

Imagine Greater Downtown: Advisory Group Meeting

Below is a summary of the existing conditions key takeaways presented at the Advisory Group meeting on July 26, 2018.

Key Takeaways

Demographics

- By 2035 we are planning for 27% more people living here and 9% more people working in greater downtown. ^{i v}
- From 2010 to 2018, the population under 18 in the Greater Downtown grew five times as fast as the rate for the city and 13 times as fast as the region. ⁱⁱ
- The number of school age children in the center city almost doubled between 2010 and 2018. ⁱⁱ
- People aged 65-74 living in greater downtown increased approximately 90% between 2010 and 2018 ⁱⁱ
- Chinatown ID has the highest proportion of people over 65 (25% of CID population). ⁱⁱⁱ

Built Environment

- Developable Land
 - Greater downtown has very few large parcels (half block or more) available for public use or acquisition.
- Active Building Edges
 - In mixed use commercial districts and main streets, the pedestrian experience is strongly improved by street level designs with high transparency, scale and detail, and street level uses that have 18-hour activity for 'eyes on the street'.
- Public Private Plazas
 - Many privately owned public open spaces – whether voluntary or code-required - are not fully useable or provide the maximum user amenity they could.

Open Space

- Proportion of land dedicated to public parks (6%) as compared to land dedicated to ROW (40%) ⁱⁱⁱ
- First Hill neighborhood is underserved in parklands.
- C-ID, Yesler Terrace, and parts of Belltown have higher rates of poorer health outcomes.

Streets and Mobility

- Commute Mode Share from 2010-2017^{iv}
 - Transit ridership is up 6%
 - Walking is up 2%
 - SOV is down 9%
 - Rideshare remained constant (carpool and vanpool) at 10%
 - Biking remained constant 3%
- Percentage of work trips made by travel modes other than driving alone: 2014 Actual & 2035 Targets for All Work Trips (work trips terminating in the city or urban center) to Seattle and Its Urban Centers ^v

Area	2014	2035 Target
Downtown	77%	85%
First Hill/Capitol Hill	58%	70%
Uptown	48%	60%
South Lake Union	67%	80%

- Bicycle Data
 - Ridership on the 2nd Ave PBL increased over 38% from January through March compared to the same time last year.^{vi}
 - In January 2018 there were over 90K bike share trips and in May 2018 there were over 200K bike share trips taken.^{vii}
- Transportation Network Company Data
 - 46% growth in TNC trips between 2016 and 2017.^{viii}
 - Cruising TNCs make up 10% of all peak hour trips in downtown.^{viii}

ⁱ Puget Sound Regional Council

ⁱⁱ ESRI Community Analyst, 2018

ⁱⁱⁱ City of Seattle GIS

^{iv} 2017 Center City Commuter Mode Split Survey, Survey Results

^v Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Managing Growth to Become an Equitable and Sustainable City

^{vi} Seattle Department of Transportation

^{vii} Bike Share Annual Permit Recommendations, Seattle City Council Sustainability and Transportation Committee, July 27, 2018. Seattle DOT.

^{viii} “Can traffic sensors detect vehicle cruising?”, 2017. Seattle DOT and Data Science for Social Good.

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