

Metro Everett Plan May 9th Open House

Results from Table Discussions

Following a brief presentation that provided an overview of the project, and a summary of the draft vision that City Staff and the consultant team had proposed, members of the public broke into small groups (roughly 5-8 participants per each table) for a more focused discussion. Feedback was recorded via a variety of methods, to be flexible and responsive to the flow of discussion and the topics raised.

A summary of feedback recorded at each table is provided below.

TABLE A*

TABLE A: General Discussion Notes (Flip Chart)

Near Term Vision

- Lowes provides retail for area
- Lowes redevelopment is near term (~5 years)
- Architectural integrity of poorly remodeled facades
- Everett should not look like Lynnwood
- Lacks connectivity; it's truly a peninsula
- Expand Hewitt Ave historic district
- Everett Ave has lost its median
- Pacific Ave has lost its median
- Should rebuild and return to residential
- Make Everett more pedestrian and bicycle oriented with bike racks along bike routes
- Don't like pedestrian buttons
- Don't see need for another plaza
- Concerned that Rucker/Pacific widening will make traffic faster and less pedestrian friendly to cross
- Shuttle or other small transit system to connect "water to river:
- Keep Hewitt Ave as historic business street

Mid term vision

- Keep industry at Everett Station
- Promote Live-work
- Dense, mixed use like Mill Creek Town Center
- Everett character = "sophistigritty"
- Keep Blue collar feel

** Table A provided feedback via general discussion notes only. The basemap and worksheet were discussed, but no comments were recorded on these materials.*

TABLE B*

Facilitator: Paul P. and Brian V.

TABLE B: Base Map

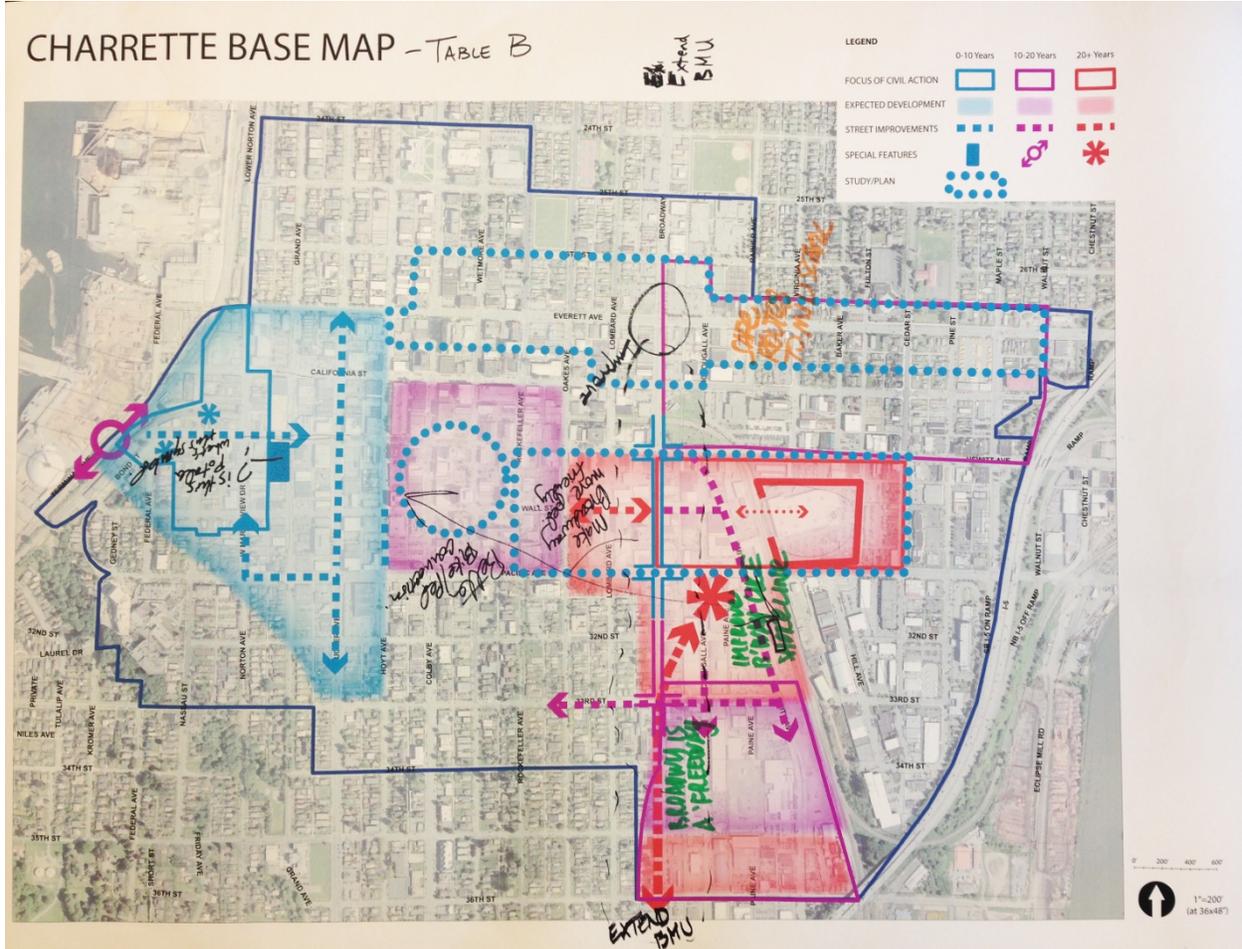


TABLE B: Base Map Notes

- Extend Broadway Mixed Use overlay along Broadway corridor
- Broadway is a freeway
- Improve Broadway like shoreline
- Safe routes to schools in northeast Metro Everett (within Everett Corridor Area)
- Improve Broadway and Everett intersection
- Make Broadway more pedestrian friendly
- Better bike-ped connections between station area and West Downtown
- Question about map symbol (Response: Categorized as a special feature, it is the new market space that is soon to open in West Downtown)

Table B: Worksheet Responses

This table gathered feedback by counting the number of table participants who ranked a given element 4 or higher. The following is the list of vision elements, ranked in order of number of “votes” (i.e. number of participants ranking it a 4 or 5)

Vision Element	# of “votes”
8. Lowes Site & Vicinity	5
4. Everett Station Area Planning	4
5. Central Downtown Core Redevelopment	
9. Development of Everett Station Area	
1. West Downtown Redevelopment	3
6. Makers/Workshop District	
2. Broadway Streetscapes	2
3. Everett corridor plan	
7. Strengthen NE neighborhood	1

* Table B provided feedback via base map and worksheet. No general notes were recorded on a flip chart.

TABLE C*

Facilitator: John O.

TABLE C: Base Map

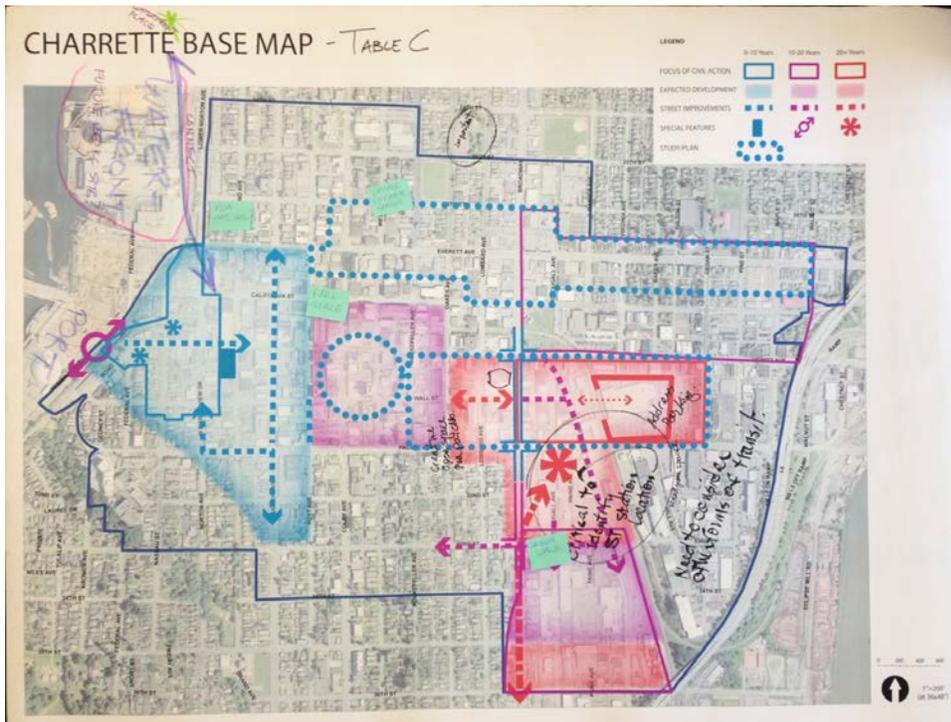


TABLE C: Base Map Notes

- Park space at edge of West Downtown (roughly at California and Hoyt)
- P-Patches/Community Gardens north of West Downtown/Everett Ave.
- Connection to waterfront and Waterfront Place is important
- People and green spaces within Everett Ave. corridor
- Creative open spaces and community gardens between station area and West Downtown (roughly at Pacific Ave and Oakes Ave)
- Address parking at Lowes Site
- Critical to identify ST station location
- Green space within/between Station area and Workshop district
- Open space and outside recreation area north of 25th, between Oakes and Lombard is important
- East of Station area, need to consider other forms of transit

TABLE C: Worksheet Responses

This table ranked the various vision elements by priority (1 low – 5 high).

Priority Ranking	Vision Element	Comments
5	1. West Downtown Redevelopment	Clark Park gentrify
	4. Everett Station Area Planning	Important – don't let it be a parking lot for others
	5. Central Downtown Core Redevelopment	
	9. Development of Everett Station Area	Low to moderate housing; lots of partners
4	3. Everett corridor plan	Major route to waterfront
	6. Makers/Workshop District	
	8. Lowes Site & Vicinity	
3	2. Broadway Streetscapes	Not necessary until later?
	7. Strengthen NE neighborhood	
2	n/a	n/a
1	n/a	n/a

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TABLE D

Facilitator: Katy S

TABLE D: General Discussion Notes (Flip Chart)

- Safety concerns
- Crime and homelessness
- Plan for homelessness?
- Medicine Hay Housing Plan is an example
- Current issues are important
- Young families are coming
- Affordable housing
- Need a school
- Establishing the core of metro Everett
- Don't want to drive
- Want to do things at night – out to eat, nightlife
- Spaces aren't being used
- More events to build community spirit
- Prepare for parking
- Car sharing

TABLE D: Base Map

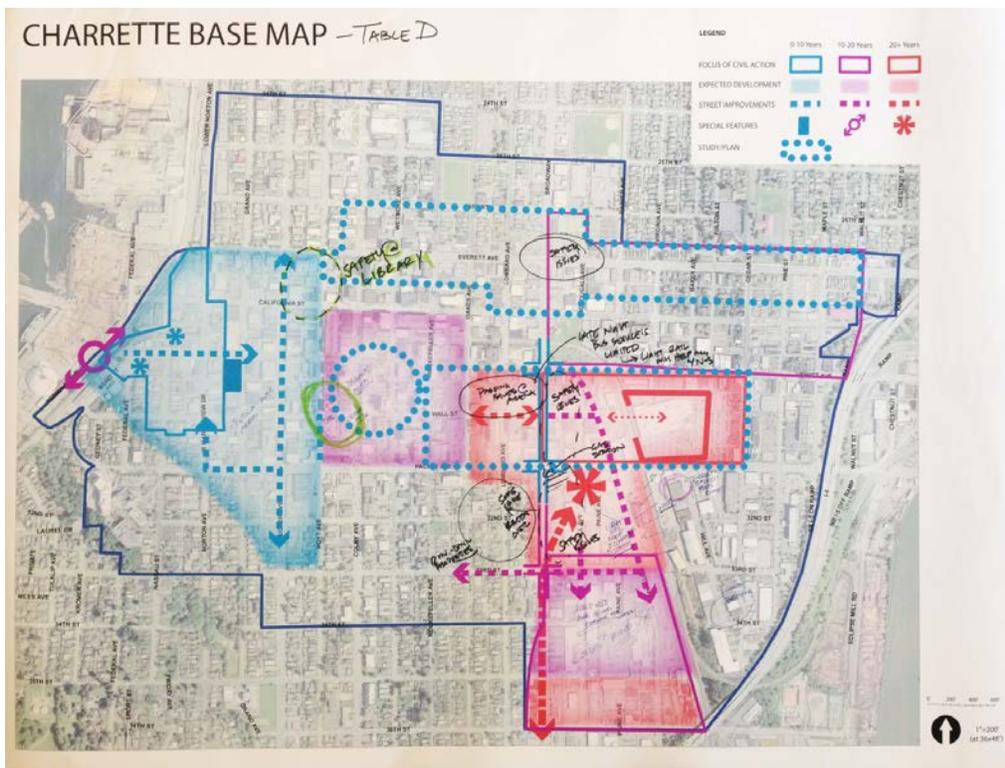


TABLE D: Base Map Notes

- Safety concerns around Library site, in West Downtown
- Imagine Children’s Museum and Schack Arts site in West Downtown are amenities...seeds of a very vibrant area
- Petula Place (sp?) and Arrow in West Downtown
- Some crime creeps west from Broadway
- Run-down properties west of Broadway feel unsafe and unwelcoming
- Safety issues along Broadway, and east to McDougal Ave (evidence of drug dealing and crime)
- Need to coordinate with new station
- Workshop district would need to be an 18-hour vibrant type of place to feel safe.
- Would condos/apartments and/or mixed use work in the Workshop district?
- Noise from trains is significant to some - Others get used to noise
- Gas station site along Broadway...within areas that feel unsafe
- Parking issues around the arena site
- Late night bus service needed...hard to get into/out of town after 10 pm’ish, if not by car - Light rail may help with this?
- Safety issues at Everett Ave and Broadway
- There are already some current “makers” type spaces east of railway, along Hill Ave...Arts space and a brewery

TABLE D: Worksheet Reponses

This table did not rank the vision elements, instead focused their attention on vision elements of interest to discuss in more detail

Vision Element	Comments
1. West Downtown Redevelopment	Want to see new buildings succeed before building a lot more. Need a park Infill is good, but is the demand for it there?
2. Broadway Streetscapes	n/a
3. Everett corridor plan	n/a
4. Everett Station Area Planning	Perhaps not current community mindset for housing at station – but might come. Need to look at this carefully Noise from trains IS significant, but can adjust
5. Central Downtown Core Redevelopment	No school. Has some vibrant areas No park currently Condos + residential would be interesting
6. Makers/Workshop District	n/a
7. Strengthen NE neighborhood	n/a
8. Lowes Site & Vicinity	What would the institutional use be? WSU?
9. Development of Everett Station Area	Housing? Will it work?

TABLE E*

Facilitator: Bill W.

TABLE E: General Discussion Notes

Global—Center needs to be walkable, have increased height and increased density. Sprawl kills cities. The concept of walkable—due to aging population, etc. is VERY important to this group. Three of the individuals did not own cars.

Must make sure downtown and metro center (rail) areas complement each other and do not compete. Make sure we coordinate with Transit Alliance so we do not have competing/contradictory goals and plans.

Need affordable housing and senior housing near the train station. Mixed income neighborhoods would be a big plus.

Need to ensure the market drives how development happens. For example—eliminate parking requirements to lower housing costs. More mixed use. Mixed use should be required (parking below, retail ground floor, housing above).

Create tax incentives/ market conditions to increase growth in downtown.

Create features (art, pianos, flowers, etc.) along walkable sidewalks so that people have things to do/look at random areas (reference the painted pigs in Seattle), and small green spaces (pocket parks) would be good as gathering places. Desperate for a large, downtown gathering space—desire to move the planned circle area north a bit to worse properties—BIA would support it. Desire to locate it near performing arts building. Examples given from Sweden and Poland of studies that show excitement due to things to see and do along large walkable streets.

Look into “Imagine Housing (Chris Jowell, 425-576-5190)—for ideas on housing.

One person was interested in use of bit coin currency.

Two individuals wanted an increase in “name brand” stores—like Jimmy Johns, Home Depot—other “household” names. Others disagreed and wanted mom and pop single proprietor stores.

More festivals/holiday celebrations/events to draw tourists. Looking for multi-cultural/religious holiday events as well. Diversity—not just Christmas etc.

Gateway open space is a high priority to draw from rail station tom metro downtown.

Need to evaluate market—figure out how to draw developers and how to attract money to build.

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