



Roosevelt Neighborhood
Association Newsletter

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Seattle Bicycle Master Plan

On April 14th the Seattle City Council voted unanimously to adopt the updated Bicycle Master Plan (BMP). With Roosevelt experiencing unprecedented growth it is important that we as a community understand the BMP and how it is going to affect future development in the neighborhood.

The Seattle Bicycle Master Plan - What is it?

The goal of the BMP is to provide a blueprint to increase bike ridership throughout Seattle across all ages and abilities and create a safe and reliable bike network to help accommodate the massive growth expected in the coming years. Specific bike network improvements will be prioritized based on five criteria: increasing ridership, improving safety, providing connectivity, promoting equity, and improving livability. In addition to a prioritization, implementation, and policy framework the BMP update also includes a bicycle network map showing recommended facility upgrades, broken down into a Citywide Network and Local Connectors. The recently completed BMP update greatly expanded the recommended bicycle network map, incorporating neighborhood greenways and cycle tracks in many areas.

How will projects be chosen and completed?

The BMP lays out an evaluation and prioritization process to determine which projects will be selected first. First priority will be given to projects within areas with the highest overall demand, specifically those within or connecting to the Center City area. Other near-term priorities will include neighborhood greenways as those will encourage more overall ridership leading to a safer network for all. Funding for bike infrastructure, of course, will play a large part in how quickly projects are selected and implemented.

Once a project is selected the City will start the development and design process. This is the point at which we as a community will have the largest influence in determining the actual implementation of the project. The City will do a technical analysis of the area selected, seek initial public engagement, and create a number of design

alternatives. These will be brought back to the community for input and refined until a preferred design is selected. The project will then be implemented, including any needed signage, marketing, or educational material.

What does this mean for Roosevelt?

A number of improvements have been highlighted in the BMP update for the Roosevelt neighborhood, including a separated cycle track along NE 65th St between the freeway and 20th Ave NE, north/south cycle tracks along Roosevelt and 12th, and a number of greenways. All of the recommended improvements in the BMP network map serve as the framework from which to begin the actual implementation. Once the projects in our neighborhood are selected we as a community will be able to help guide the final result through participation in the process. The NE 65th St cycle track in particular has garnered much interest and debate. The RNA Transportation Committee looks forward to working with our neighbors and the City in finding the best solution for the Roosevelt community along this stretch.

It is important to note that Roosevelt may not expect to see much immediate effect from the BMP since the initial focus will be closer in to downtown. However, community members should be aware that increasing density and the completion of the Roosevelt Light Rail station could make us one of the highest-priority areas outside of the urban core in the future. Additionally, because Roosevelt will increasingly serve as a connection point between Seattle's northeastern bedroom communities and the Center City, it will become increasingly important for Roosevelt to reach out to neighboring communities to coordinate efforts and information

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Tuesday May 27th, 2014

6:30-7:00pm social hour

7:00-8:30pm meeting

RNA Board Elections

Transportation and Parking Update

Weedin Place Update by SvR



RNA Board Elections

Nominations open at April meeting.
Elections to be held at May general meeting.

The Board consists of eleven directors including officers. Approximately half the positions are elected every year to provide for continuity.

Positions available for 2014 - 2016 (two year terms) include:

- Two vice-presidents OR
- Vice-President - Residential
- Vice-President - Business District
- Two At-large Directors

We are looking for persons with interest in or willingness to serve as chairpersons for the following committees:

- Community Events & Culture
- Land Use
- Sustainability

We are also looking for an editor or assistant / co-editor for The Roosie. This person/position does not have to serve on the Board.

If you know someone, or you ARE someone who would like to serve, contact Dirk Farrell, President, at president@rooseveltseattle.org.

We are especially interested in recruiting residents from this neighborhood.

We would love to have you On Board.

Ellen Stoecker
Roosevelt Neighborhood Association
Secretary

Is Parking a Problem for You?

Is parking near your home or for your business a problem? As Roosevelt develops into a more dense Urban Village, the demands for parking space will increase. The RNA Transportation committee wants to engage residents, business owners and workers who park in our neighborhood.

Three major factors will add to the demands of local parking.

- 1) When Light Rail Service begins in 2021, many people in surrounding neighborhoods will use the station and drive to get there. As no station parking is to be built, there will be an impact on the streets close to the station.
- 2) As new apartment buildings open around the business core it is likely that some of our new residents will want to park on the street. Current city rules require 0.7 parking spots in underground parking for each living space. If more than 70% of living spaces have a car (or two) they will park on the street.
- 3) Many of the new high rise buildings will have commercial spaces on the ground level. Many of these may generate high parking demand.

What to do? Whilst nobody has “the right” to park outside their own front door, most of us “kind of expect” to at least park on the block! This may not be realistic in the future.

The RNA transport group (RNAT) would like to hear from the community in order to develop a clear and well-supported plan to keep ahead of the problem. The next RNA Monthly meeting will include a discussion about neighborhood needs and ideas for parking. Please plan to be there and bring ideas and concerns with you.

In June there will be a “parking summit” for businesses and apartment building managers. We also plan to involve the High School as their need for faculty and student beyond their own car park is a factor in the overall picture.

We can't stop the future, but we can help shape it in a way that is workable and sustainable for us! Please come to the RNA meeting on May 27th at Calvery Christian Church
Peter James. Chair, RNAT



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Rebar cage lift

Caption: A crane lifts a 130 foot-long rebar cage. The rebar cages are inserted into shafts in the ground. The shafts are then filled with concrete. The columns will form the underground walls of the future light rail station.

Roosevelt light rail station construction moving off the road soon

Businesses and residents near NE 65th Street and 12th Avenue NE will soon notice a little less construction on the streets. Crews building Sound Transit's Roosevelt Station are wrapping up much of the work that has required extensive lane and parking closures at the intersection.

Crews completed relocation of a 42 inch water main under 12th Avenue NE. They also finished work to inject soil stiffening grout at the south end of the site. Jet grouting work required crews to close a sidewalk and lanes of traffic on NE 65th Street between Roosevelt Way NE and Brooklyn Avenue NE.

While it's getting better to get around the area, there's still more work to do. Crews need to install a water line at the NE 65th Street/12th Avenue NE intersection, work that could last into summer.

Additional work that will last at least until summer:
 Construction of the station box supporting walls
 Site excavation once the station box walls are complete
 Jet grouting on the north end of the site.

Also this summer, crews hope to begin tunneling from the Maple Leaf Portal at NE 92nd Street. The first tunnel boring machine is scheduled to arrive at the Roosevelt Station this winter.

For more information about light rail construction, please contact Ryan Bianchi, Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist, at 206-398-5300 or northlink@soundtransit.org.

Wayfinding Kiosks to be Installed in Roosevelt

Permitting is moving forward for three wayfinding kiosks along NE 65th St. The three locations are at 12th Ave NE near the UPS store, west of Roosevelt Way NE near India Bistro, and along the sidewalk at the Park and Ride under I-5. There is one additional step to go for the Park and Ride kiosk permit, but we hope that the permits for all three sites will come through at the same time.

The kiosk structures are 9 feet tall and will be metal with plexiglas panels. They're similar to kiosk structures used by King County Metro which will help recognition of them as sources for public information.

The Roosevelt identity images at the top of the kiosks will be constant. These will reinforce the branding of the Roosevelt business district.

The Roosevelt Map & Guide will be updated quarterly, which will help people find businesses and get around the neighborhood.

There is space for the RNA to put community info. If there are no community updates, the space will be used for Teddy Roosevelt quotes connecting the neighborhood to its historical beginnings.

There is space for Sound Transit light rail project updates and give Sound Transit contact information. They will be updated about quarterly.

We expect to install the kiosks by early summer.



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We've all felt the impact of the construction in our neighborhood. Don't forget our businesses that are overwhelmed trying to accommodate their clients as best they can. Stop in, spend a little money at your local restaurant or cafe, get a haircut or your nails done, buy a vacuum cleaner bag or a healthy snack for your pet.

At some point, the roadwork will be complete and our lives will get back to normal. Until then, let your local independent businesses know you care.



Jennifer opened Health Mutt in her Roosevelt neighborhood because she had been dreaming of a store chock-full of all of the most fantastic cat and dog stuff on the planet. She's passionate about pet nutrition and loves helping people find what they need to make their dogs and cats a happy and healthy part of the family.

Jenn is also always on the hunt for the best toys, treat-releasing games, no-pull harnesses, etc. We carry as many local, or U.S.-made, products as possible. If we sell it, it's because we love it! And what we love most of all is our amazing Roosevelt community and the best customers ever!

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To our loyal customers, friends, and neighbors:

My grandfather started this business almost thirty years

ago, and even though we don't live in the neighborhood, the Roosevelt district is as much a home to me as any. The construction and reduced parking has been difficult for everyone, and we are so grateful for the patience and understanding our customers have shown these past few months. We have opened our own personal parking behind the building to make things a little more convenient for our customers, but with no back entrance, the walk around the building is still quite a trek. Needless to say, this has affected our sales and our ability to attract new customers. Even our own vendor tried to stop by and after circling the block several times, left because of all the chaos on the streets!

We are excited to be a part of this period of growth and progress, but at the same time it is a challenge. We would like to thank everyone who is braving the parking conditions and continue to bring in their repairs and shop with us. We would like you to know how much it means to us.

So, at this time, we are asking the Roosevelt community to remember the small businesses that rely solely on their stores to take care of their families and show your support for your neighborhood and shop locally.

With everyone's help, we look forward to serving you another thirty years.
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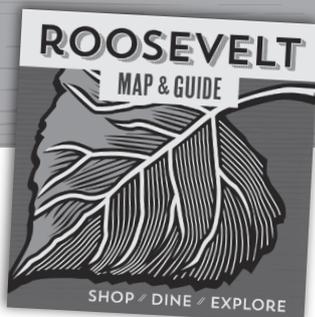
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Ticket information coming soon

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You can find nearly everything you need in the charming, historic Roosevelt business district—and then treat yourself to a little pampering and a yummy bite. Pick up a map guide at participating businesses, explore the possibilities and shop locally.



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Translating Pho Viet Anh

If you are curious about the name, it translates roughly “Vietnamese soup, English style.” Owner/chef Carol Pham has added a second restaurant here in Roosevelt to her site in Queen Anne. Pho Viet Anh offers a wide ranging Vietnamese cuisine.

Viet Nam lies halfway between China and Thailand. Its cuisine reflects both neighbors. The dishes are lighter and more flavor intense than other Asian cuisines. Frying is rarely used and salads are oil-free.

The main dish served here is the traditional pho (not pronounced as “foe” but more like “fuh”), a mix of rice noodles and meat, tofu, or vegetables in broth. The spicy beef broth comes from central Vietnam. It is made with pineapple, lemon grass, and hot chiles which is then customized with a combination of brisket, steak, meatballs, and fatty flank (a bacon-like cut). The meat is cooked medium rare which makes it extra tender. Portions are huge and reasonable.

For a first course there are several choices of spring rolls. The menu explains that a prawn spring roll contains a complex layering of flavors with rice paper and prawns, romaine lettuce, rice-vermicelli noodles, Asian basil, pickles, carrots, crispy roll and peanut sauce. Other choices included Vietnamese sandwiches, chicken, pork, curry, fried rice and vegetarian dishes. Beverages include Vietnamese coffee, fruit-flavored bubble teas, and young coconut juice.

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Ten Thousand Villages to Host World Fair Trade Day Celebration

On Saturday, May 10, Ten Thousand Villages 6417 Roosevelt Way NE will thank customers for their commitment to fair trade by hosting a World Fair Trade Day Celebration.

Events planned at Ten Thousand Villages include snacks, activities for all ages, and possibly live music. Once a year Ten Thousand Villages takes this opportunity to celebrate the difference fair trade makes in the lives of artisans.

Ten Thousand Villages Store Manager Rich Trifeletti said, "When customers choose to shop at Ten Thousand Villages, they play a vital role in a trading relationship where women earn income and dignity as they care for their children at home, artisans with physical disabilities find purpose and children go to school instead of work. World Fair Trade Day allows us to celebrate all of the ways fair trade benefits artisans and customers."

Home decor, jewelry, linens and gifts purchased at Ten Thousand Villages support the long-term financial security of workshops and families around the world. Because Ten Thousand Villages pays advances on purchase orders, artisans can begin work without taking out loans to buy materials. Ten Thousand Villages commitment to maintaining long term relationships with Ten Thousand Villages to Host World Fair Trade Day

Celebration artisans and placing repeat orders makes it possible for families to plan and for workshops to improve their margins and recover their investments in product development.

For more than 65 years, Ten Thousand Villages has intentionally worked with artisans who are on the fringes of their communities, creating fair, long-term buying relationships.

Internationally, consumers and artisans will celebrate in more than 70 countries around the world.

For more information about Ten Thousand Villages or the World Fair Trade Day Celebration, please contact Molly Smith, events coordinator, at 206-524-9223 or visit <http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/seattle>.

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Weedin Place Update

The Weedin Place project, which is a project to turn the street between Bus Stop Espresso and the Shell gas station into a neighborhood gateway and public space is making progress. The next step is for SvR to understand the current conditions and parameters of the space at Weedin Place (utilities, height restrictions, etc.). This will give them the "container" in which to design.

Next, they will use the neighbors' feedback from the brainstorm session at the RNA General Meeting along with comments and ideas emailed to the steering committee to come up with the initial set of concept designs. These designs, each with their own theme, will be presented on boards with different views and perspectives. The designs will set the envelope for where art would go, but not dictating what type of art will ultimately be put there.

These concept designs will be presented to the neighbors at the May RNA General Meeting on May 27th. At the General Meeting, SvR will be looking for feedback from the community on the ideas presented. The goal will be to use comments and suggestions from each concept to narrow in on a single and final concept design.

The steering committee will meet with SvR a last time in July before the final design is presented to the community at the Bull Moose Festival on July 26th.

The Weedin Place exhibit/activity at the Bull Moose Festival will be an interactive way for the community to participate and engage with the space. SvR will be looking for community feedback before the next phase of the project starts. In the next phase of the project, we will make a call for artists for the public art and look at a budget for the entire project.

The neighbors' feedback will guide us in how to proceed. Please join us at the May 27th General Meeting at 7pm at Calvary Christian Assembly on Roosevelt and 69th to share your feedback. Also feel free to email your questions and/or feedback to Kmbris Bond at boardchair.seattle@tenthousandvillages.com or Katie Wood at kwood@rooseveltseattle.org.



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