

Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JULY 27, 2016

Draft Transportation Policies

- U.W. Green Futures Lab student recommended policies and implementation tasks
- Policies based on year long public outreach efforts
- Your comments will be forwarded to Planning Commission 7/28
- Potential land use/rezones are being considered
- Planning Commission reviews draft plan on August 25
- Public open house and public hearing in fall 2016
- City Council adoption end of 2016 or early 2017

Finn Hill Guiding Principles

1. Promote human and wildlife connectivity through multifunction green spaces.
2. Reduce islands of higher density zoning in single family residential areas to support the neighborhood's desire to retain its low density character, to protect sensitive areas, and to preserve tree canopy cover and wildlife habitat.
3. Develop the neighborhood commercial districts into pedestrian oriented villages that are residential in scale, provide needed services and gathering places within walking distance, and support additional transit options. They should be developed with sensitivity to the neighborhood's environmental and traffic concerns and while maintaining the neighborhood's character.
4. New development in the neighborhood should be in keeping with the neighborhood's vision.

Transportation Mobility Goals

1. Form a safe **network of sidewalks, trails, bikeways** and **crosswalks** where walking and cycling are safe, making them the first choice for many trips.
2. Public **transit alternatives** are provided.

Existing, planned and desired pedestrian system

Sidewalks on all school walk routes

Pedestrian/bicycle connections from isolated areas to rest of neighborhood

Pedestrian amenities to enhance experience: crosswalks, street trees, street furniture

Provide areas along streets for people to gather

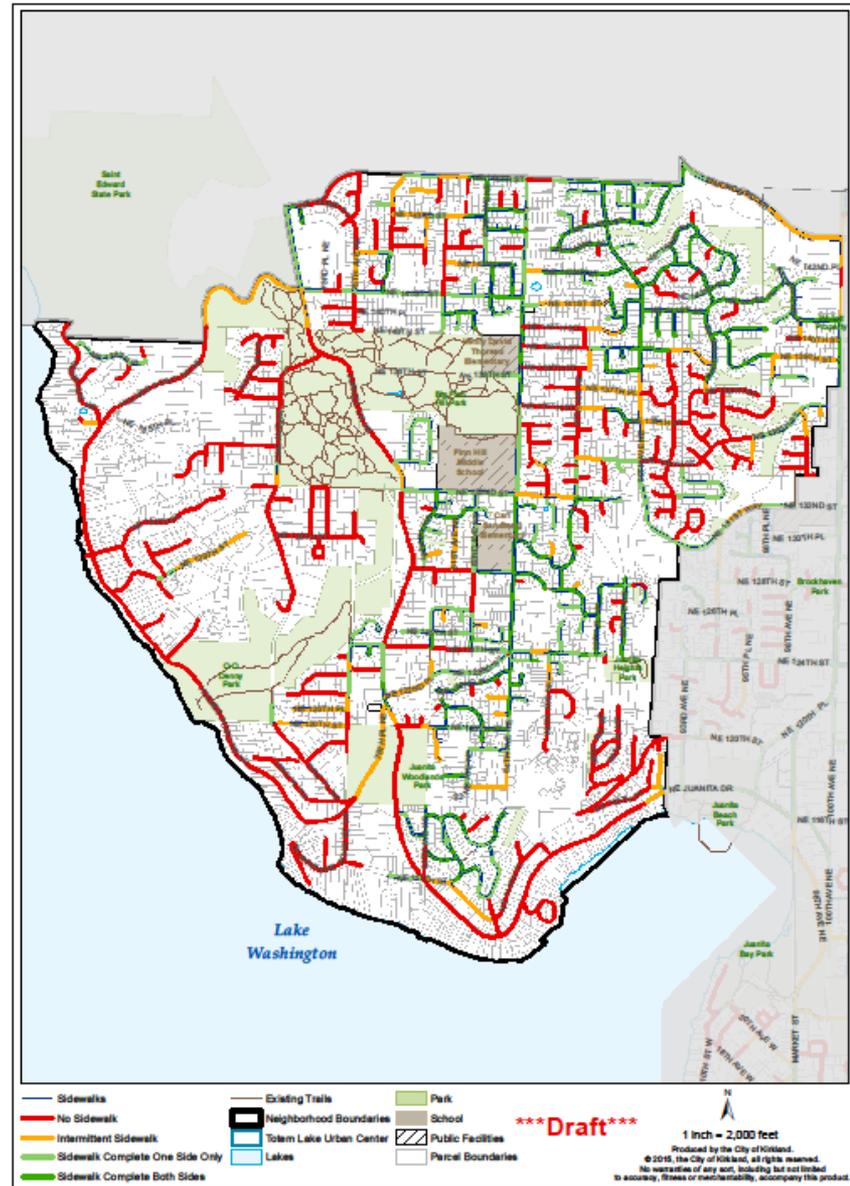


Figure 7.1.2: Finn Hill Pedestrian System

7.3 Public Transit

Lobby King County Metro for improved transit services

Alternative modes of transportation such as shuttles, car share, vanpools

Coordinate land use with transit service feasibility

Connect transit hubs within neighborhood to commercial districts, surrounding transit centers (Downtown Kirkland, Totem Lake, Kenmore, Seattle)

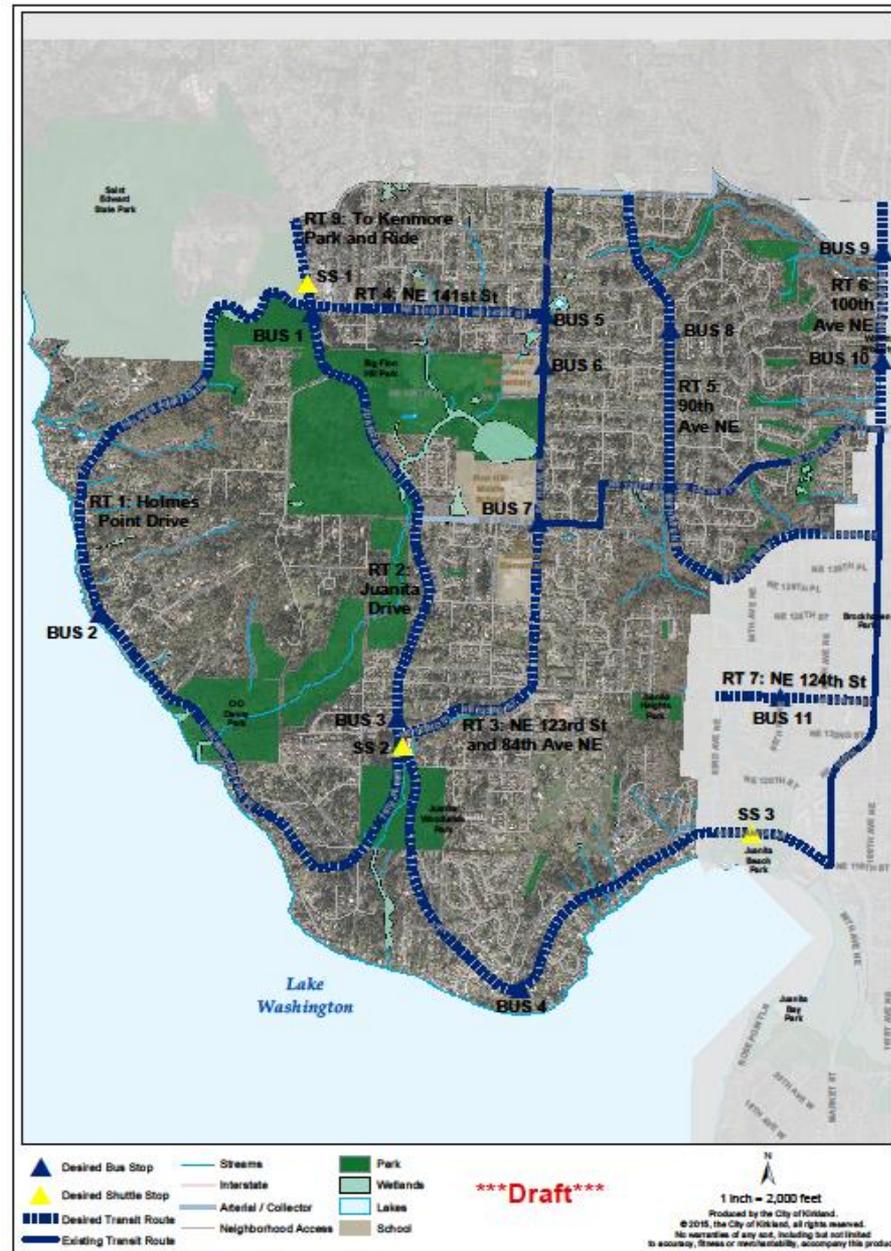


Figure 7.3.1 Finn Hill Existing and Desired Public Transit System

7.4 Bike routes and facilities

Separated bike/vehicles facilities, wayfinding, intersection improvements

Bike routes along Neighborhood Greenways

Connect bike routes to parks, transit, schools, trails outside Finn Hill

Establish easements across properties for peds. and bikes

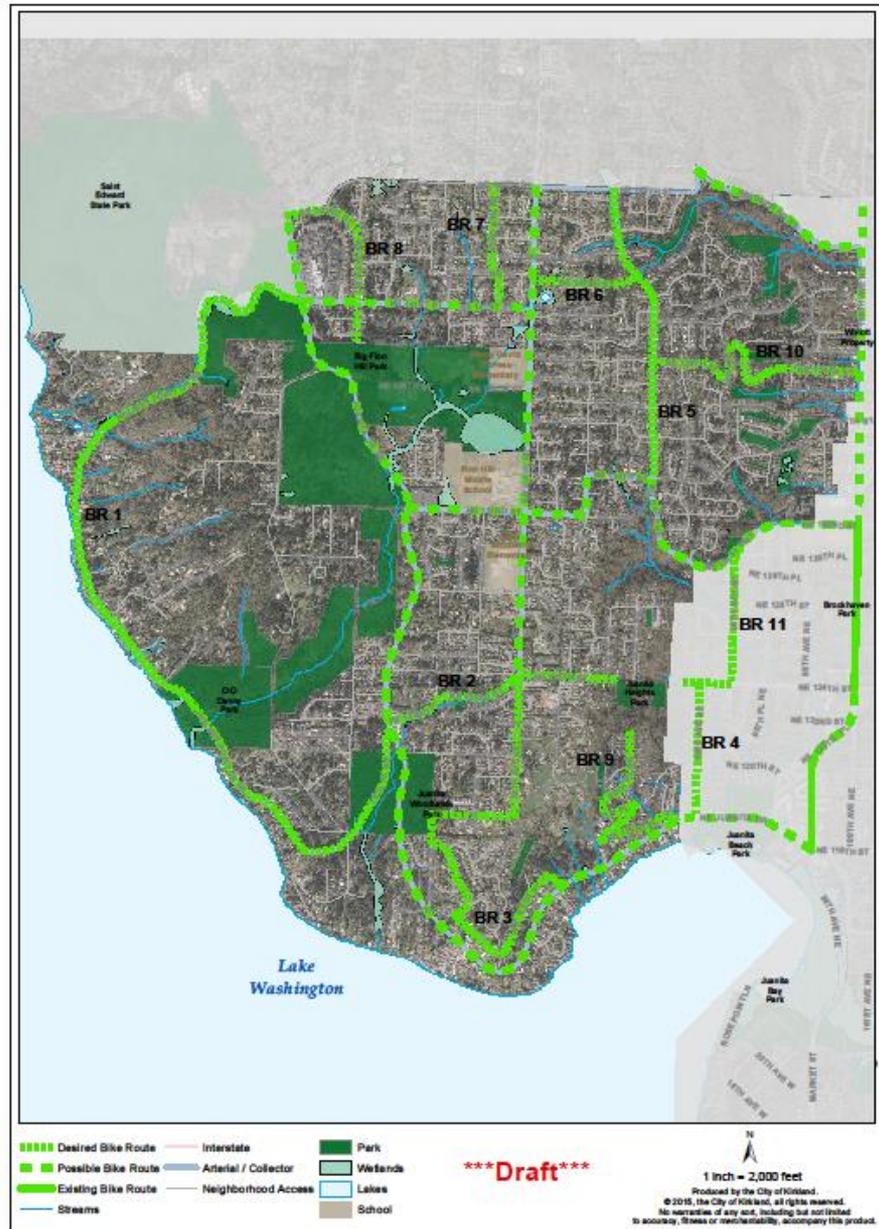


Figure 7.4.1 Finn Hill Existing and Desired Bike Routes

GFL Implementation Recommendations

- Add policies to address the needs of people with mobility impairments or elderly. (*existing City wide requirement*)
- Identify issues related to Goat Hill street width/safety improvements
- Identify issues related to Holmes Point Drive
- Identify actions to lobby King County Metro Transit to improve service
- Conduct a facilities needs study for commuters and recreational bicyclists in order to increase ridership
- Study where easements are needed to complete a bike-ped. trail system

What's Next?

- Draft Neighborhood Plan to PC August 25
- Begin public outreach for rezones Aug-Sept
- Public open house for draft Plan Fall
- PC recommendation to City Council Fall
- Council adopts plan December or
Early 2017

Discussion

- Do you agree with the draft policies and implementation recommendations?
- Specific edits to draft policies to pass on to GFL?
- Do you want to see the next draft prior to public hearing?

Questions?
Comments?
