

# Totem Lake Plan Supports a Dense and Vital Urban Center

## TOTEM LAKE BUSINESS DISTRICT POLICIES PROMOTE

- Continued growth as a **community and regional center** for employment, housing, health care, retail and vehicle sales, light industrial and office development
- A vital, intensified Totem Center, including support for an **expanded Evergreen Hospital campus, thriving Totem Lake Mall and successful regional transit facility**
- Expanded opportunities for **mixed use, “village” developments**, on both sides of I-405
- **Transition from low rise industrial uses** to office and business park uses in taller buildings west of I-405 and south of NE 116th Street
- **Development incentives** (additional building height) where affordable housing is included in development
- New right-of-ways created through private development to **create a street grid within large blocks** in mixed use districts
- **Improved Metro and Sound Transit service** to and from Totem Lake
- **Incentives to encourage vehicle dealerships** in the neighborhood
- An **enhanced (natural condition and function) Totem Lake**
- A **coherent and attractive neighborhood identity**, achieved through measures in the public realm such as gateway features and a “circulator” boulevard linking the district’s disparate quadrants, and design guidelines for private development

## WHAT MIGHT CHANGE? ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION INCLUDE

- Changes to industrial areas - Should there be greater flexibility for industrial expansion? Should residential use be encouraged along the Cross Kirkland Corridor in industrial areas? Should recreational uses be limited?
- Changes to boundaries – Should the Kingsgate Park and Ride be in the Totem Lake Business District? Should the Lake Washington Institute of Technology be in the Urban Center?
- Should commercial uses be allowed east of Slater Avenue?
- Should incentives for residential use be retained?
- How can the neighborhood identity for Totem Lake be strengthened? Where are opportunities for public spaces and pedestrian amenities?



## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- What would make Totem Lake a more successful business district?
- What’s missing that might give Totem Lake a “sense of place”?

## Totem Lake CURRENT PLANNED LAND USE AND VISION URBAN CENTER

