail route through the neighborhood, with an underground station between N.E. 65th and N.E. 68th Streets, adjacent to the west side of 12th Avenue N.E. These decisions put to rest many uncertainties facing the neighborhood.

Once funding is secured for the extension of light rail through the Roosevelt neighborhood, station design and station area planning will begin in earnest. The existing street network is expected to accommodate additional bus routes and increased frequency of operation to connect communities to the north, east and west with the Roosevelt Station, while some reduction in bus service to the University District and Downtown Seattle is expected.

Integrating light rail into the transportation system, maintaining parking supply, providing for safe and increased levels of pedestrian and bicycling traffic, and accommodating increased population and increased bus service connecting with light rail are important and significant challenges for the neighborhood.

A. TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Principal Arterials: Serve as the principal route for the movement of traffic through the City. Connect Interstate Freeways to major activity centers, to minor and collector arterial streets and directly to traffic destinations. Serve major traffic generators such as the Central Business District, major shopping or commercial districts and move traffic from community to community.

Minor Arterials: To distribute traffic from Principal Arterials to Collector Arterials and Access streets, directly to secondary traffic generators such as community shopping areas, high schools, community centers and athletic fields, and to serve trips between neighborhoods within a community. Generally located on neighborhood boundaries except when necessary to provide adequate service to traffic generators located within neighborhoods.

Collector Arterials: To collect and distribute traffic from Principal and Minor Arterials to Access Streets or directly to local destinations. Collector arterials are typically located within neighborhood boundaries and serve small groups of stores, schools, small apartment complexes, and residential land uses.

Access Streets: Access streets are not part of the arterial network. They provide direct access from the arterial network to local land uses.

Commercial Access Streets – Provides access to commercial and industrial land uses and provides localized traffic circulation. On-street parking and access to off-street parking and loading for adjacent land uses.

Residential Access Streets – Provides access to neighborhood land uses and access to higher level traffic streets. On-street parking and access to off-street parking and loading for immediate residential area.

GOALS

R-TG1: Allow our principal and minor arterials to accommodate anticipated increases in transit, truck and automobile traffic, while maintaining and enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety.

R-TG2: Balance the use of arterials for the movement of people and goods with parking needs.

R-TG3: Minimize cut through traffic on access and local residential streets that are not arterials.

R-TG4: Respect the Olmsted legacy of Ravenna Blvd. as an element of the city's transportation and open space system.

R-TG5: Enhance the "greening" of local access streets.

R-TG6: Ensure that Roosevelt continues to be well integrated into the regional transportation infrastructure.

R-TG7: Encourage mass transit, bicycling and walking as an environmentally friendly alternative transportation mode.

POLICIES

R-TP1: Acknowledge the city of Seattle's policy that the existing built street environment must accommodate foreseeable traffic increases and provide interface with the light rail station.

R-TP2: Promote continued examination and discussion regarding the need for parking on arterial streets in comparison with the need for parking restrictions.

R-TP3: Promote the improvement of sidewalk widths on principal and minor arterials to encourage pedestrian use and improve pedestrian safety.

R-TP4: Promote the improvement of the Roosevelt neighborhood's streetscape through the installation of street trees, landscaping and street furniture to encourage use of arterial sidewalks. See "Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines" for guidance.

R-TP5: Promote continued examination and discussion of the concept of returning portions of Roosevelt Way NE and 12th Avenue NE to their original configuration of two-way streets through the Roosevelt Urban Village.

STRATEGIES

R-TS1: Establish and maintain liaison with Washington State Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, METRO and Seattle Police Department to coordinate transportation needs of the Roosevelt neighborhood. Establish a Roosevelt Neighborhood Association transportation subcommittee.

R-TS2: Promote bicycling and bicycling facilities and appoint a RNA bicycle liaison representative to the Bicycle Alliance and other bicycle organizations.

R-TS3: Promote an analysis of the efficacy of use of shared Bike-Transit Lanes (Scotland) on Roosevelt Way NE and 12th Avenue through the Roosevelt Urban Village.

R-TS4: Expand the Pedestrian Overlay Zone within the commercial core and around the light rail station.

R-TS5: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT to identify local access streets that may qualify as green streets or SEASTREETS under City programs.

R-TS6: Communicate and coordinate with the Seattle Department of Transportation to reduce or eliminate trips that cut-through the residential areas of the neighborhood on non-arterial streets.

B. PARKING

GOALS

R-TG8: Promote the preservation of on-street parking for residents and their guests on minor arterials without bus routes and local access streets.

R-TG9: Promote the optimization of on-street parking on principal and minor arterials.

R-TG10: Improve residential parking and performance of the Residential Parking Zone (RPZ).

R-TG11: Improve customer parking and access.

R-TG12: Improve employee parking and access.

POLICIES

R-TP6: Promote the equitable distribution of parking on commercial and residential access streets to provide a safe flow of traffic relative to traffic volume and optimize the amount of on-street parking.

R-TP7: Pursue lot-sharing opportunities to increase the supply of safe and convenient parking for employees.

R-TP8: As a community, provide ongoing monitoring of parking conditions in the neighborhood and communicate and coordinate with SDOT regarding problems and solutions; and with SPD regarding parking enforcement.

STRATEGIES

R-TS7: Encourage METRO to provide safe and secure Park and Ride Lots under Interstate 5 through the installation and maintenance of lighting and use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

R-TS8: Encourage Roosevelt High School and the Calvary Christian Assembly Church to work with SDOT to develop institutional parking restrictions to protect against commuters usurping on-street parking on N.E. 66th and 68th streets for the school and on N.E. 68th and 69th streets for the church.

R-TS9: Monitor the performance of on-street parking on residential blocks and adjust the RPZ as needed.

R-TS10: Raise awareness in the community regarding parking regulations and incident report procedures for chronic problems and violations.

R-TS11: Prioritize on-street parking in commercial areas for customer parking, where feasible. Monitor turnover and adjust parking control as needed. Communicate and coordinate with SDOT regarding the removal or reduction of peak-hour parking restrictions on Roosevelt Way and 12th Avenue NE as a means of providing parking supply and slowing through-neighborhood traffic.

R-TS12: Inventory opportunities for lot-sharing.

R-TS13: Work with SDOT or METRO, or both to develop a neighborhood parking, transit and transportation map. This should include information on bike routes, location of transit stops, available bus routes, alternative commuting options etc. This document should be made available to all residents and prominently posted in visible locations throughout the neighborhood.

R-TS14: Encourage employers to communicate transportation opportunities to their employees and to provide incentives for using alternative transportation such as showers, bike storage and lockers, free or subsidized transit passes, car-pool coordination, car pool vans etc.

R-TS15: Encourage neighborhood businesses to provide incentives for customers who reach their establishment by means other than automobile. Incentives may include one-fare bus tickets, bike racks or discounts on merchandise.

R-TS16: Pursue grants such as Seattle's Car Smart Community Challenge Grants that fund projects designed to reduce car trips. [www.cityofseattle.net/carsmart/]

C. SAFETY

GOALS

R-TG13: Develop, maintain and enforce effective traffic control on principal and minor arterials to enhance pedestrian safety and promote a healthy walking environment.

R-TG14: Promote safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the transportation network.

POLICIES

R-TP9: Promote the effective use of traffic signals, push button control signals, crosswalk improvements and widening of sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety and encourage walking.

R-TP10: Promote the development of north/south bicycle lanes through the Roosevelt Urban Village.

R-TP11: Promote site planning that reduces conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

STRATEGIES

R-TS17: Maintain RNA representation on the Roosevelt High School Site Council to communicate issues and coordinate solutions to parking and transportation impacts.

R-TS18: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT and SPD to provide adequate speed limit signage and enforcement of speed limits.

R-TS19: Participate in SDOT's neighborhood speed enforcement program.

R-TS20: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT to install a fifteen-foot wide crosswalk marking at all arterial intersections and a twelve-foot wide crosswalk where access streets intersect with arterials.

R-TS21: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT, METRO and SPD to identify and implement measures to ensure pedestrian and bicycling safety.

R-TS22: Participate in the Design Review process to ensure that conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians/bicycles in parking lots and driveway access points are mitigated.

R-TS23: Participate in the Design Review process and during Master Use Permit review to ensure the pedestrian impacts caused by building construction are mitigated to the greatest degree feasible. Encourage liaison between the contractor and the community during construction.

D. LIGHT RAIL STATION

GOALS

R-TG15: Promote and support the integration of the Sound Transit Light Rail Station into the transportation network of the Roosevelt Urban Village.

POLICIES

R-TP12: Promote the establishment of a surface transit routing scheme that provides convenient, effective and frequent access to the light rail station.

R-TP13: Promote elements in the design of the light rail station that provides functional loading and unloading for taxis, van pools, special-needs vans and private vehicles and transfer points for surface transit.

R-TP14: Promote improvements of pedestrian and bicycle facilities around the light rail station to ensure safe access and facilities at the station and to accommodate bicyclists who transfer to light rail.

R-TP15: Promote special measures to protect on street parking for residents and neighborhood commercial patrons from light rail users who commute to the station by automobile.

STRATEGIES

R-TS24: Actively participate with Sound Transit, DPD, SDOT, METRO and contractors in planning, design and construction of the light rail station to ensure effective integration of all transportation alternatives, including pedestrians, bicycles, surface transit, taxi and private automobiles.

R-TS25: Communicate and coordinate with SDOT to establish a Residential Parking Zone in areas impacted by the location of the light rail station.

4. HOUSING ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Seattle is a city of neighborhoods and the architectural character of single-family homes in Roosevelt contributes to the neighborhood's appeal. The mandates of the State Growth Management Act require that growth within certain counties be accommodated in urban areas. Seattle's response to growth management was to enact a comprehensive plan based on a strategy of developing "urban villages" to accommodate growth. This section of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan seeks to balance the accommodation of new residential uses in the commercial core with the preservation of the unique single-family areas in the neighborhood.

GOALS

R-HG1: Protect and maintain the architectural heritage of Roosevelt's Craftsman, bungalow and Tudor style housing while embracing growth of well designed buildings of an appropriate scale.

R-HG2: Create a diversity of housing types that reflects the diversity of households, incomes, and housing needs of our neighborhood to promote housing opportunities for a wide range of residents.

R-HG3: Accommodate most of the residential growth by encouraging larger development concentrated in and around the Roosevelt Urban Village's light rail station and commercial core.

POLICIES

R-HP1: Promote the preservation and maintenance of existing single-family homes in single-family zones and reduce development impacts to homes on the edge of the single-family zones such as through application of the Transition Zone section of the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-HP2: Encourage an appropriate fit of scale and architectural character in all new developments.

R-HP3: Encourage extended families and families with children to reside in Roosevelt.

R-HP4: Encourage housing options for people with disabilities, senior citizens, and those with low or moderate-income levels.

R-HP5: Seek to protect long-term residents from involuntary displacement from the neighborhood.

R-HP6: Encourage mixed-use and larger multi-family structures in and immediately surrounding the transit and commercial core to accommodate increased density in our neighborhood.

R-HP7: Encourage single-family homes and smaller multi-family properties in appropriately zoned areas outside the immediate commercial core.

STRATEGIES

R-HS1: Through community outreach, encourage property owners and occupants to improve maintenance, health, and safety standards on their properties.

R-HS2: Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle to abate properties where conditions represent a threat to public health and safety.

R-HS3: Sponsor community events that will clean up the neighborhood, plant new landscaping, help with home repair etc.

R-HS4: Monitor and influence new residential developments through consistent and informed participation in the design review process.

R-HS5: Coordinate with local developers, architects, and contractors when new developments are built to move single-family homes of distinguished architectural character to parcels within the neighborhood. Explore use in cottage housing situations, in-fill development, or other creative re-use ideas.

R-HS6: Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle DPD regarding the creation of a special overlay zone for Ravenna Boulevard that would encourage the development of high quality, well-landscaped buildings along Ravenna Boulevard's north side. This overlay would be intended to complement the Olmstead Legacy of the emerald necklace with a suitable tree canopy. Such a zone could buffer the residential zones of the neighborhood's southwest quadrant from freeway noise and, if density bonuses with appropriate subsidy were given, could integrate a portion of affordable units.

R-HS7: Outside of the Pedestrian Zone, encourage multi-family ground related housing with landscaping, courtyards, playground space and community gardens, with larger, family units in some buildings.

R-HS8: Support partnerships with community organizations and both for-profit and non-profit developers to promote and integrate a wide variety of housing opportunities in the neighborhood.

R-HS9: Support City policies to allow incentive/bonus/TDR programs in new construction, rehabilitation or adaptive re-use to encourage amenities such as open space, affordability, green design and historic preservation at the neighborhood scale, to balance increased densities and protect the livability of the neighborhood.

R-HS10: Communicate and coordinate with DPD to create zoning categories that permit "row-house" or zero-lot line development to offer an addition alternative to create affordable housing.

R-HS11: Explore the creation of a Community Land Trust to mitigate displacement, protect affordability, and share the financial rewards of community growth and development equitably.

R-HS12: Support efforts by the City and Sound Transit in preventing speculative "flipping" of properties in anticipation of the construction of the light rail station.

R-HS13: Support and encourage employer sponsored live-close-to-work programs.

5. CAPITAL FACILITIES ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Roosevelt High School, Cowen Park, Froula Park and the Roosevelt P-Patch are existing capital facilities in the Roosevelt neighborhood. Roosevelt residents rely on public facilities in Green Lake, Ravenna and the University District for services such as library and community center.

As the population of the neighborhood is allowed to increase, so will the need for additional public facilities, particularly in the areas slated for more dense development. Increasing the amount of public open spaces and public facilities in a fully developed urban neighborhood is challenging. A public plaza between the light rail station entrances would provide a opportunity for the creation of new public spaces and facilities. Likewise, the decommissioning of the Roosevelt reservoir will provide a tremendous opportunity for a large multi-use park in the north portion of the neighborhood to complement Cowen Park in the south. Pedestrian spaces in conjunction with gateway treatments and transit stops will also add to the list of public amenities in the neighborhood.

Protecting public views of mountains from current public space is important for Roosevelt to retain its northwest identity and sense of place as a neighborhood of Seattle, not just another big city, but a city nestled in an evergreen forest, amongst lakes and waterways between mountains and the ocean.

Additional open space will be needed to complement the additional density recommended for the residential area of the western portion and for the eastern gateway and 65th commercial corridor.

Ensuring that the long-term future growth for Roosevelt, Green Lake, and the University District Urban Center includes households with children requires the presence of schools. Although school closings rather than additions are being planned for the immediate future, the Roosevelt community endorses the University Neighborhood's plan for a quality elementary school to be developed in conjunction with the University of Washington.

GOALS

R-CFG1: Enhance and protect the existing public open spaces and public views in the Roosevelt neighborhood as density and building heights increase.

R-CFG2: As growth in the neighborhood occurs and density increases, provide additional public open spaces and indoor and outdoor community gathering places with a broad range of parks, recreation and cultural facilities for neighborhood enjoyment and a network of bicycle/pedestrian trails and corridors that connect them.

R-CFG3: Provide public plazas and other public urban amenities in the commercial core and at the light rail station.

POLICIES

R-CFP1: Protect the value of Roosevelt's public spaces by reducing shade/shadow impacts from surrounding development, enhancing and maintaining the landscape and facilities, and preserving public views from these spaces of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier, the downtown Seattle skyline, and City Landmarks.

R-CFP2: Promote increased use of existing public open spaces.

R-CFP3: Provide well-maintained parks and open spaces with a variety of facilities that will promote positive activity and the safety of park users.

R-CFP4: Increase the amount of parks and recreation facilities and open space in the neighborhood through the redevelopment of unused, under-utilized or decommissioned public properties or facilities for public use.

R-CFP5: Promote the design and programming of existing open spaces and facilities for alternative activities and shared uses.

R-CFP6: Increase the amount of open space to support higher density residential development in appropriately zoned areas.

R-CFP7: Provide trails and corridors that connect existing and new parks and open spaces, thus creating an open space “network”.

STRATEGIES

R-CFS1: Protect the views from Roosevelt High School, Froula Park, and the current site of the Roosevelt Reservoir (and other public spaces) of Mount Rainier, the Olympic Mountains, the Seattle skyline and other City Landmarks

R-CFS2: Provide consistent and informed participation in the design review process to support design departures for developments that respect the protection of public views and promote the creation of public open spaces or community-gathering places.

R-CFS3: Support the involvement of volunteer groups that assist with enhancement and maintenance of public spaces, thus promoting their continued use and a safe, family-friendly environment.

R-CFS4: Promote and plan for the creation of a city park at the current site of the Roosevelt Reservoir when it is decommissioned.

R-CFS5: Promote and plan for the creation of a public plaza and other public amenities/facilities during the design of the Roosevelt Light Rail Station.

R-CFS6: Promote the increase of land available for community gardening in the City’s P-Patch Program.

R-CFS7: Promote continued, shared usage of outdoor athletic facilities at Roosevelt High School with members of the community at large, according to the joint use agreement between Seattle City Schools and the City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.

R-CFS8: Promote the increase in public open space through the use of design review, zoning departures, or the reassembly of parcel ownerships using street vacations.

R-CFS9: Communicate and coordinate with the SDPR regarding the planning and implementation of a bicycle and pedestrian trail/corridor network that would connect all of the parks, open space and recreational facilities in the Roosevelt neighborhood.

R-CFS10: Communicate and coordinate with the appropriate public agencies regarding addressing Roosevelt Neighborhood's need for and the location of schools, library, postal facilities, community center, neighborhood service center, public restrooms, medical and human service facilities.

R-CFS11: Communicate and coordinate with WSDOT, SDOT, METRO and Sound Transit to encourage the inclusion of public amenities with their capital improvements, or to allow the development within their rights-of-way or facilities. Such public amenities may include a "skatespot" under Interstate 5, public art, shelter, benches and pedestrian scale lighting.

R-CFS12: Communicate and coordinate with the Seattle School District to explore innovative mechanisms or agreements between the District and community groups that provide programming opportunities of Roosevelt High School facilities that are mutually beneficial.

6. UTILITIES ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Seattle City Light provides electricity and street lighting to the Roosevelt neighborhood. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provides domestic water, drainage & sewer and solid waste services. SPU also manages the garbage, yard waste and recycling programs. METRO provides sewage treatment. Internet and television cable and telephone service are provided by investor-owned utilities. One private telecommunications company occupies a prominent building in the commercial core.

The availability of adequate utilities, particularly state-of-the-art technology services, is an important factor for new economic development as an enticement for people to reside and settle here, as well as for the practice of “telecommuting” which is a factor in reducing transportation impacts in the community.

GOALS

R-UG1: Maintain and enhance access within Roosevelt by all residents and businesses to the broadest range of utility systems available within the city of Seattle.

R-UG2: Reduce the use of energy and production of non-recyclable waste.

R-UG3: Increase the reuse of storm water run-off and yard waste and the recycling of solid waste.

R-UG4: Reduce the visual impact of utilities in the Roosevelt neighborhood.

POLICIES

R-UP1: Promote the position of Roosevelt as a neighborhood of high technology connectivity. Encourage and support programs that provide connectivity to all residences and businesses regardless of income level.

R-UP2: Ensure that all residents and business have equal access to public and private utilities and programs that reduce cost and waste.

R-UP3: Encourage the participation by all Roosevelt residents and businesses in voluntary programs for yard waste reduction and recycling, rain water collection and reuse, solar connection to the City’s electrical grid and other such programs as may be sponsored by the City of Seattle, King County, METRO, State of Washington, private utilities or other public interest organizations.

R-UP4: Promote the use of sustainable building products and energy/water conserving fixtures in all new construction.

R-UP5: Promote the under-grounding of all over-head utility lines during utility or street improvement projects or new commercial development.

R-UP6: Encourage the under-grounding of side-service lines in all new building construction projects.

R-UP7: Encourage the screening from public view all above ground utility facilities, such as electrical substations, with either landscaping or artistic treatments.

R-UP8: Discourage the proliferation of satellite dishes and other antennae by encouraging co-location in fewer locations.

STRATEGIES

R-US1: Support efforts by the City of Seattle and/or private utilities to provide state-of-the art technology service to all residents, businesses and institutions in Roosevelt Neighborhood.

R-US2: Develop tools, including articles in the RNA newsletter and links on the RNA website, to inform residents and businesses within the Roosevelt community of programs aimed at energy conservation and reduction of waste.

R-US3: Participate in meetings of the Design Review Board to ensure that new developments are using sustainable building products and employing techniques to reduce energy use (such as site planning for use of solar panels, natural ventilation and natural light) and storm-water runoff (such as green roofs and collection and reuse of runoff for landscape irrigation).

R-US4: Participate in public meetings regarding major construction projects, including the Sound Transit North Link, to present a strong lobby for the inclusion of the under-grounding of overhead utilities as part of the improvement project.

R-US5: Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle Department of Planning & Development to include the under-grounding of side-service utilities in the Design Review process.

R-US6: Review and submit comments on Master Use Permit applications for the installation of satellite dishes or other antennae equipment.

R-US7: Coordinate and communicate with the City of Seattle Department of Public Utilities to develop rainwater harvesting programs and alternative means of storm water management thus reducing the volume of rainwater that enters the sewer system.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The majority of commercial and retail uses in the Roosevelt Neighborhood are concentrated along Roosevelt Way NE and NE 65th Street. Those uses include a variety of services, offices, destination retail, and restaurants. This area forms the core of the neighborhood's commercial zoning and contains a pedestrian overlay zone. Surrounding the commercial core and extending north and south along Roosevelt Way NE and east and west along NE 65th Street is a mix of commercial and multifamily residential uses.

There is a strong desire to maintain the small-town character of the Roosevelt neighborhood commercial core as it is transformed into a high-density, mixed-use urban village. The existing retail center has a solid core of commercial uses fronting the sidewalk, with relatively few intervening uses or parking lots. This provides a good foundation for a vital pedestrian-oriented retail core.

GOALS

R-EDG1: Support Seattle's Urban Village strategy by promoting the health of the Roosevelt neighborhood commercial core and fostering a strong, vibrant, pedestrian oriented neighborhood business district.

R-EDG2: Take advantage of the location of the light rail station by promoting the concept of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) that provides housing, business and employment opportunities and reduces reliance on personal automobiles.

R-EDG3: Serve the diverse population of the Roosevelt neighborhood with a broad range of sustainable and environmentally friendly businesses and employment opportunities in, and immediately surrounding, the light rail station and commercial core.

R-EDG4: Recognize that Roosevelt's cultural resources, including schools, institutions, traditions, historic resources, and creative people, are important contributors to our neighborhood economy, as well as to the city.

R-EDG5: Develop and establish a neighborhood identity.

POLICIES

R-EDP1: Support retention and growth of existing businesses, industries, and small firms within the Roosevelt Urban Village, and actively seek to attract new businesses appropriate to the neighborhood context and infrastructure.

R-EDP2: Promote opportunities for business development and transportation-oriented development related to the Roosevelt light rail station.

R-EDP3: Support the establishment of neighborhood businesses that will encourage employees to live in or near the neighborhood, telecommute, or utilize alternative transportation options.

R-EDP4: Encourage development of live/work arrangements within traditional commercial and office spaces, allowing residents to shop, work and play within walking distance of their Roosevelt homes.

R-EDP5: Develop a marketable neighborhood identity that will increase awareness of the Roosevelt neighborhood throughout Seattle.

R-EDP6: Strengthen ties with schools, institutions, arts & cultural entities, non-profits, and other organizations and recognize their contribution of economic diversity, living wage jobs, new economic activity and capital to the neighborhood.

STRATEGIES

R-EDS1: Support formation of organizations of commercial entities in and around the Roosevelt neighborhood to bolster economic development and strengthen the commercial core.

R-EDS2: Support and promote events and activities within the commercial core and at neighborhood institutions that will attract visitors and increase public awareness of the neighborhood and its businesses and organizations.

R-EDS3: Coordinate and support the creation and maintenance of consistent, signature street treatments within the commercial core and at gateway entry points to the neighborhood.

R-EDS4: Communicate and coordinate with METRO, Sound Transit and appropriate City of Seattle agencies to ensure that the Roosevelt Urban Village is included in all promotional, informational or other public outreach materials.

R-EDS5: Communicate and coordinate with local retailers, services and area realtors to identify the Roosevelt neighborhood in their advertising.

R-EDS6: Communicate and coordinate with the City and the Design Review Board to ensure that new developments around the light rail station incorporate the principles of Transit Oriented Development.

8. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Roosevelt community strongly desires to promote, develop and maintain activities and resources that assist individual members of our neighborhood in expanding their knowledge and appreciation of the larger community and themselves. Furthermore, the Roosevelt community seeks to promote a safe environment, and one in which neighbors can feel a sense of belonging and a willingness to participate. Involvement in civic and neighborhood activities reinforces the concept of personal responsibility and community vitality. Involved individuals create healthy sustainable communities. Roosevelt Neighborhood has a strong history of active people investing time and energy to building a just and healthy community.

The roster of existing community activities includes, but is not limited to, the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association, the Roosie newsletter, the monthly Roosevelt Art Walk, the annual Bull Moose Festival and many activities sponsored by Roosevelt High School. These items provide an excellent foundation for a wide range of further opportunities accessed through local government, area businesses, and educational institutions.

GOALS

R-HDG1: Make Roosevelt a neighborhood that supports a variety of life styles, including individuals, and families of all sizes, where all are involved in community and neighborhood life.

R-HDG2: Promote respect and appreciation for diversity in the Roosevelt Neighborhood including differences in ethnicity, language, income, age, gender, health, lifestyle and family structure.

R-HDG3: Promote compassion for those in the Roosevelt Neighborhood who are disadvantaged.

R-HDG4: Promote public safety through active community involvement and good urban design.

R-HDG5: Create an environment for sustainable living, accessible health care, education, and housing within the Roosevelt community.

POLICIES

R-HDP1: Create opportunities that build connections through community service and volunteering.

R-HDP2: Promote activities that increase youths' attachment to the community.

R-HDP3: Foster a family friendly environment and activities that promote cross-generational participation.

R-HDP4: Create advocacy for responses to neighborhood safety concerns.

R-HDP5: Support programs that provide assistance to disadvantaged individuals and families.

R-HDP-6: Foster meaningful interaction between the diverse populations of residents, businesses and workers by supporting neighborhood organizations and events.

STRATEGIES

R-HDS1: Communicate and coordinate with neighborhood groups, institutions, government and non-profits to participate in and sponsor events. Invite these groups to participate in neighborhood meetings and activities.

R-HDS2: Increase awareness of available human service opportunities through local publications and neighborhood bulletin boards.

R-HDS3: Implement an outreach program about the potential use of sustainable resource practices across the neighborhood.

R-HDS4: Foster community safety with a strong block-watch system and disaster preparedness programs that help keep residential and commercial districts safe.

R-HDS5: Promote development adhering to the Seattle Police Department's Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program.

R-HDS6: Promote advocacy and educational programs focused on addressing neighborhood safety concerns through the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association.

R-HDS7: Communicate and coordinate with non-profits and public agencies with programs that address homelessness, mental health, substance abuse and other disabilities.

R-HDS8: Support activities that involve young people, as well as cross-generational participation.

R-HDS9: Communicate and coordinate with Roosevelt High School to promote active and effective participation by the school with the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association.

R-HDS10: Promote expansion of parks and open spaces and the pedestrian corridors that connect them to each other and the community.

R-HDS11: Promote property maintenance, health, and safety standards on all properties.

R-HDS12: Seek new ways to encourage community-service innovation.

9. CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Cultural resources take many forms from the socially constructed to the built environment to nature. All of these forms of cultural resources contribute greatly to our sense of neighborhood identity, as well as can contribute economically. The Roosevelt Neighborhood will advocate for the preservation of our wide array of cultural resources through preservation, education and community involvement.

Roosevelt Neighborhood's built resources range from well-known resources, such as the City Landmark Cowen Park Bridge, Olmsted-designed Ravenna Boulevard, and the newly renovated City Landmark Roosevelt High School, to less widely recognized resources, such as the Greenlake Reservoir pump house, Puget Sound Radiator, the former Standard Records store (also called Standard Radio), the Annie and Homer Russell houses, Jud Yoho model bungalow, Hollywood Theater, Sunlight Cafe, and the gateway Gothic Revival commercial building at NE 61st and Roosevelt Way .

Open spaces and the urban forest also represent important cultural resources. A.L. Jacobsen, author of *Trees of Seattle*, identified 36 notable trees in the area. The Roosevelt P-patch has built community and added to our open space. Cowen Park is part of the Olmsted Seattle Park legacy, providing an outstanding community asset as well as a traditional cultural link. The proposed closing of Roosevelt Reservoir has potential to both dramatically add to our open space and provide a new community-centered meeting place.

The social traditions of Roosevelt Neighborhood include the Bull Moose Festival, an Art Walk, the Pub Crawl, and an Egg Hunt. Roosevelt Neighborhood is also proud of its long tradition as the home of several healing arts schools. The exceptional performing arts program at Roosevelt High School provides entertainment opportunities. *The Roosie*, the neighborhood newsletter, is an almost-monthly publication focused on creating community.

GOALS

R-CRG1: Preserve and protect the cultural heritage of the Roosevelt Neighborhood, recognizing that cultural resources take a variety of forms.

R-CRG2: Develop a neighborhood identity that will assist in creating and maintaining a sense of place, build economic sustainability and protect our natural resources.

R-CRG3: Create an atmosphere for creative expression, events, traditions, public art and historic preservation.

POLICIES

R-CRP1: Promote broad participation of Roosevelt neighbors in a wide range of public activities that have meaning to the community and enhance neighborhood cohesiveness.

R-CRP2: Promote community identity through urban design features, throughout the Urban Village, that are unique to the Roosevelt neighborhood.

R-CRP3: Promote cross-cultural awareness, understanding and acceptance.

R-CRP4: Support the preservation of the significant elements of our built environment, such as Roosevelt High School, as well as the traditional design of some of the homes in the single-family zoned areas within the neighborhood.

STRATEGIES

R-CRS1: Prepare and maintain an inventory of existing buildings that have special attributes, such as historical or architectural value, or otherwise contribute significantly to the sense of community identity; implement a plan for supporting and preserving these assets and values. Incorporate the inventory into the Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-CRS2: Make cultural resources an element of Design Review for proposed developments, and support incentives for projects that respect significant historical and cultural resources, or create significant new cultural resources.

R-CRS3: Develop open spaces, public art and public events that promote a sense of place.

R-CRS4: Document neighborhood histories and traditions and share them with the community at large.

R-CRS5: Develop interpretive materials and signage that publicly identify the neighborhood's historical and cultural resources.

R-CRS6: Develop a community gathering space that provides program activities for individuals and provides meeting/activity space for community groups.

R-CRS7: Promote arts and cultural activities in the neighborhood through education, events and increased live/work opportunities.

R-CRS8: Capitalize on and support the educational and cultural aspects of Roosevelt High School, the University of Washington and North Seattle Community College.

R-CRS9: Encourage community organizations that bring focus to the cultural and/or historical elements of the neighborhood.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan and plays an integral role in guiding how the Roosevelt neighborhood accommodates growth. As such, many environmental issues that relate to land use, transportation, urban design, capital facilities and economic development are addressed in their corresponding elements of the plan. The Environmental Element of this plan addresses environmental goals and policies not already addressed in the previous elements.

GOALS

R-EG1: Maintain a healthy natural environment as the Roosevelt neighborhood accommodates growth.

R-EG2: Maintain and enhance environmental quality through the use of natural systems to reduce pollution and greenhouse gases in the air and to clean and control storm water runoff.

R-EG3: Maintain and enhance the legacy of environmental stewardship of the Roosevelt neighborhood.

R-EG4: Recognize and preserve the environmental attributes of the planting strips and yards in the neighborhood and discourage their replacement with impervious surfaces.

POLICIES

R-EP1: Protect and enhance the urban forest and other natural wildlife habitats on public and private property to reduce storm runoff, absorb air pollutants, reduce noise, stabilize soil and provide habitat.

R-EP2: Contribute to the protection and enhancement of the value of Seattle's lakes, streams, creeks and other bodies of water through responsible local practices such as reduction of the use of chemical products on lawns and gardens and for household use and the reduction of non-permeable ground surface.

R-EP3: Promote conservation of resources and energy, and use of sustainable building products through education, design review and community action.

R-EP4: Improve the natural environment and increase the use of sustainable practices in the Roosevelt neighborhood as part of citywide and regional planning efforts and capital development projects.

R-EP5: Strive to protect and retain landmark trees and groups of trees that enhance Seattle's historical, cultural, environmental and aesthetic character.

R-EP6: Promote the use of environmentally friendly modes of transportation and other ways of reducing greenhouse gases, such as alternative heating systems, reduced use of gas-powered lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.

R-EP7: Promote site planning and building design that reduce energy use through natural lighting, natural ventilation and solar orientation and limits volume of storm-water run-off.

R-EP8: Promote the use of street lighting fixtures and outdoor lighting fixtures that reduce light pollution through the use of shades, hoods and downward orientation.

R-EP9: Promote the use of building materials that do not create glare.

STRATEGIES

R-ES1: Protect and enhance the natural environment through community education, incentives and development standards that promote sound environmental practices by private landowners.

R-ES2: Support the planting and maintenance of street trees and landscaping, and use of alternative storm drainage practices to improve the pedestrian environment, provide shade, slow arterial traffic, reduce runoff and help lower summer street temperatures. Support the use of native, drought tolerant plants to promote water conservation and the removal of invasive plants

R-ES3: Promote storm water runoff management and mitigation at the source to address street runoff, sewage overflow and other harmful effects on fish habitat. To be done through community education, participation in citywide programs and support of green roofs during design review.

R-ES4: Promote waste reduction, pollution prevention, recycling, storm water management and use of sustainable, low impact development through community education, design review, and incentive programs.

R-ES5: Work with city and regional agencies to ensure that capital development projects meet Roosevelt Urban Village Design Guidelines.

R-ES6: Protect trees of historical and cultural significance as recognized by the Seattle Heritage Tree program and in contemporary publications such as *Trees of Seattle* through education, incentives, and development guidelines. Communicate and coordinate with the City of Seattle to develop a program that will identify and protect significant or signature trees during design review for private development and capital facilities. Develop public information materials that will inform the community of the location of significant or signature trees, even though those locations may be outside the jurisdiction of design review.

R-ES7: Provide clean, well-lit, secure and inviting facilities for transit users and non-motorized travelers, to promote the use of environmentally friendly modes of transportation and the reduction of greenhouse gases.

R-ES8: Participate in the Design Review process to ensure that new development is designed in a manner that enhances the use of natural lighting, natural ventilation and solar energy and does not create light pollution and glare. Support the extensive use of pervious surfaces, green roofs and indigenous drought-tolerant plant species and drainage systems that reduce/eliminate run-off from entering the sewer system.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF ACRONYMS

CUCAC – City/University Community Advisory Committee

DPD – City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development

RNA – Roosevelt Neighborhood Association

SDOT – Seattle Department of Transportation

SDPR – Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

SPD – Seattle Police Department

WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation

GLOSSARY

Community Land Trust (CLT) – A community-based non-profit organization that typically buys land and sells off any residential or commercial building on the land. This takes the cost of land out of the housing equation and results in more affordable housing. The underlying land is leased to the building owner. In most cases the CLT places restrictions on the re-sale price of the building, thus keeping the housing affordable.

Craftsman Homes & Bungalows - While “bungalow” would be strictly defined as a small house that is one-story or appears so, the terms “Craftsman” and “bungalow” are often mingled in common usage because many bungalows in the Roosevelt area are of the Craftsman style and era of development (roughly 1905-1925). Craftsman homes are typically one or two stories, and are generally characterized by:

Gentle sloped gable roofs with generous overhangs generally supported by brackets.

Exposed roof rafters.

House sheathed with shingles or horizontal siding.

Usually features broad porch with wide, square columns.

Commonly have masonry of cobbles or clinker brick.

Commonly have shed dormers.

May feature stylized Japanese or Swiss motifs.

Design Review – Design Review is part of the Master Use Permit (MUP) process that requires that certain new construction projects undergo a discretionary review of their site and design characteristics. A Design Review Board, appointed by the Mayor of Seattle, conducts this review, using the Roosevelt Urban Village Roosevelt Urban

Village Design Guidelines. The mandatory threshold for design review depends upon the underlying zoning. In the Roosevelt Urban Village they are:

Low-rise zones – More than 8 dwelling units and/or 4,000 sq. ft. on nonresidential space

Neighborhood Commercial zones – More than 4 dwelling units and/or 4,000 sq. ft. of nonresidential space

Commercial zones – More than 4 dwelling units and/or 12,000 square feet of nonresidential space

“Period” Tudor Homes - Derivation of English or French Tudor forms. In the Roosevelt area, homes of this architectural style were often built between WWI and WWII and are generally characterized by:

Steeply pitched gable roofs with living spaces tucked into the attic.

Usually features masonry chimney of red brick and/or stucco.

Usually features small entry porch, often with round, arched entry.

Shows “artistic” composition of forms.

Commonly may use leaded glass.

Commonly may use half-timbering as a motif.

Rowhouse – A house joined to another house by a common side-wall and where no side-yard setback is required.

Station Area – This is the area within ¼ mile radius of a light rail station within which Sound Transit and/or the City of Seattle does special planning. The Roosevelt light rail station will be located on the west of 12th Avenue NE between NE 65th Street and NE 68th Street with entrances at NE 65th and NE 67th. Station Area Planning has not been done for stations north of the University of Washington.

APPENDIX II

EXISTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Principal Arterials: Serve as the principal route for the movement of traffic through the City. Connects Interstate Freeways to major activity centers, to minor and collector arterial streets and directly to traffic destinations. Serve major traffic generators such as the Central Business District, major shopping or commercial districts and move traffic from community to community.

The principal arterials: Roosevelt Way, 12th Ave N.E. and N.E. 75th St. are forty feet wide and their sidewalks are a minimally acceptable width for pedestrian safety. 8th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 73rd St. are narrower.

I-5 – (200,000 - 300,000 vehicles/weekday) carries traffic at the western boundary of the Roosevelt neighborhood.

Lake City Way (Hwy 522) – (30,000 vehicles/weekday) at the northern and northwestern boundary of the neighborhood.

Roosevelt Way N.E. – (11,600 vehicles/weekday) carries vehicles southbound through the length of the neighborhood and through the commercial core and serves the neighborhood's commuting and shopping needs.

12th Ave. N.E. (9,400 vehicles/weekday) carries vehicles northbound through the length of neighborhood and through the commercial core and serves the neighborhood's commuting and shopping needs.

N.E. 75th St. – (21,600 vehicles/weekday) carries traffic across the northern part of the neighborhood. Many are commuters between NOAA and neighborhoods to the east and I-5 on the west.

N.E. 73rd St. – (traffic count unavailable), carries north, northeast and eastbound commuters from I-5 northbound lanes and some local shoppers.

8th Ave. N.E. – (traffic count unavailable), carries northbound I-5 Ravenna exit traffic to N.E. 65th St.

Minor Arterials: To distribute traffic from Principal Arterials to Collector Arterials and Access streets, directly to secondary traffic generators such as community shopping areas, high schools, community centers and athletic fields, and to serve trips between neighborhoods within a community. Generally located on neighborhood boundaries except when necessary to provide adequate service to traffic generators located within neighborhoods.

N.E. 65th St. – (15,200 vehicles/weekday) carries east-west traffic through the commercial core.

15th Ave. N.E. – (9,500 vehicles/weekday) carries traffic on the eastern boundary of the neighborhood.

Ravenna Blvd. – (12,000 vehicles/weekday) carries traffic on the southern neighborhood boundary.

N.E. 70th/71st St. – (traffic count unavailable), carries commuters, local residents and shoppers between Green Lake and 12th Ave. N.E.

The minor arterials: 15th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 65th St. are also forty feet wide and their sidewalks are minimally acceptable or better and N.E. 70th St. is narrower. Ravenna Blvd. is adequate.

Note- Traffic figures from SDOT traffic flow data and Maps-2004, WSDOT I-5 Map-2004. Arterial classifications are from the Seattle arterial classifications planning map.

Non-Arterial Local Access Streets

Local access streets serve both residential and commercial needs. These are not intended for cut through traffic. Some blocks have alleys, but most don't.

Most residential and commercial access streets are too narrow to permit parking on both sides and allow two moving vehicles to simultaneously pass between parked cars.

Transit

METRO bus routes 48, 64, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 77, 78, 79 and 373 serve the Roosevelt neighborhood and surrounding communities.

Sound Transit plans to construct an underground light rail station adjacent to the west of 12th Ave. N.E. Street level plazas will have elevators, stairs and escalators connecting to the underground station and will be at N.E. 65th St. and 12th Ave. and at N.E. 67th St. and 12th Ave. N.E. There will be room for bike lockers and bike racks at these plazas.