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Question: What makes your neighborhood the place you've chosen to work, live, or shop?

Follow up: What would make it better? What types of housing opportunities does your neighborhood have now?

- It is very convenient for everyone.
- People want to have more train stations.
- Housing opportunities right now are SHA Housings, schools, apartments.

Question: What type of housing opportunities would you like to see it have in the future?

Follow up: As the community grows, changing housing costs could potentially affect some residents—where and for whom do you see the greatest potential challenge?

- In the future more affordable housing for seniors to live.
- The greatest potential challenge is for people who are low-income, seniors, retired, unemployed in Seattle.

Question: What unique character of your commercial district gives it its identity and what would you like to see preserved? *Follow up:* What types of goods, services and employment would you like to see near the transit stations, in your local business districts and accessible to the community?

- Markets, shopping, food service. Want to preserve super markets, and super stores, more Wal-Mart and Fred Meyer stores.
- Police offices, security services, more public phone, restrooms, more chairs with shade on the street.

Question: How do you use the parks and community centers in your neighborhood or nearby today (exercise, take children to play, relax, informal gathering)? If you don't go to city parks, now, what change would make you want to use the parks more?

- Exercise, tanning, make more paths for bicycles, sharing.
- Keep grass nicer, keep clean Bar-B-Q kiln (furnace), clean restrooms, more chairs with shade, swings, slides for children. Provide more security, napkins, and soap for everyone in order to keep it clean.

Question: What unique characteristics contribute to the identity of your neighborhood center? As the community grows, what opportunities are there to build on that? *Follow up:* What things could change that would make it a better community for you?

- Friends, meeting, gathering make suggestions together.
- Cultural, education.
- More security for unsafe areas such as Columbia City, Rainier Beach and closed to Seattle Super Market.

Question: In what ways could the arrival of new neighbors improve your community?

- More security.

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Question: How would you like to meet your daily and weekly needs for goods and services today (walk, bike, bus, car)? How could you have more choices? *Follow up:* What would need to change for you to be able to do this?

- More bus service.

Question: What services are important to you as your neighborhood grows? *Follow up:* What opportunity does this growth provide?

- Target and Ross stores.
- We can use light rail train form here to there.

Question: Sustainable Development" has been defined as: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." When applying this idea to your life and your community, what does "sustainability" mean to you? What would "sustainable development" look like in your community?

- Sustainable is to keep it long, is unshakable like a brass wall.

Question: Parks, open spaces, the urban forest and other natural areas provide breathing room, shade and opportunities for rest and relaxation, contribute to environmental quality and provide wildlife habitat. How would you expand and enhance these opportunities in your community?

- More parks, trees and parking lot.

Question: The new light rail and reliable bus service provide alternatives to driving and are better for the environment. Will you be using the light rail? If yes, how will you get to the station nearest to where you live?

- Must be more train stations.

Question: Walking and biking can also be healthier choices - for you and for the environment. Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go by walking or biking? How about for your children getting to school?

- Not easy and unsafe because there are a lot of cars.

Question: Global climate change is a serious concern. What steps should our community take to address this problem?

- Give out umbrellas, of course-there should be more light rail train and bus service. There should be shade to avoid bad weather and also watch out for broken electricity lines.

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Question: What makes your neighborhood the place you've chosen to work, live, or shop? Follow up: What would make it better? What types of housing opportunities does your neighborhood have now?

- We are elderly, old people, we have chosen this place to live, work and shop because it is easy to access to the bus stations, hospitals, and doctors.
- We must follow the rules.
- The types they have right now are elderly housing, senior housing.

Question: What type of housing opportunities would you like to see it have in the future? Follow up: As the community grows, changing housing costs could potentially affect some residents—where and for whom do you see the greatest potential challenge?

- We would like to see more elderly, senior housings in the future.
- The greatest potential challenge for people depending on income of residents in the neighborhood.

Question: What unique character of your commercial district gives it its identity and what would you like to see preserved? Follow up: What types of goods, services and employment would you like to see near the transit stations, in your local business districts and accessible to the community?

- Keep neighborhood quiet.
- We want to have more stores close to our Neighborhood such as Wal-mart, Target and Ross.
- We want to have more business services, goods services to enjoy.

Question: How do you use the parks and community centers in your neighborhood or nearby today (exercise, take children to play, relax, informal gathering)? If you don't go to city parks, now, what change would make you want to use the parks more?

- We like relaxing and exercise .
- We want to have an exercise room close to here, swimming pool, a hot tub.

Question: What unique characteristics contribute to the identity of your neighborhood center? As the community grows, what opportunities are there to build on that? Follow up: What things could change that would make it a better community for you?

- As the same time, please provide security in the Neighborhood.

Question: In what ways could the arrival of new neighbors improve your community?

- More security in the Neighborhood.

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Question: How would you like to meet your daily and weekly needs for goods and services today (walk, bike, bus, car)? How could you have more choices? Follow up: What would need to change for you to be able to do this?

- We only take a bus for daily basic services
- We'll take light rail train when its start.
- If bus rounds will be cut then we'll have to wait longer for the light rail train? Please provide light rail train round run more hours.
- Taking a bus is easier than light rail train.

Question: What services are important to you as your neighborhood grows? Follow up: What opportunity does this growth provide?

- Please provide more bus round for us because we are seniors.
- We could see on top of freeway from light rail train that we can never see before.

Question: Sustainable Development" has been defined as: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." When applying this idea to your life and your community, what does "sustainability" mean to you? What would "sustainable development" look like in your community?

- Sustainable is to build some more affordable housing for seniors.
- Please provide light rail train stations with free-zone, same like bus free-zone in downtown Seattle.
- Please do not raise money for both of bus and light rail train tickets, "lower the prizes equally for bus and light rail train services"

Question: Parks, open spaces, the urban forest and other natural areas provide breathing room, shade and opportunities for rest and relaxation, contribute to environmental quality and provide wildlife habitat. How would you expand and enhance these opportunities in your community?

- Pay attention at the lights, signs. Especially for the sign, please make the walking light longer because seniors walk so slowly. Make side walk wider in the parks.

Question: The new light rail and reliable bus service provide alternatives to driving and are better for the environment. Will you be using the light rail? If yes, how will you get to the station nearest to where you live?

- We will walk to the bus and light rail train stations. Be careful with all signs on the street.

Question: Walking and biking can also be healthier choices - for you and for the environment. Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go by walking or biking? How about for your children getting to school?

- Easy to get here and there by walking. Their parents will take them to school.

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Question: Global climate change is a serious concern. What steps should our community take to address this problem?

- Do not cut down trees, oxygen and carbonate chemical has to be cut down because it not good for our health.
- Old people can't stand for so long, please create more chairs with shade (cover) to avoid the sun and rain.
- Must have security around the bus and train stations nowadays.
- Keep current bus schedule, do not cut down the bus routes- it not easy for seniors.
- We want to participate more in community meeting to make our community stronger.

Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Members of the Senior Community

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Meeting held at Courtland Place

Housing

- We live here because — daughters are near, affordable, familiar, close to downtown, was a long-time area resident, was a long-time area worker
- Need to get ride of gang activity, need to be safer outside, need accessibility

Character (now)

- perceived as “less worthy”
- high crime
- enough small eating places, especially Asian

Character (in future we would like)

- street lighting
- beautification, like Columbia City
- more shopping opportunities
- cameras
- businesses that attract foot traffic
- businesses for low-income shoppers/more affordable shopping options — Grocery Outlet,
- Kmart, WallMart, etc.
- “sit down” restaurants (not fast food), diners
- small park, one we can walk to
- plaza with tables, coffee kiosk, food stands
- bookstore

Parks

- need to be more convenient to get to — I need to take a bus now but would like to be able to
- walk to a nearby park
- safety is a concern
- small pocket park
- would like plants under the pedestrian bridge at MLK/Rainier and other amenities at nearby bus stops

Light Rail (will you ride it?)

- Sometimes — might ride it to the airport
- If I have to take a bus to the station, I might as well stay on the bus

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Transportation

- Sandwich boards & vehicles block the sidewalks, need better enforcement of current laws
- High traffic volume generated by businesses that replace (or are an addition to) existing low traffic volume businesses — this really impacts pedestrian safety
- Need more lighting
- Need to replace/maintain sidewalks, tree roots are a big problem
- Need a pedestrian crossing on Rainier at Court St. where there are bus stops, but it is difficult to
- cross Rainier safely
- Wet, slippery leaves on the sidewalks are very dangerous and last for many months