

I. Connections: "Complete Streets" Roles & Priorities (15 minutes)

Confirm: Based on the recommendations in the B/BL/HL plan and recent community comments, improving these key east/west and north/south roads (listed below) that serve the neighborhoods and link them to shops, transit, parks and other neighborhood destinations is a strong priority.

Improving Aurora to be safe and usable for walking and accessing transit has strong community support.

Advise:

- Identify the primary functions / roles that the road serves in order to define the appropriate conditions along these streets.
- Identify the improvements needed, such as adequate sidewalks; bicycle facilities; roadway channelization; crossings; and other features, in order to meet the desired role
- Identify the community's priorities for Complete Streets that link neighborhood centers, transit, parks and other community assets.

Street	Link to Transit	Bicycle Route	Walking	What role does this street play in the Community? i.e. "Connects the Library, Community Center, residents and transit on Aurora"	Importance (1-5)	Primary Improvements Needed i.e. sidewalks, bus stops, and marked crossings
Greenwood Ave NW North of NW 112th St						
3 rd Ave NW						
Meridian Ave N						
NW130th St						
NW 125th St						
NW 143rd St						
Other						

Outcomes: Based on your comments, the consultant team and City will **develop conceptual street designs**. The NAC will then work with Dept. of Transportation to finalize corridor prioritization, refine street design concepts, and identify potential funding sources.

II. Linden Avenue N: The Urban Village's Center (20 minutes)

Confirm: Linden Ave from 130th to 145th will be the primary "town center" for the Bitter Lake Urban Village.

This area will be the center for the neighborhood. You will be able to come here for the recreation (at the community center and park) or on your way to the library, or for a quick bite or shopping at places you are likely to run into or meet up with neighbors. Perhaps it can even be the site of an annual event that can create the community's identity – "Bitter Lake – isn't that where the ___ event happens every year?"

Development along Linden Ave should provide neighborhood-serving retail and services – places where you're likely to run into or meet up with neighbors. The area serves the nearby apartments, but is also a destination for the Broadview, Bitter Lake and Haler Lake neighborhoods. This area would be encouraged to provide typical, neighborhood-serving shops and services that are found in healthy business districts where people are apt to walk including: bakery, cafés, pubs (3rd Places); restaurants; grocery store; childcare; clinics, etc. Services, parks & recreation facilities would also be located conveniently - meeting residents' needs and serving as gathering spaces for the urban village.

Advise: Refine actions to create a more neighborhood-serving "town center" along Linden Ave.

Segment	Desired Character	Possible Response to Vision for Linden	Questions	Advice
1 130 th – 135 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linden Ave is the focus of BBH "town center" Businesses may also front on the Aurora side Lively sidewalk environment Businesses serve BBH and neighborhood visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed-use residential over retail Street level retail at key intersections and segments Lively storefronts, outdoor dining, on-street parking No parking between sidewalks and buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which # image(s) do you like and why? Should retail be continuous or can it be optional in the middle of the block? 	•
2 135 th – 145 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban residential Lively sidewalk environment Possible retail at key street corners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban multi-family zoning Strong building entries, ground-related residences, residential balconies Street level retail at key intersections and segments Recreational amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which # image(s) do you like and why? Is retail needed at key corners? 	•

How do these Cross Streets Relate to Aurora?

Street	Desired Character	Possible Response to Vision for Linden	Questions	Advice
3 130 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intersections of 130th St & Aurora, and Linden & should announce the neighborhood and the BBH "town center." 130th should be a safe and engaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street level retail "Iconic buildings" at intersections Public art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the commercial area extend east of Aurora – toward Ingraham High School? Which # image(s) do you like and why? 	•
4 135 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N 135th St: Strong linkage on N 135th St between Linden and the Rapid Ride stop Aurora. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous retail ground floor desired Few curb cuts Street level retail at corner of Aurora 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which # image(s) do you like and why? 	•
5 143 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tressa is on the SE corner and the Reservoir Park on the SW. These are potentially lively but not retail. An apt. complex is on the NW corner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Linden project leaves portions of the row not programmed north of 143rd. Ensure active stewardship of this area with recreation, gardens, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the desired character for the NE corner of this intersection? More multifamily or a small shop Which # image(s) do you like and why? 	•

What are the needed parks, recreation facilities and services for the Linden area, and where might they be located? What partnerships could help provide these?

Parks	
Community Services	
Gathering Places	

Outcome: The City and NAC will work with the consultant to develop needed changes to land use regulation that support the community's vision for Linden Ave.

III. Neighborhood Hamlets (15 minutes)

Confirm: There is a desire to have many needs met within walking distance. The Linden District may provide for some of this, but a number of people support enhancing the small commercial nodes along Greenwood Ave.

Advise: What is the vision for the smaller neighborhood serving commercial (hamlet) areas?

Area	Does this area need to be more vibrant? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Vitality • Increased community support • Better Connections to surrounding areas and storefronts? • More development to support more businesses? • Better Design? 	Pedestrian & Bike Focus What are the key bike, pedestrian and routes connecting these area to neighborhoods and transit?
Greenwood Ave N		
@ N 105 th		
@ N 125 th		
@ N 143 rd – 145 th		
Other		

Outcome: The City and NAC will work with the consultant to conduct the needed analysis and develop recommendations that support the community's vision for Hamlets.

IV. Opportunities to Meet Park and Recreation Needs (10 minutes)

Confirm: We heard that programs for the youth and elderly are a priority.

Many people suggested that more neighborhood parks are needed with playgrounds and gathering spaces

Advise:

Question	Advice
Are there partnership opportunities for increased/expanded programs and services?	
What types of programs are desired?	
Where are the opportunities for expanding upon current park or open space resources? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pocket Parks,• Neighborhood Parks, and• Natural Areas	
What types of gathering places (on public or private property) are needed for community events?	

Outcome: The advice will help Parks shape future partnerships to better meet the community's needs, and help the Department focus resources on potential new acquisition priorities.

V. Stronger Social Networks (15 minutes)

Confirm: Events and organizations are key to building and maintaining a sense of community.

Advise: What specific steps can the community take to build networks and a shared identity?

Question	Advice
What are the events and activities that would build a sense of community?	
What specific steps can community organizations take?	
What specific steps can the City take to support stronger local social networks?	

Outcome: The advice would primarily shape community actions and the work of community organizations. The advice might also help the department of Neighborhoods respond to community grant applications.

VI. Environmental Health (15 minutes)

Confirm: The health of our neighborhood environment is on many people’s minds. People want to be able to walk safely. Peoples expect drainage and sewer, litter and graffiti to be addressed.

Advise: What specific partnerships can the community and City forge to increase the health of the community and environment?

Questions	Advice
<p>Where would you like to see more natural drainage systems (e.g. SEASStreets and Broadview Green Grid)?</p>	
<p>What can community groups and the City do to help build partnerships such as?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote water quality, participate in the Residential RainWise program or practice Natural Yard Care. • To promote water conservation, utilize Water Saving Rebates or Smart Outdoor Watering practices. • To promote recycling and composting, join Friends of Recycling or participate in Backyard Composting. • To reduce litter, illegal dumping and graffiti, join Adopt A Street or become a Graffiti Ranger. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there opportunities for working with existing property owners and developers to create Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) to raise funds for infrastructure improvements? 	
<p>GAIN is organizing neighbors to work together to enhance community and decrease crime in the area around the Aurora Corridor. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Block watch ○ Neighborhood clean-up ○ Community walks <p>What other way can we bring permanent changes that result in a safe and involved neighborhood?</p>	

Outcome: The advice would shape community actions and the work of community organizations. The advice may also help the Seattle Public Utilities develop partnerships.

Broadview – Bitter Lake – Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Update

Initial Strategies Discussion Draft– June 21, 2011

The purpose of this discussion draft is to look forward and think about what steps the **City and community** might take to address the key issues and opportunities. At this stage, they have not been assessed to determine feasibility. The NAC and City will continue to refine these strategies using the input from June, 2011 meetings and well as further technical analysis.

Key Issues to be Addressed During Update (Vision for the Future)	Initial Strategies (examples)
RESILIENT COMMUNITY: An identifiable, interconnected and resilient community that contains diverse households, supported by strong social organizations and services.	
Support Resilient Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the strong “single family” and growing “multifamily” households • Plan for growing diversity (age, household types, ethnicity) • Support social, recreational and cultural programs / institutions • Maintain affordability • Build on assets of convenience – proximity to services, jobs & nature • Create an identity – so this area can be known as ___ neighborhood. To nurture neighborhood pride and motivate groups of people to get together to achieve the neighborhood’s goals. • More community events that are inviting to diverse communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the specific needs of new apartment and condo residents in prioritizing improvements within the urban village, as they will be the largest portion of growth in the neighborhood. • Seek to incorporate the values of open space, greenery and spaciousness as the neighborhood grows • Develop strategies that support the diversity of community organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support development of apartment/condo-based residents associations, including those in senior facilities ○ Support participation (development of?) in a local business organization ○ Work with community organizations to develop and implement small Sparks, NMF projects. • Create more places and activities for people to come together in neighborhood places where they are apt to know and meet neighbors. • Establish neighborhood business district(s) – separate from the regional shopping on Aurora. • Seek opportunities for low and moderate income development in the vicinity of future bus rapid transit stations. • Continue to work with the Urban Land Institute, DPD, and King County Metro on a study of the potential for BRT to spark development around station areas and provide opportunities for low-income residents to have access to low-cost transit options in addition to affordable housing. • Explore the potential to develop a TOD property acquisition fund to provide affordable residential, commercial and community space using federal grant funds and local economic development funds in addition to the existing Housing Levy funds. • Explore creating a partnership between the Office of Housing (OH) and Seattle Parks to provide OH funding to developers who wish to create affordable housing adjacent to newly acquired open space amenities.
Create a neighborhood scaled commercial district Support greater range and more neighborhood-serving shops and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved selection of grocery stores • Small independent shops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the market and options for neighborhood-service businesses. • Work with OED to implement a small business development and recruitment program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with OED to tailor grants that specifically support neighborhood serving businesses. ○ Identify strategies for recruiting the desired types of neighborhood-serving businesses.
Reduce Crime and Improve Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address criminal activities & public safety concerns in parks • Address crime along Aurora • Reduce speeding on residential streets and pedestrian safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with GAIN - neighbors working together to enhance community and decrease crime in the area around the Aurora Corridor, and to bring permanent changes resulting in a safe and involved neighborhood. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Block watch ○ Neighborhood clean-up ○ Community walks • Increase positive use and enjoyment of public spaces through active businesses, incorporating residences and programming.
HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES: A neighborhood that provides access to resources necessary to live a healthful life	
MOBILITY AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	
Create a Balanced Transportation System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-wide Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete streets (on arterials?) ○ Walkable/bikable to destinations like Carkeek and Bitter Lake ○ Redeveloped Aurora ○ Rapid Ride (Metro) Planning • Walkable Places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a range of design measures and funding sources to develop a network of high priority, pedestrian and bike-friendly streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify community priority street corridors that link neighborhood centers, transit, parks and other community assets ○ Determine desired conditions along these streets to include adequate sidewalks, bicycle facilities, roadway channelization, crossings and other features ○ Identify where existing street conditions do not meet desired conditions and suggest improvements ○ Develop conceptual street designs that include proposed improvements ○ Work with SDOT staff to finalize corridor prioritization, conceptual street designs and potential funding sources for project implementation. Funding sources may include:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial developments ○ Community places (e.g. parks, community center) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Neighborhood Matching Fund (neighborhood-initiated, for design only) – Neighborhood Street Fund (neighborhood application required) – Sidewalk Program (project prioritization based on PMP) – Safe Routes to School Program (program sets priorities) – Capital Improvement Program (projects above \$500K; typically grant funded, various sources) • Develop design and development guidelines for pedestrian circulation on large privately-owned parcels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May be included in Urban Design Framework plan for community • Advocate with the City and State to secure funding for design and construction of the Aurora Ave North Project (N 110th St to N 145th St) • Work with Metro to increase bus service and connections to parks and public facilities.
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS	
<p>Support greater range and more neighborhood-serving shops and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved selection of grocery stores • Small independent shops • Expand access to locally grown food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research market opportunities and suitable sites for including a natural food markets and high-quality groceries such as PCC and Central Market. • Identify opportunities for creation of a “Lakes District” Farmers Market • Identify Opportunities to expand and develop P-Patches,
SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT: A natural and man-made environment that is healthy, creates a neighborhood-oriented sense of space, and provides for a healthy community	
<p>Define Neighborhood-Scaled Commercial “Node(s)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town center (Urban Village?) or neighborhood commercial focus • Town center has local businesses the support neighborliness • Town center should be connected to amenities such as park, community center, library • Town center to include places that promote informal gatherings and events • Create identity • 20 Minute neighborhood centers (Greenwood/Linden Ave?) • Define character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walkability ○ Community Gathering Spaces ○ Neighborhood Identity • Expand breadth of shops and services • May need economic development technical assistance and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a typology illustrating a hierarchy of “neighborhood serving” commercial districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include regional, neighborhood and 20-minute scales – Aurora, Linden, nodes along Greenwood (hamlets) ○ Conduct preliminary market analysis to determine likelihood of desired development ○ Define the desired characteristics centers • Make us of the Neighborhood Business District Fund and Neighborhood Street Fund to enhance the nei9hborhood-serving business districts. •
<p>Guide Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain single family character in those areas. • Create design guidelines • Define neighborhood character for mixed-use areas • Included amenities with new development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Urban Design framework Plan for the Area between Linden and Aurora, and 130th and 145th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify <i>characteristics of neighborhood-serving center(s)</i> – bulk, scale and relationship, mix of uses. Define how development should front Linden Ave, as well as Aurora. ○ Define the relationships between the public realm (sidewalks, streets and open spaces) and private realm. ○ Consider role of Aurora potentially different from neighborhood center ○ Provide context for any recommended rezones. • Specifically define any potential zoning options needed to implement preferred neighborhood center concept. • Adopt Design Guidelines for the Urban Village that address the desired character of the neighborhood centers and development along Aurora.
<p>Reinforce Parks & Open Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve variety and availability of recreational programming for all age groups. • Add smaller gathering spaces • Improve connections to the parks and lakes • Build on the “natural” character of large trees, lakes and views 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase activities and programs for youth and elderly in community spaces • Review Gaps Analysis and opportunities in the neighborhood to Identify opportunities for expanding upon current – Pocket Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Natural Areas • Encourage/explore partnership opportunities for increased/expanded youth programs and facilities within the existing parks system (skate dot, basketball, etc.) • Use of Neighborhood Planning Funds (NSF/CRF) for small park improvement projects – pathways, ADA accessibility, park furnishings,

Key Issues to be Addressed During Update (Vision for the Future)	Initial Strategies (examples)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve park amenities • Broad range of recreation – for seniors and teens as well as young children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pursue public open space acquisition of School District property. • Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy and Opportunity Fund projects. • Continue to identify areas for acquisition and expansion of existing neighborhood parks in GAP areas. • Work with Seattle Public Utilities and Parks to advocate for and develop plans for creating more open spaces on a hard lid, when SPU evaluates reservoir cover options in 2020 • Encourage volunteering with a creek steward group' to help improve and maintain creek habitat and natural balance. • Create, as part of a network of “complete streets,” links to Carkeek Park, Northacres and Bitter Lake. Coordinate with overall Bike & Pedestrian recommendations. • As part of the City’s overall strategy, work with Metro to increase bus routes/access to parks and other public facilities.
<p>Plan and Provide for Adequate Utility Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage, sewer and water infrastructure issues addressed with new development • Spot drainage and sewer improvements to address specific needs • Enhance water quality, water conservation, recycling and composting in the community • Improve public safety through management of litter, illegal dumping and graffiti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to coordinate proposed infrastructure investments to ensure drainage, sewer, water and transportation investments maximize efficiency. • Make inclusion of Natural Drainage Systems (NDS) a priority for inclusion in new private development and street improvement projects such as the Broadview Green Grid, 110th Cascade and SEA Streets. • In planning processes, work with community groups such as the Broadview Sewer Task Force. • Consider working with existing property owners and developers to create Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) to raise funds for infrastructure improvements. • Involve community members in volunteer programs and individual actions such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To promote water quality, participate in the Residential RainWise program or practice Natural Yard Care. ○ To promote water conservation, utilize Water Saving Rebates or Smart Outdoor Watering practices. ○ To promote recycling and composting, join Friends of Recycling or participate in Backyard Composting. ○ To reduce litter, illegal dumping and graffiti, join Adopt A Street or become a Graffiti Ranger. •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Planning Rapid Ride bus service in Coordination with Metro 	<p>Define actions needed that will help implement Rapid Ride and successfully integrate it into the community;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the City and County to advocate for Rapid Ride funding • Work with City and State to restart the Aurora Avenue North project • Work with DPD to continue exploring development opportunities that meet the neighborhoods objectives, as Rapid Ride is implemented.