

Attachment 2

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At the Council workshop on December 16, 2024, Council endorsed the reGENERATE Vision for the 22nd Street area, and provided a range of comments for consideration during the implementation phase. The table below summarizes the key feedback received, along with preliminary opportunities to address each topic through subsequent planning and policy implementation work.

Feedback Topic	Opportunity to Advance
How does the City ensure that new development supports the Vision's objectives (e.g.: new developments are green buildings forms)?	<p>The Council-endorsed Vision will guide Development Planners in discussions and negotiations with applicants.</p> <p>The implementation phase would involve embedding Vision strategies and objectives into City regulations, policies, plans, and programs. For example, building to passive design standards would be incorporated into design guidelines, and a City-wide policy encouraging mass timber construction would be explored.</p>
How can the City help ensure that future school sites are identified and secured?	<p>The School District would be engaged in the implementation of the Vision in order to inform infrastructure and amenity planning.</p> <p>The proposed 2025 Official Community Plan update incorporates revised population projections and support school site planning by adding "public schools" as a permitted use within the majority of residential and mixed-use land use designations. This change would support the streamlining of school projects by removing the requirement for the School District to make an OCP amendment application.</p>
Is there an opportunity for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to continue to be involved in advancing a car-light neighbourhood here, including consideration of improvements to pedestrian and cycling connections to Queensborough, and a reimagining of the clover leaf bridge ramp infrastructure?	<p>Additional transportation analysis is proposed to form part of implementation. The results of this could inform future advocacy efforts to the Province.</p> <p>The Vision includes a strategy to continue advocating to the Province to optimize provincial transportation infrastructure for multi-modal movement, which could include future reconfiguration of key infrastructure elements.</p>
Provision of a public washroom near the SkyTrain.	The Vision calls for a public washroom at the station. Further advocacy work with TransLink for station redevelopment or expanded services at the station or

	transit exchange is also listed in the Vision's implementation actions.
There is significant infrastructure and amenities needed in this neighbourhood, including new parks, community centre, and transportation infrastructure. Is there a role for advocacy to senior government for delivering these pieces?	Implementation of the Vision would include exploring infrastructure and amenity needs more deeply and informed by City-wide interdepartmental initiatives which are already underway. This includes amenities planning (e.g. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update), and infrastructure and asset management planning (e.g. Electrical Utility strategic planning). These initiatives will inform financing growth work (e.g. updating Development Cost Charges and establishing an Amenity Cost Charges program) to ensure development pays for the growth-related portion of the infrastructure and amenities needed to build a livable city. These city-wide initiatives will also inform advocacy to senior levels of government.
Ensure that growth and communities in surrounding areas are considered during infrastructure and amenity planning.	Growth at Southgate and elsewhere in Burnaby, as well as impacts to Queensborough, were considered during the visioning phase and would inform development concepts and planning for infrastructure and amenities. Staff continue to work with the staff in neighbouring cities (Burnaby, Coquitlam, Richmond) through neighbourhood planning or related to major developments.
Consider establishing a greenspace target or strategy to ensure adequate greenspace is provided.	This is being explored and considered as part of the forthcoming Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (anticipated completion in 2025). The standards set through that Plan would be carried into the 22 nd Street Station Area work.
Need for careful consideration of construction impact, and strategic timing on civic or infrastructure work.	These considerations will be addressed through project permitting and construction coordination during implementation and build out.
Need for continued advocacy to TransLink to ensure transit capacity keeps up with growth, and innovative solutions are sought. Need to also explore stacking uses above the bus exchange, and potentially removing personal vehicle traffic from Seventh Ave, while keeping space for taxi and pick-up and drop-off.	<p>The City is involved with implementation of <i>Transport 2050</i>, has been advocating for adequate service through the creation of a Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan.</p> <p>TransLink and City staff collaborated on visioning for the 22nd Street Station area, including through discussions on optimizing the platform utilization and accommodating five-car trains, and planning for future bus exchange expansion. City staff would maintain engagement with TransLink staff throughout the Transit Village Development Concept process.</p>

Consider exploring community ownership models in this area, such as through a community land trust?	Retaining/establishing community ownership or embedding community in governance is in alignment with many of the submissions in the Ideas Challenge and the call from community to ensure that a sense of place and neighbourhood feel is retained. Opportunities may exist to explore community involvement in governance or programming of a future community centre (e.g. by using the Neighbourhood House governance model), in programming of greenspace (e.g. by supporting community stewardship of gardens)
Appreciation for the ideas that came from youth and other community members, such as design ideas for sensory parks	There should be an opportunity to continue to take inspiration from these kinds of ideas challenge submissions in the creation of public realm and streetscape guidelines

Additional Council Comments/Considerations

Council made additional comments about issues to be considered in through design guidelines and future planning work:

- Incorporate age-friendly design principles,
- Consider acoustic performance and soundscape in urban design,
- Explore opportunities to maximize use of rooftops for green spaces,
- Utilize solar exposure on south-facing slope for renewable energy generation, and
- Ensure the retention of public views of the Fraser River.

Broader City-Wide Implications

Council also highlighted the potential to apply Vision principles more broadly to other parts of the city. Notable opportunities discussed include:

- Greening opportunities in utility corridors, and
- Leveraging the Ideas Challenge and youth engagement processes in other neighbourhood planning initiatives.