

# GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS



## Crossroads Engagement Report

PHASE 1 - DISCOVER



# Introduction

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Bellevue is known for its diverse, vibrant, and welcoming neighborhoods. The high quality of life that community members enjoy isn't an accident; it's a result of careful planning done with the input the people who live, work, and play here.

The **Great Neighborhoods** program is the process for developing neighborhood area plans that reflect the community's values and vision for the future. These provide guidance to the city, developers, and community partners about how people want to see the neighborhood evolve in the future.

Neighborhood area plans are part of the city's Comprehensive Plan (Volume 2). They help address the changing needs of specific areas while staying aligned with the city's overall vision and policies (Volume 1).

## Project Scope

As part of the Great Neighborhoods program, City Council initiated updates to the neighborhood area plans for Crossroads and Newport in September 2024. This process will repeat in cycles until all sixteen neighborhood area plans have been updated.

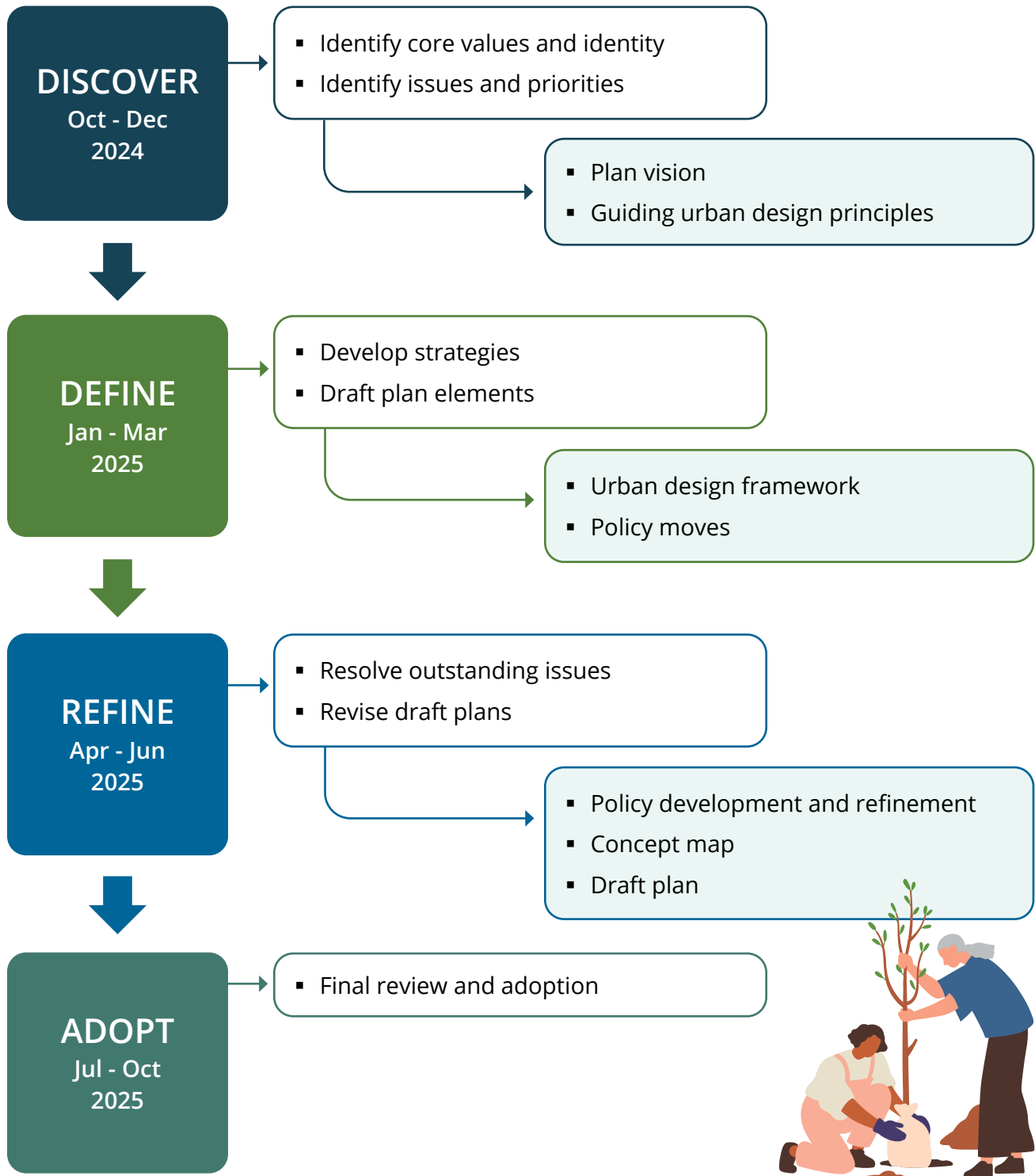
The goal is to adopt plans that are relevant to each neighborhood's unique identity, opportunities, and challenges. This planning effort seeks to enhance livability and is focused on the following topics:

- **Neighborhood Identity:** Define the unique aspects of each neighborhood and develop strategies to highlight them.
- **Enhanced Community Gathering Spaces:** Define and strengthen community hubs and "third places" that foster social interaction and connectivity.
- **Urban Design Framework:** Establish guidance on neighborhood design, focusing on opportunities to activate spaces and improve the look and feel of public spaces.
- **Neighborhood Connectivity:** Make it safe and convenient for people to get around their neighborhood, connect to transit and use other modes of transportation.
- **Public Realm Improvements:** Identify needs for potential future improvements, such as streets and trails, through community engagement.



# Project Timeline

The planning process is rooted in extensive community engagement that seeks to involve the many diverse voices that make up each neighborhood. The work is broken down into four phases with many opportunities for community members to provide input and review draft policy ideas.



# Overview of Outreach Activities & Participation

The Discover phase of neighborhood area planning began in October and went through December of 2024. As suggested by the name, engagement was focused on learning and discovery. Goals included setting expectations around the scope and timeline; understanding how the community sees itself; identifying neighborhood assets and opportunities for improving public spaces, gathering places, and neighborhood connectivity.

## Support for Equitable Engagement

Crossroads is one of Bellevue’s most diverse neighborhoods. 59% of residents are from communities of color, 13% are 65 or older, and 70% of residents are renters. Ensuring these voices are part of the neighborhood planning process is a priority for the City. The planning team took a number of steps to connect with diverse communities including meeting with Spanish language parents’ groups; initiating a collaboration with King County Housing Authority’s property managers, presenting to a Chinese seniors’ group; posting flyers at apartment buildings, presenting to residents at Silver Glen, a 55 and older community; and connecting with 8th graders at Odle Middle school. Bellevue’s Cultural Outreach team provided critical support by leading presentations in other languages and promoting engagement opportunities via different channels.



### Outreach activities during this phase included

- 1 Virtual Kickoff Event (combined with Newport)
- 14 meetings with neighborhood leaders
- 5 presentations to neighborhood groups
- 6 pop-up tabling opportunities at community events
- 1 Ideas Fair (in-person)

### During this phase the planning team connected with

- 395 people in-person at our community events, pop-up tabling, small-group meetings, and presentations.
- 169 people who responded to the mailed or online questionnaire.
- 166 visitors to our online engagement hub

## Demographics

Reporting on demographic information of participants can be challenging. There are some events, like a drop-in event, where the format doesn't allow for easy data collection. Additionally, demographic questions are always optional, and some people decline to share personal details.

The online questionnaire provided the most structured opportunity for collecting demographic data, which allows staff to understand how participation aligns with city-wide demographics. In general, there are significant gaps in participation from people of color, renters, and over-representation from older residents.

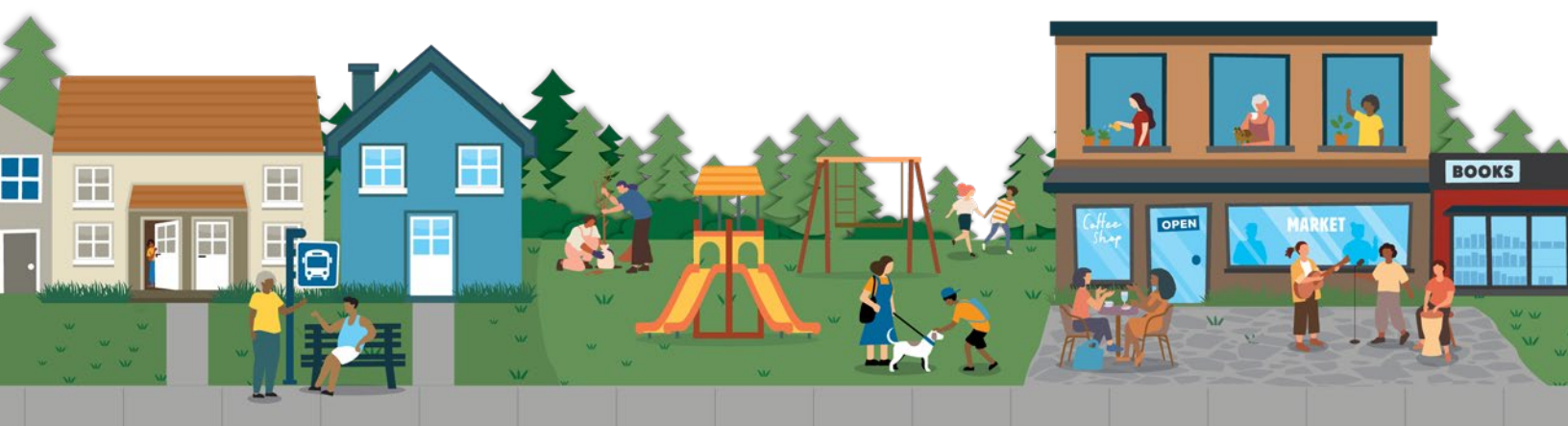
### People Ages 45+



### People of Color



### People who Rent





# Summary of Input

The primary purpose of the Discover phase is right in the name – it's a time for the planning team to learn how the community sees itself. What are shared values, ideas for the futures, challenges that need to be addressed and opportunities to enhance livability. Questions and topic areas that framed the conversation included:

- What are the core values that should inform future development and changes?
- How can neighborhood connectivity be enhanced and make it easier for people to walk, bike, or take transit to destinations in their neighborhood and beyond?
- What are some of the places and spaces that people enjoy spending time in in the neighborhood?
- Where do people like to gather with friends and family in the neighborhood?
- What qualities do people want to see more of in public spaces in the neighborhood?
- What are specific challenges or opportunities that need to be addressed?

## Values & Vision

Understanding community values is a key part of the planning process. Values are an expression of what is most important to the community – what they take pride in and what they aspire to be. Values lead to a vision of what the community wants to achieve in the future. The values and vision also serve as a touchstone in the development of policies reminding planners what actions and outcomes the policies should support.

During both the Kickoff Event and Ideas Fair, participants were invited to share their value in a simple card sorting exercise. The planning team also use a Mad-Libs type exercise to invite people to apply those values to a sample Vision Statement. Participants also shared their values during small group discussions and meetings.

Community members in Crossroads value the neighborhood's **convenience** and **diversity**. People appreciate that it's easy to access services and amenities like the mall and the community center, and to access Downtown and other neighborhoods. Participants expressed a desire for more **play & creativity** and **sustainability** both in increased access to green space and support for more biking and walking and access to transit.

Crossroads is known for its **convenience**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **culturally vibrant** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **cohesive community** that enhances a **safe environment** for future generations.

*~ Participant  
Vision Statement*



## Neighborhood Identity & Assets

Understanding how the neighborhood sees itself – what qualities make it unique – was a key question for this phase of engagement. The policies in the neighborhood area plan should strengthen and enhance things that make a neighborhood special and beloved by the people who live, work, and play there.

People were invited to share what they like and appreciate about their neighborhood during small group discussions, via exercises during the Ideas Fair, and questions on the mailed questionnaire.

### Peaceful, green, and busy/congested

were the qualities that respondents to the mailed questionnaire brought up most when asked to describe Crossroads in three words. Crossroads is known for its **diversity** and that contributes to its **family-oriented** and **inclusive** feeling. It's a centrally located neighborhood and with lots of **access** to community centers, parks, shopping as well as other destinations like Downtown and the growing BelRed arts district.

In speaking about specific locations or amenities, people most often brought up Crossroads Mall, which one questionnaire respondent described as, "one of the best Third Places in all of Seattle. It's great having the DMV, library, and Police there too. It's nice having all we need to shop for in one place but also have live entertainment and community events there."

Crossroads Park is another important community asset. It provides a variety of "facilities for small and large gatherings" while offering different recreation opportunities in a safe environment.

Several respondents mentioned locations and amenities outside of the neighborhood like Robinswood Park, the YMCA on Bel-Red Road, and the Bellevue Botanical Gardens, which further highlights how Crossroads' central location makes it easy for people to connect to places outside of their neighborhood.

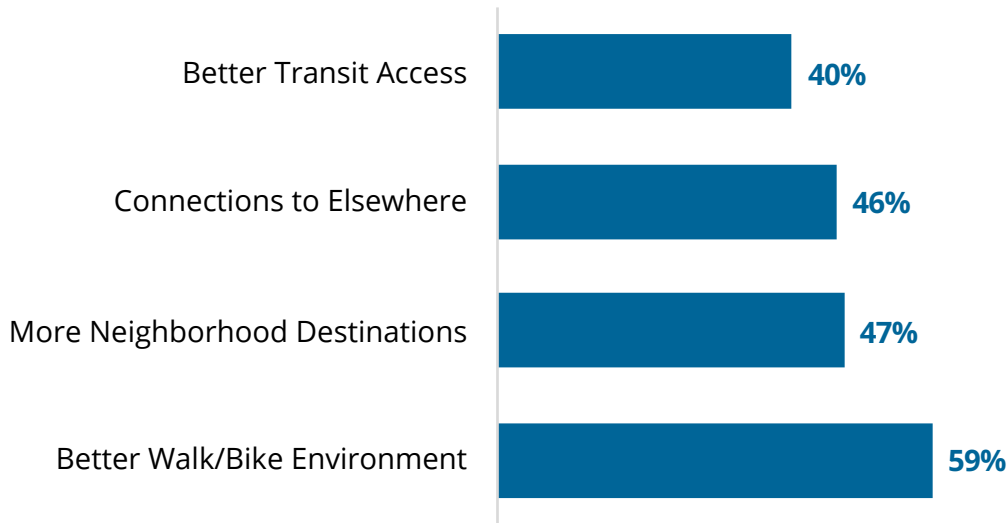
## Neighborhood Connectivity

Improving people's ability to walk, bike, and roll in the neighborhood is an important focus area for neighborhood area planning. The Great Neighborhoods project also seeks to look for opportunities to improve access to transit and connections within the neighborhood and to other destinations. Connectivity is an important issue for community members. People provided a lot of feedback related to walkability, pedestrian safety, options for biking, and access to neighborhood amenities.

When asked, "What would encourage you to walk, bike, roll, and/or use transit more?" community members indicated that a better walking and biking environment would be the most impactful. More destinations within the neighborhood and connections to other places were also important.



## Walkability cited as key to encouraging people to get around without cars



People in Crossroads most often mention the **pathways** in **Crossroads Community Park** and nearby **Kelsey Creek Park** as paths they value. The community values these pathways as they provide an opportunity to exercise in a pleasant, green setting as well as safe pedestrian connections to a range of destinations. Other commonly mentioned paths are the “**cut-through**” **neighborhood trails** providing direct pedestrian connections for community members without having to walk or bike along arterial roads. Examples are the

trail connecting Bel-Red Road and Chevy Chase, the path between Crossroads Community Park and Northup Way, and the various trails connecting neighborhoods schools with the surrounding neighborhoods. People also valued several long-distance trails running near Crossroads, like the **Lake to Lake Trail** and **SR 520 Trail**.

People shared concerns about the pedestrian experience on Crossroads’ arterials, as these roads are often busy with vehicular traffic, and the lack of infrastructure supporting walking and biking. At the same time, people value 156th Ave NE and NE 8th Street for their vibrancy and for providing access to local businesses and transit.

## Neighborhood Gathering Places

Having a variety of neighborhood gathering places and “third places,” like coffee shops or bookstores is an important part of livability. They help strengthen social connections between community members by providing opportunities for recreation, celebrations, pursuing hobbies, and connecting with friends.

The places in Crossroads that people value the most are the Crossroads Mall and Crossroads Community Park. People like the **Crossroads Mall** for its variety of shops and restaurants and because it serves as a community gathering space, especially the food court and library. People see live music events and other entertainment as key in the mall serving as a community gathering space, as well as being able to socialize without having to spend money. However, several people point out they want to see cheaper food options at the mall and the space



needing an update and adding more daylight. People enjoy the variety of **restaurants and food trucks** available throughout Crossroads. People mention the need for more indoor community gathering spaces other than the mall and **community centers** available to them in Crossroads.

The community values **Crossroads Community Park** because it has something to offer for everyone, like the dog park, walking trails, community events, and a golf course. Other community gathering spaces that are often mentioned are the **trails** providing access to **neighborhood schools** and **natural areas**. People also point out the importance of gathering with neighbors in their **houses** and yards and on **residential streets**.

Outside of the neighborhood, people mentioned visiting **Bellevue Botanical Garden** and nearby parks such as **Kelsey Creek Park**.

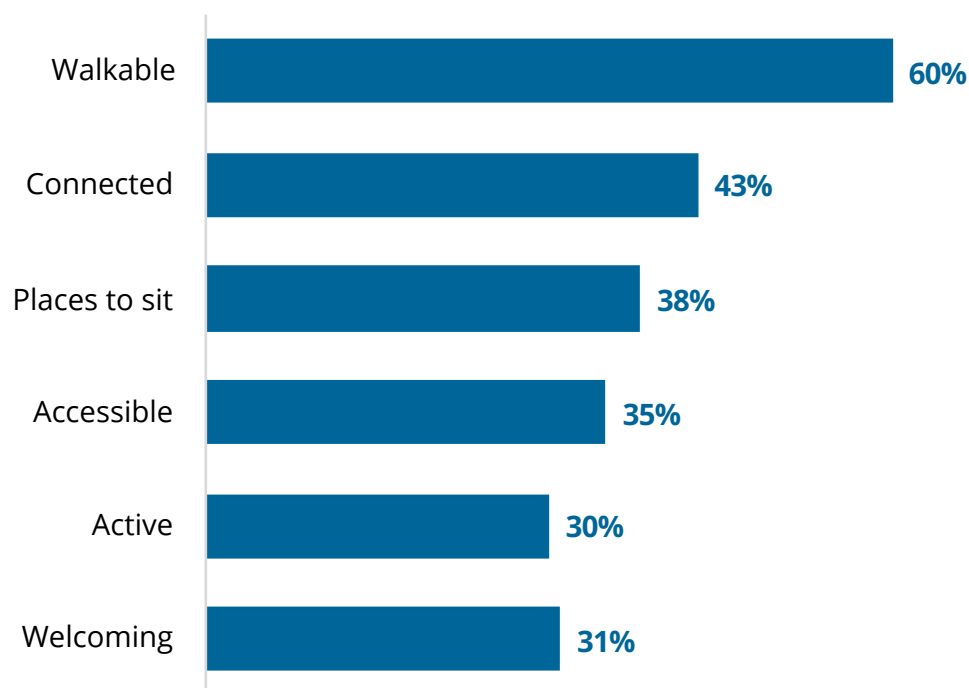
## Neighborhood Challenges & Opportunities

During the Discover phase the planning team sought to identify key challenges and opportunities. This information helped to identify both specific locations for urban design and public realm improvements and opportunities for creating policies that will support overall livability.

To begin with, the planning team invited people to share what overall qualities people wanted to see more of in the neighborhood. Through dot voting exercises and tabling events and in a question on the survey people could choose from a variety of attributes.

The top qualities people in Crossroads would like to see more of are:

### Residents want their communities to be more walkable



At the in-person Ideas Fair and during small group discussions and presentations, people also raised a number of concerns and ideas for improvement including:

- **Pedestrian safety** – People identified the need to add crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety on currently uninterrupted stretches of arterials, mainly on 148th Ave NE and 164th Ave NE, and at the intersection of Bel-Red Road, NE 20th Street and 152nd Ave NE.
- **Active transportation access** – People mostly pointed to 156th Ave NE as needing active transportation (pedestrian and bicycle) facilities, including adding a sidewalk on NE 13th Place, as well as creating a bike connection to Downtown along BelRed.
- **Through-block pedestrian connections** – People identified the need to create more pedestrian trails within Crossroads' superblocks to destinations like the Crossroads Mall and to provide public access to neighborhood schools and their sports facilities.
- **Community gathering spaces** – People expressed a desire to expand programming in parks and community centers and to enhance community gathering spaces in (mixed-use) commercial areas, specifically the Crossroads Mall and in nearby BelRed, including through providing more cultural attractions.
- **Opportunities for new parks and open spaces** – People identified the southeastern portion of Bellevue School District's Highland Middle School and privately-owned Chevy Chase Neighborhood Park as potential future city parks open to the public.
- **Pedestrian experience** – People saw opportunities for improving the pedestrian experience
- **Wayfinding** – People said that they want to see improved wayfinding – also through signage in languages other than English – to increase awareness of nearby (urban) trails and access to natural areas in and around Crossroads.

## How this input will be used

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Unique elements contributing to the neighborhood's identity and top values identified by community members during the **Discover Phase** will inform the Neighborhood Vision drafted during the **Define Phase** of the planning process. Key challenges and opportunities identified by the community through our past engagement activities will inform priority policy areas that will be developed during the Define Phase. These policy areas, and eventually the actual policies, will be shared with the community for their review and further input.



Opportunities, challenges, and ideas from the **Discover Phase** will also be explored through the development of the urban design framework. The city will conduct pop-up neighborhood walks and workshops during the **Define Phase** of engagement to help community members evaluate public spaces within their neighborhood and document where new urban design opportunities may exist. This evaluation will supplement and provide context for the neighborhood area plans and will contribute to the refinement of policies in the two plans.

# Appendix

# Vision Statement Exercise Responses

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1. **Crossroads** is known for its **international feel**. We pride ourselves on being an **enriched** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **thriving** community that enhances **free entertainment** for future generations. - Debbie S
2. **Crossroads** is known for its **people**. We pride ourselves on being an **fun** and **diverse** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **an example to others** community that enhances **life** for future generations. - Valentina
3. **Crossroads/Lake Hills** is known for its **sense of community**. We pride ourselves on being an **inclusive** and **connected** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **complete** community that enhances **these values** for future generations. - Anonymous
4. **Crossroads** is known for its **vibrance**. We pride ourselves on being an **walkable** and **diverse** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **close knit** community that enhances **well-being** for future generations. - Jordan G
5. **Lakemont** is known for its **beauty**. We pride ourselves on being an **friendly** and **safe** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **welcoming** community that enhances **the well-being** for future generations. - Malda T
6. **Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**. We pride ourselves on being an **walkable** and **eventful** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more lively community that enhances **safety** for future generations. - Di
7. **Crossroads** is known for its **walkability**. We pride ourselves on being an **friendly, safe** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **tight-knit** community that enhances **free entertainment** for future generations. - Julia Z
8. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity and convenience**. We pride ourselves on being a **walkable** neighborhood with a **lot of commercial**. Working together we can be a more **diverse and safe** community that enhances **inclusion and growth** for future generations. - Ivy X
9. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **sustainable** and **friendly** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **inclusive** community that enhances **economic activity** for future generations. - Shiva
10. **Lake Hills** is known for its **Robinswood Park**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **beautiful** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **thriving** community that enhances **trees** for future generations. - Anonymous
11. **Crossroads** is known for its **international feel**. We pride ourselves on being an **enriched** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **thriving** community that enhances **free entertainment** for future generations. - Anonymous
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13. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **convenient** and **busy** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **beautiful** community that enhances **walkability and ease of commute** for future generations. - Anonymous
14. **Crossroads** is known for its **safety**. We pride ourselves on being a **clean** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **convenient** community that enhances **access to parks** for future generations. - Anonymous
15. **Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**. We pride ourselves on being a **pet-friendly** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **regularized** community that enhances **safety/cleanliness** for future generations. - Anonymous
16. **Upton** is known for its **walkability**. We pride ourselves on being a **vibrant** and **prosperous** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **vibrant** community that enhances **prosperity** for future generations. - Xu
17. **Upton at Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **safe** and **playful and creative** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **safe** community that enhances **creativity/life quality** for future generations. - Anonymous
18. **Crossroads** is known for its **safety**. We pride ourselves on being a **clean** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more convenient community that enhances **access to parks** for future generations.- Ethan W
19. **Upton Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**.- Anonymous
20. **Upton Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**. Working together we can be a community that enhances **safety** for future generations. - Nandini P
21. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **nice** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **safe** community that enhances **cleanliness** for future generations. - Anonymous
22. **Upton** prides itself on being a **diverse** neighborhood with **economic opportunity**. Working together we can be a more **vibrant** community that enhances **Upton** for future generations. - Anonymous
23. **Crossroads** is known for its **multicultural center**. We pride ourselves on being a **safe** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **connected** community that enhances “**community sense**” for future generations. - Carolyn R
24. **Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **walkable** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **interacting** community that enhances **safety** for future generations. - Anonymous
25. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **lively** and mixed-income neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **walkable and transport-accessible** community that enhances **livability and connections to build** for future generations. - Anonymous



26. **Bel-Red/Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being an **interesting** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **attractive** community that enhances **sustainability and beauty** for future generations. - Sue C
27. **Crossroads** is known for its **not good restaurants** and **not good options for clothing**. We pride ourselves on being an **inclusive** and **diverse** neighborhood. Working together we can be a community that **fosters places to eat/have coffee/get together** that enhances **good food for all** and **clothing options** for future generations. - Anonymous
28. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity and inclusion**. We pride ourselves on being a **welcoming** and accepting neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **proactively crafted** community that enhances **safe and accessible public transportation** for future generations. - Lynn M
29. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **welcoming** and open neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **egalitarian** community that enhances **connections** for future generations. - Lassie J
30. **Crossroads** is known for its **convenience**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **culturally vibrant** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **cohesive** community that enhances a **safe environment** for future generations. - Anonymous
31. **Crossroads** is known for its **big food court/mall**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **liveable** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **walkable, safe, and transit-accessible** community that enhances **life, wellbeing, and affordability** for future generations. - Anonymous
32. **Crossroads** is known for its **community**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **convenient** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **lively and accessible** community that enhances **activities** for future generations. - Anonymous
33. **Crossroads** is known for its **delightful diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **friendly** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **safer** community that enhances **safety and accessibility** for future generations. - Kathy E
34. **Crossroads** is known for its **people**. We pride ourselves on being a **diverse** and **walkable** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **inclusive** community that enhances a **green environment** for future generations. - Laura S
35. **Crossroads** is known for its **fast food and Trader Joe's**. We pride ourselves on being a **friendly** and **diverse** neighborhood. Working together we can be a community more **aware of trees** that enhances **liveability** for future generations. - Karl T
36. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being an **inclusive** and **safe** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **agile and resilient** community that enhances **worthiness** for future generations. - Anonymous
37. **Crossroads** is known for its **diversity**. We pride ourselves on being a **beautiful** and **healthy** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **welcoming** community that enhances **beauty** for future generations. - Anonymous

# Comments from Odle Middle School 8th Grade Students

What do you enjoy seeing in public spaces as you travel through the city?	What is something missing in your neighborhood for young people to do?
I enjoy seeing more interactive experiences like that art walk that you could turn, or the swings in Spring District, and the light rail was really cool, and riding it should be encouraged.	arcade, playgrounds, boba stores!!!
Green spaces, mixed use, no large parking lots, not car based, public transportation (not busses)	NA
I usually don't go downtown so getting a tour of the place was fun and was a good experience. I enjoy looking at the architecture, aesthetics of different places, and vehicles (especially the light rail)	Sports areas/playgrounds, more iconic architecture, arcade, boba stores
Malls, food, stores, parks	Library
Play structure, parks, workout areas	Arcades, parks, water parks
scenery with beautiful plants	Nothing
grass and trees and clean sidewalks	Video game stations
I enjoy seeing public bathrooms	Video game stations
I enjoy seeing public restaurants, parks, and convenient public bathrooms	Farmer markets, and community center
Tall buildings/infrastructure	Entertaining things to do that are accessible
Public art	Nothing really
Public art, the people	brawl stars idk anything else
The nature is very beautiful	More recreational buildings
like seeing the different kinds of places and people living in my neighborhood	NA nothing missing
I absolutely adore green area (esp recreational/walking). There can also provide with ease of transportation. This is why I like the bridge plan across the 405 because it allows access to Wilburton for bikers in a healthy way.	I would like to see more local area for shops and recreational activities (the big path of grass in Beaux Arts)
Trees water fountains	brandy mellville/garage/aquarium
greenery, shops, water bodies	raising canes, places to hang out, in and out, brandy mellville, garage

What do you enjoy seeing in public spaces as you travel through the city?	What is something missing in your neighborhood for young people to do?
Greenery and clean parks. Additionally less littering	Raising canes, In & Out
Greenery, public spaces	more food places
Grass, trees, parks, small shops, food places	shop stores but its be its small
Public art and green spaces + skyscrapers	nothing
People	Other young people
Nothing	I miss other kids
I enjoy seeing greenery and nature. it's good to know that even with this much urban development the aspect of nature is still important throughout.	Neighbors know each other
I enjoy looking at the greenery and nature. It is nice to see how modern civilization is and all the wildlife	Activities for ppl to get to know each other
I enjoy seeing greenery and nature in spaces	neighbors knowing each other
I enjoy seeing greenery and nature. Its nice seeing how even in modern civilization there are still plants and a lot of natural things	Aditi J
Greenery, plants, and buildings	Access to secure hangout spots
I enjoy seeing grass and trees and clean sidewalks	Nothing
I enjoy seeing the healthy enviornment and the lively decor	I think our neighborhood is pretty complete
places to hangout and bike	Community Events
Greenery and cool sights	Little parks and activities
Benches and tables to hangout at	nearby restaurants
Cafes, vending machines, live music, nature (natural decor	Outdoor pool
I like seeing modernized buildings and the intergration of sustainable technologies. I also appreciate open space/wide sidewalks	IDK
I enjoy seeing all the dealerships	more resteraunts
I like seeing cool buildings, sculptures and places such as parks and malls	Nature
Parks, water, pretty buildings	In & Out
Greenery, Interactive things the community can use (like the swings)	activity spaces
I enjoy sculptures, parks, and malls	I have no idea I live in the middle of nowhere
shops	More shops

What do you enjoy seeing in public spaces as you travel through the city?	What is something missing in your neighborhood for young people to do?
I like modernized, sophisticated, and safely built spaces. I also like this places to have electricity or a fun mixed used environment	Lasertag, wifi areas, amusement parks
Open spaces, parks, grassy areas	Really large parks that include many activity spaces
Homeless people, transportation, greenery	Amusement park
Public green spaces, arts, interesting shops	Shopping
The parks	Playgrounds, like the ones with slides and swings
I like seeing the architecture of all the different buildings and how they were built around some of the greenery	Neighbors meeting and interactions don't really happen so we don't know people around.
I like seeing the parks and greenery	There is nothing really missing from my neighborhood
Grass, little shops, banks, nice concrete, cute looking trees, smells good	Nice concrete
Street seating for cafes, trees and flowers	walkability/walking to more places also street lights on the montian
I like seeing modernized houses and buildings	A free laser tag and gel gun arena
I enjoy seeing places that are open that welcome natural features	libraries
I enjoy seeing nature and greenery because it makes the city feel more natural and clean	More cafes
I enjoy seeing people	
I enjoy seing people having fun in parks (like fun interactive things but also nature)	A library to study and hang out in
Nature, The sky, Animals (dogs,cats)	A park to hang out. something to motivate them to
Parks/ play structures	More assemble playgrounds for other people
Many resturants and places to eat, nature and plants, swings and parks, easy ascess to hangout, fun places with greenery to sit and relax	A park to hangout with greenery
Places to eat/drink, parks, green space	Swim? something to motivate them more
I like seeing houses and peoples	Fun activities
Parks and playgrounds	nothing
I really enjoy seeing the implemintation of greenery and natrual landforms throughout, which makes it really happening	More places to meet with people as it is mostly forests and trails

What do you enjoy seeing in public spaces as you travel through the city?	What is something missing in your neighborhood for young people to do?
Green spaces, water fountains, restaurants	Arcades and other fun attractions
Places to hang and green spaces	A good place for spending the day together
I like seeing local businesses	Not many fun activities available
I enjoy seeing lots of activity and architecture. Lots of busy restaurants, lights, etc.	Not a lot of activities that are fun
Swings should fit all ages. No matter how old you are swings are fun, also open spaces of grass. like lawn level upkept.	There is not enough open clean outdoor space
Lots of trees, more places/trails for walking	Recreational areas for kids + teens, trails and walking places, something like crossroads mall near Eastgate.
The parks (green spaces) and all the open, sunny places. The decorations are also really nice	There aren't parks in less crowded areas, such as my neighborhood, which makes me decide to take a ride to parks instead of walking
Green spaces	Stores that are close
Clean not school remaining green spaces that we can play in (soccer or baseball or basketball places)	N/A
I enjoy seeing the artwork of the dreams while sharing the history of the locations	I feel that different mix use areas are missing
Green spaces- places that can be used for our leisure, and I like seeing especially when there's greenery and life.	A place/plaza with things like markets or shops, not just parks
Playgrounds for younger kids. Open commercial spaces and safe areas. Places that are easy to get for free	Grass, open landscapes that are large and open
Schools and parks	Playing video games in school
Parks, stores, public hangout access	Stores close to home
I like to see a nice environment and places with nice activities	I would say nothing
Green areas/parks	Go to the mall
Cool intercultural designs as well as cool natural scenes that make it interesting	More entertainment access
Shops and trees/nature	A very fun establishment (theme park, laser tag)
Trees, parks, open areas, etc.	Free video games, water fountains, public transportation
Parks and art	Stores within walking distance



# Crossroads Survey Responses

A street or pathway I enjoy using in this neighborhood is:	An important place for me to gather with others in my neighborhood is:	Is there anything else you'd like to share about your neighborhood?	Name
Crossroads Park but I wish there was no dog park. I can no longer walk amongst the big trees and the grass is gone. The dog park should be next to the Safegard Storage and Skate Park.	Crossroads Mall. Free music and a variety of restaurants. We need Ethiopian Food! Need cheaper food costs.	I'd like crossing lights for pedestrian safety between Edgeworks and East entrance to the mall in that crosswalk. Drivers do not always notice people walking.	Debbie S
Northup headed towards Lake Sam. It's Serene.	Crossroads Community Park. It's Open and spacious.		
NE 15th St to the parks behind the mall. It is away from the busy 156th Ave. I feel the busses & cars are too close to pedestrians walking along side 156th Ave and there is NO BIKE LANE!! People bike on pedestrian path :(.	Crossroads Park. It's open & green. The mall's food court is too dated, not bright and pleasant. Totem Lake area and Woodinville downtown are good examples.	Need bike lane!! So many people use bikes to commute. The bike lane that's along Microsoft campus is such a good example of how things should be done.	
Path by Odle middle school. it's a dedicated path.	Crossroads Mall. nice meeting room, great food, lots of parking.		
148th Ave NE. Sidewalk for parking and biking, trees, lights, crosswalk.	Crossroads Park. playground, community center, farm, parking, restroom, tennis court, walking, picnic table & shelter.	Crossroads neighborhood is safer and closer to stores/ companies/clinics/businesses but needs more free kids activities/events, better public schools & needs more businesses to occupy vacant buildings/shops & needs more housing cost to be decreased	Elsya K
Nearness to Crossroads Mall. It is close!	SHAG. Similar ages and ideas!	I've only been here about 1 month. Need more time to integrate into the neighborhood	Donald P
		Super busy roads: 148th, 140th, Bel-Red, NE 8th, NE 24th	

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All our parks.	Crossroads. To eat and listen to music.	The traffic is get bad	
Chevy Chase connection to 152nd Ave NE and Silver Glen. There is a small park next to the middle school that is overgrown with ivy and blackberries.	That neglected park (owned by school district?) connects Silver Glen Senior Coop 152nd Ave NE with Chevy Chase. Where a lot of our adult children live. We walk it daily.	Accessible walk__ from Silver Glen to Crossroads. Chainlink fence obstructs walking from our senior coop to Crossroads Mall.	Carla H
Viewpoint Park. I enjoy walking through it with my dog.	Crossroads dog park. It is a very nice place for both people and dogs.	Vagrancy and homelessness are a non-stop problem, and many of these individuals game the system to avoid sweeps and shelter placement. Meanwhile, they litter profusely, damage property, steal shopping carts and other items. Left untouched they will eventually destroy residential sense of safety and livability of Br__	
Beautiful park-scapes.			Philip A
148th Berry Farm. Lake.		Hot rodding cars on 8th St. Noise at night terrible.	
Kelsey Creek Park Nature Trails. It's surrounded by nature, uncrowded, and limits the amount of road noise that's heard.		The amount and frequency of obnoxiously loud vehicles and motorcycles driving excessively fast has gotten much worse. This has greatly diminished the enjoyability and safety of the neighborhood.	Scot
Crossroads Park (both of them). Lovely park, good place to walk and interesting growths in p-patches.	Crossroads Mall. Convenient, not crowded during day, library on premises, good coffee at Ebru. Post office handy.	I really like living here, like entertainment at mall and attend and contribute when I can. Love our library! Kroger needs to improve. QFC was always clean and helpful, Kroger not so much.	Carol G
Crossroads Park and Crossroads Mall. Enjoyable and good accessibility.			Habtomu T
156th, 164th, Crossroads Park, 3 Par golf course, Crossroads area blueberry farm.		Not sure what goes on at Crossroads Community Center. It would be nice to get info about what is going on.	

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Crossroads Shopping Center. Variety of shops and services.	SHAG Senior Housing. It's where I live and there are numerous social activities.		Fred F
Walking Sandpiper East property. Kelsey Creek runs through it. Other than that I don't know of other immediately close trails.		I know Sound Transit is a separate entity but not being able to get to Factoria easily is a massive blow. There should be one bus that cuts straight through.	
A path along which we can walk for a long time... an hour 1.5 or 2. not for 5 minutes. And more signs that say smoking and fishing are prohibited. It's sad to see dead birds with their legs tied with fishing line.	I love Bellevue I like parks I like walking with grandkids and friends.	Maximum care for nature. Our planet must be protected!	Natalia
144th Ave NE cut thru to NE 8th. shortcut to NE 8th.		slippery walkway with moss	
not one in particular. mostly drive.	crossroad park. great place for children to play and parents to walk.	would like some public indoor space for children since the rainy season is long	Long S
North Way, 264th, NE 8th, 156th Ave -Home. I don't have to cross any streets.	Crossroads Park, Hilllone Park. Crossroads is a nice walk, and Hilllone is very private and well maintained.	I would like to have more bike lanes. There is no route from here (156th & North exp way) to Downton unless I go to 520 trail.	Evelin J
		No one will ever give up their cars to ride the transit (a waste of the taxpayers money) Bellevue used to be a lovely place to live. This is not the ease anymore. More undesirables are settling here	

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Less congestion sidewalks, separated bike paths from the street.	More quaint places easy to get to. more mom and pop places with easy parking.	A lot of new neighbors don't maintain their yards. Not building single family homes-sticking people in boxes (apartment buildings) unattractive new apartments boxy and tin like. Keep Bellevue neighborhoods not apartment complexes. keep the northwest feel and design	
Crossroads Park. The beautiful trees and walkways for all to walk and play.	Crossroads mall. It has music, stores I use and access to transit and close to the park.	Am glad we have new tree protections in place now. want to save more trees.	Amy F
easement from high school to crossroads. keep it clean please. no graffiti no drug use more trash bins along walkways. worst way around the high school!	The park behind Crossroads Mall. Crossroads replaced community center and the food court, music, craft fair, no hiding decoration.	Trees and shrubs should be planted and watered in the summer. Cleaning the street from trash. Fines on stealing shopping carts and to those who leave them everywhere. Fines on trash throwing. more police especially in park	Hank W
Crossroads Park. Lovely park, best place for my dog meeting friend.	Restaurants. We love hanging out with others, enjoying delicious food.	I am concerned about the safety and cleanliness in Crossroads neighborhood due to an increase in homelessness, public intoxication, and vandalism. Hope city has some solution to improve the situation.	
NE 14th St. It is far away from busy/fast traffic.	Crossroads playground. Easy to access, great playground facilities.	I wish there were more ways to get out of the neighborhood on foot so we don't have to walk all the way around to get to 156th Ave NE	Crys L
Crossroads Park. I live at SHAG. The plant containers are overgrown and not maintained! Overgrown around the Crossroads path and park.	Crossroads food court. It's convenient and food for everyone.	It feels like its getting less safe. More noisy car racing at night. Seems like homeless sleeping in park and maybe needed use. Drugs. Beer bottles and cans left on grounds.	

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Weowna Park. It's a natural green space, Bellevue makes it hard to find places like this. We love natural spaces.	The duck pond at the end of my street. We don't have a walkable city so we have to gather at the pond. It would be nice to have a local pub.	The city needs to stop developers. The tree canopy is dying. The mega homes are trashing neighborhoods. Bellevue has allowed this to happen and it has ruined the city, and people's lives. You are killing trees, people, neighborhoods, and diversity. Stop.	
156th Ave NE. Main thoroughfare to go anywhere. But, too much racing and poor visibility at intersections and driveways.			
Lake to Lake trail. It is quiet and safe.	Walking the Lake to Lake trail. It gets me to nature.	Keep it human, livable, safe, friendly- and community-oriented. Bringing people to gather, learn, and be social!	Karrie M
The paved path through Crossroads Park.	Crossroads park.		Rick K
Weowna Park. The trail in the park is close to my home and extensive for exercise.	Crossroads mall. It is nearby my home and has lots of seating.	Happy that there are many walkable trails in the city. Keep community members updated on the Pipeline trail opening back up as this is a fun running trail to use.	
Crossroads park. It's clean and easily accessible.		Crossroads is great. The city does a wonderful job and kudos to the parks maintenance crew.	Erin W
A pathway that goes from NE 8th St to Main St eastside of Odle Middle School. Away from cars and safe to walk.	Maydenbauer Park on Lake Washington. Lots of people and the love of water.	Like to have more open spaces. For example: at Bellevue Technology Center, there is great amount of open space, when there is snow, sledding down the hill is great for the kids	
The park. Paths are well paved and well-maintained, trees are beautiful and plentiful.	The park. Would like more comfortable indoor spaces, e.g., a coffee/sandwich shop with much more space than the French Bakery.	Would like to see more useful stores in the mall -- e.g. Target, a drugstore. Need much safer street crossing at movie theater/Hot Pot corner. Stripes on roadway, traffic light at night, etc.	Susan C



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Pedestrian trail between streets. It is a shortcut to get to places and don't have to worry about cars.	Crossroads mall and park. Kids playing, indoor walking space, library.	Would be better if emissions testing returned to cut down on noisy racing cars. Also mandating more soundproofing in new apartment construction.	
Crossroads park community.	Libraries.		
Almost non-existent. Traffic.			
Parks. To walk with stroller.		Exercise sport grounds would be great	
	Highland community center. Close to neighborhood.	More frequent street sweeping	David P
Park pathways.	Do not use Crossroads mall. Building structure old, dark, do not think it is adequately vented.	Could be more upscale in retail and restaurants and grocery stores	
	Crossroads mall, Crossroads park. It's close, lots of variety for different opinions, parking available, feels safe.	Wish there were more free or cheap community events	Natalie N
Any particular trail through woods and park-like areas. It's a break from always walking on sidewalks.	Crossroads mall. Food court, live music, bookstore.	I have four suggestions to improve the 156th Ave NE corridor. (1) Remove the rusty, barely legible "no left turn" sign at the strip mall south of McDonald's. (2) Add a catch-basin and sewer at the east end of the crosswalk by Colonial Square apartments. (3) Fix the sidewalk so it is ADA compliant. (4) Trim the tree opposite of there -- they've overgrown a no parking sign	Michael W

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156th Ave NE. There's accessible transit and safe crosswalks with lots of great businesses.	Crossroads mall and park. We moved here because of Crossroads mall! We loved the integration of public city services, retail, and social gathering/creative gathering space. We can't wait to see what the Japanese cultural center brings.	I'd like to see a dedicated food truck corral. Perhaps in the Crossroads Park parking lot? More posting about Crossroads community center offerings/programs inside Crossroads mall would be great. Unfortunately, we get a lot of loud street racing up 156th between 8th & NE 20th St. Primarily after dark. They regularly hit and damage the median sign near NE 18th St. Please also plan more median/public planter boxes with edible plants like lettuce, carrots, herbs, fruit. Beautiful, also bee-friendly and helpful.	Halle R
152nd Ave NE. I live at Silver Glen just south of the new transition school. Community was impacted in good ways by new small school but also challenging ways.	At my community indoors and outdoors. We are seniors.		Sue C
The B-line bus. Very accessible.	No were. A lot of non-English people. I don't trust anymore.	When I first moved here in 2020, it was ok, but now mostly Spanish speaking people and more crime and am sometimes scared to be outside. And the busses are more dangerous. Drugs, alcoholics, more gangs.	
8th. Streetside markets, pharmacy, park, post office, banks, all easy access. Gas stations, and few traffic lights.	I can't think of one. Crossroads mall is too noisy and crowded.	It needs an excellent library	
Bel-Red. Route to grocery and other shops.	Crossroads mall.		
Crossroads park. There's a trail that's close to a mall. It's convenient to go for a walk and go to QFC to shop.	Bellevue Aquatic Center. I like swimming and private gyms often have fewer lanes and more expensive. It's important to have such public pool.		

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11th St between 148 and 140. Quiet. Charming. Away from traffic of 148th and 140th. Wish there was more access to the neighborhood other than the streets for bikes and walk.	Neighborhood park. Nearby. Safe and convenient.	I'd like to have easier access to my backyard as it's leveled with different access from my driveway. We had to borrow our backyard neighbor's driveway for service workers to get into our backyard	Yueli Y
Crossroads park. I can walk there and get somewhere without fence.	My home, clubhouse, etc.	I like Crossroads because of close to the bus, somewhat walkable, a lot of nature close by. But the main reason I choose a car in the evening is because it is too dark to walk, especially with my [ ]. Pedestrians area is very narrow, and you just walk along with riding cars. Also, when someone walks in front of you, you need to really scooch to pass them. 156th St is very busy, and I want speed limit of 25mph there and roundabouts instead of intersections. All over the 156th Hill. 156th and 26th, [ ] car crashes every week. Use roundabout or forbid right turn on red. Crossroads mall is full of cars. You are walking between cars basically. I am tired of that. I want designated area outside of the busy mall or underground parking.	Kateryna M
Crossroads park/walking path. Feels safe, good community, varying lengths on one route, good variety.	The Crossroads mall. Food cart options and live music events (would love for the hours to extend to 10pm).	We love living here. It would be nice to have a bit more updates to help the space feel more modern	
Lake to Lake trail. It connects parks, it's easy to get to, meanders through forests, wetlands, Ranger station, Kelsey Creek farm, etc. You can take a short walk up to a 10-mile walk.	Kelsey Creek shopping area. We can workout at LA Fitness, eat/drink beverages, shop.	Single-story homes are being torn down and 5,000 square foot luxury homes are being built in their place. This is making it difficult for people to live here. It is really expensive! Property taxes are going up way too fast.	Jane R

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	The mall. There are good food choices at a fairly reasonable price, there is a great bookstore, there is entertainment and many places to sit.	I lived in Renton until 4 years ago, moved to E. WA and just recently moved back to the Crossroads neighborhood. For years I came to shop at Crossroads mall, eat there and play games at Uncles (which sadly, now is gone). Now that I live here, I still enjoy the mall but find the cars around the mall to be a hazard as people seem to be in a big hurry. I walk to the mall from my residence and find many drivers are not pedestrian friendly. Speed bumps slow them down but it doesn't seem to be enough.	Susan P
NE 8th St. It is accessible to public transportation. It is near my job.	Parks, malls, restaurants. It is near my residence.	Need amenities for children special needs and adults with disabilities	
156th Ave NE. Nearby NE 16th Pl.	Crossroads nearby Crossroads mall and Crossroads park.	I love in Crossroads Bellevue	Alexander M
Path from Crossroads park to Northup Way. No tree danger during windstorms. Nice, smooth path.			
The path to Highland Middle School and Crossroads Park. Dog walking.	We don't gather much.	We have lived here for 30+ years. In that time many homes have turned into rentals. Upkeep on rental units is poor. Renters generally don't take part in neighborhood activities.	Elizabeth G
Crossroads to Northup trail. Beautiful, clean, safe, convenient.	French bakery, Starbucks. Socialize, refresh.	Too many modified muffler cars racing around Crossroads at night	
	our own neighborhood. carson lake is not walking distance.		

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Walking around the blueberry farm. It's away from traffic, scenery is nice, pathways could be better built up, so it doesn't flood.	The French bakery for coffee. The latte's remind me of France and Italy.	We live on a private lane, so the houses aren't on top of each other. I don't like all of the apartments off of NE 8th St. It ruins the neighborhood feel.	Toni Y
Our back gate out to the Russian School and 152nd Place to NE 20th. It's safer and easier to cross at that light over to Pagliacci.	Here at Silver Glen. Walking is often forbidding at Crossroads or disrupted by tree roots.	We'd love to get more accessibly connected to the light rail station at 152nd Ave NE. I commute weekly down 156th to Phantom Lake Elementary School to volunteer in a 5th grade classroom.	Lynn M
A path from the high school connects to our community's pathway.	We have a beautiful park nearby -- Crossroads Park and Crossroads Mall.	It is great really! A condo association, very well maintained. We have regular community meetings. Good neighbors on the board.	Sheila S
Crossroads Park. I have attended two activities at the park that was engaging and with diverse groups of people. I also like to stroll there on a quiet weekend morning during exercises.	Bellevue Community Center. It's a big location where I can rent art space for events with 20 or more people, and pricing is somewhat affordable.	Crossroads has a lot of people taking public transport. I wish that it comes every 15-20 minutes or less to offer more convenience for travel option and use.	
156th Ave. I live along it.	Bellevue Library. It is free and provides enough space to meet up.	Again, please add a bus route to Bridal Trails. It is a transit desert over there and that makes it sad.	Victor D
Safe. Good leadership. Manage our neighbor.	Communication / inform. From our city management of the beautiful city.	I like to thanks for the City of Bellevue. Their love and care for our beautiful. Keep up the awesome job. Thx.	Kou V
Path from Crossroads Park to golf course clubhouse. Nice park setting, tall trees.	Crossroads Mall. Parking and walking access.		



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	Our own neighborhood. Larsen Lake isn't walking distance.	We want to get rid of all commercial leaf blowers in residential area and get rid of unlicensed vendors in Bellevue	Michael L
Crossroads Park near 9-par golf course and trail near Lake Hills produce stand. Because it's friendly, easy to walk, feels like a sweet neighborhood.	Kelsey Creek Starbucks and Kelsey Creek walkway near blueberry farm. Because it's easy to get to and easy to walk [ ].	Crossroads and Lake Hills are lovely neighborhoods. Friends can walk and gather and old welcome more opportunities for this [ ]	
		Bellevue is a beautiful area. Seems to lag behind the curve in most areas. Why not anticipate not just "play catch up"?	
NE 8th St. It is busy. However the people who race at night with cars is scary.	I don't know.		Mehta
Larson Lake Creek Trail. It is nice to walk the dog somewhere quiet away from the street.	Crossroads Mall food court. Good variety of food and atmosphere.	Better traffic management for the street in front of Crossroads Mall	Samantha O
Paths in Crossroads Park. It offers off-road walking/jogging and access to playgrounds.	Mall food court. Provides a 3rd space that is away from home/work, and it's easy to access/ not too expensive.	Recently there's been more low level crime that we've noticed - such as package theft and graffiti; we hope the city can work on addressing these issues	
		I live in Pacific Village. Is it possible to add a sidewalk to NE 13th Place? So many people walk along this street, including kids and seniors. Sometimes it's hard to see them, especially at night. The street seems wide enough, so there is space for a sidewalk. Please do it!	

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From the woods to children's play area. I need to stop and sit periodically when I walk. I like to watch people on the playground.	The food court. Good food, comfortable, a good place to sit.	Walking and transit is not safe around SHAG. Traffic along 258th NE has no slowing mechanisms	Ann S
The 520 trail and Spring Blvd. It provides a means of transport that's dedicated and open, separate from traffic, and accommodating for alternate transportation or walking. Spring Blvd is also next to transit and is low traffic that I feel safe enough to travel alongside cars on it.	The Crossroads Mall, the Bellevue library, and Crossroads Community Center. Both function as third places - where there's no inclination to spend money to exist in the space. It allows me to gather with friends in a multicultural environment that welcomes gathering and gives a sense of belonging.	It's thankfully accessible, semi-walkable, but it's still lacking infrastructure for alternative transportations options. I've been hit and near missed by cars while on my bike multiple times since moving here. Crossroads, while feeling like the soul of Bellevue - lacks a proper connector to downtown. And it creates a sense of separation - in communities, and scale of investment/wealth	Jonathan Z
Path around whole park. Exercise - mixing with other nationalities.	On the path. I stop and talk to people on the path.	I am in the SHAG apt by the Pea Patch in the back. Within 6'-8' we have 4 mature trees 100' feet tall with signs of soil erosion around their root balls. Also there is a slope down into the apartment area -- 3'-4' down. There needs to be an arborist checking out your trees before they fall on SHAG. Three trees uprooted during the storm.	Virginia S
The walking path through the Crossroads community park. It is leisure.	Crossroads Mall food court. It is a place where there is sometimes entertainment. We can gather to eat leisurely and everyone can choose their favorites among different cultural food/restaurants.	I would hate to see this area become overwhelmed by increased population to the point that it becomes overcrowded. I like that it's slower-paced than downtown Bellevue and has a much more relaxed feel.	

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Crossroads Park walking circle. It is green, convenient, and full of people.	Park. lots of opportunities.	I want to see a safer community especially in the Crossroads area. I would like it to be safe enough for my kids to play out. Please forbid homeless for the access to live overnight in all Bellevue parks	Ying L
Walking trail from NE 8th St to Overlake Hospital. No cars in sight.	Walgreen. There are a collection of nice Indian polite gentlemen who are always sitting on benches conversing at 8th and 140th Av.	There should be a more active police presence at night at Crossroads and Main Street to discourage young single men drag racing thru. The parking lot from 10pm (night) to 2am (morning)	No -- send me
154th Ave NE, 8th St - 10th St. I use these three streets the most because we live in this area.	None. Would ideally be somewhere in Crossroads Mall but it is dated and like a ghost town with only a few amenities.	Relatively boring and aging. Hear a lot of negative news about the neighborhood such as theft and break-ins. Please increase security and increase community amenities	
Inside the park. Great for short walks.	Crossroads dogpark. It is a convenient place for owners to gather and have fun with dogs. Especially a lot of housing here don't have a yard for dogs.	1, Some issues need to be addressed. Reckless drivers on NE 5th St, they tire burn and drift. 2, Some people eat and drink in the mid of night along NE 15th St leaving trashes everywhere, posing danger to the community. 3, Homeless stays in Crossroads park sometimes. 4, Porch Pirates	
NE 6th Street because it is close - but ugly!	There is none! Except the mall.	Neighbors need to be encouraged to fix or replace old fences. I see one really bad one is now being replaced. Neighbors need to be taught to care for the area outside of their fence, along the street. Instead of allowing blackberries and other weeds to take over.  I would like to attend the meeting but dont drive after dark.	Evelyn M

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148th Ave, because of all the shops and restaurants.	Crossroads Mall, it is one of the best Third Places in all of Seattle. It's great having the DMV, library, and Police there too. It's nice having all we need to shop for in one place but also have live entertainment and community events there.	<p>The number of homeless and mentally ill on the streets is rising. I'm not sure what resources there are to recommend to them. Or if there is anything in our area.</p> <p>The bus stops are often just benches with no or inadequate cover and lighting for the number of people that use the busses.</p> <p>There are no safe bike routes through the area unless you are willing to test your luck with distracted drivers, especially along 148th where there are lots of drivers and pedestrians, and a lot of turn lanes and driveways.</p>	Carla G
Walking up NE 14th Street and follow it around the curve where it turns into 144th Avenue NE and then right onto NW 12th Place and then cut through the path between the houses that will take me back to 140th Avenue NE where I can cross the street and return home. There are few cars and it is just about the right length with both moderate up hill to give me a bit of a challenge and a lot of greenery.	The YMCA on Bel-Red road because I am able to both work on my physical fitness and participate in senior activities.	I understand the need for more development and housing, but I liked the low-key neighborhood that Bel-Red used to be. It is getting more and more crowded. I do like that there is a Sound Transit station not far away, but do worry that all of this development will become too expensive for me to stay here.	Anne O

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A pathway I enjoy using in this neighborhood is the trail between the Crossroads Community Center and Crossroads Park because it has a good view along the way and is not too loud or quiet.	An important place for me to gather with others in my neighborhood is Crossroads Mall because it was close to my high school, and had a lot of different shops that I still purposely come back from university to visit because I am familiar with their offerings.		
Feels safe.	Safe.	More coffee for patrons	
140th Ave NE. It has a walking trail with beautiful trees.	Crossroads park. It's huge and can accommodate many people.	It's good. We should continue to maintain the way it is	Dinesh S
Great, it's clean and safe for now.	Safe and quiet, it's the first priority.	I hope it can be continuous safe and clean.	Skye
	Crossroads park. Relatively safe.	Need to rebuild. A lot of the infrastructure is Too old. Sometimes there is homeless people around the business area. Unsafe to walk or let kids go alone.	Chris
Viewpoint park.	The basketball court because it brings people together.	<p>Safety is always a concern for pedestrians in this area, safe common areas that show the cities beauty would be amazing for the people</p> <p>The NE 8th St is a car/motorbike racing area. It's becoming a pain living here if I cannot sleep, so no matter what cosmetic improvements you make.</p>	Mackenzie C

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the northup way to crossroads trail, as connects my home to the crossroads park and mall area. Previously, I had to either walk a very long way around the block or trespass through apartment parking lots to reach the crossroads park and mall.	crossroads park and mall - closest area to go shopping, see a movie, or take a walk in the park.	More pickleball courts please!	
NE 24th Access to my needs.	Crossroads Mall offers variety.	Getting too congested due to overgrowth of apartments.	Regina R
The walkable trails that run in between homes because one's home here is much more about the neighborhood as a whole than just their property. And I'd like to keep it that way.	At their homes or sometimes in the street, block parties.		Kalai S
Crossroads park because we don't have a lot of options.	Crossroads mall because we don't have a lot of options.	We need more fun places for kids please	
Ivanhoe park.... Woodsy I also like walking the neighborhood	In yards. It's where we can chat.	The new houses are way too big... there is less privacy. This used to be an affordable neighborhood. There doesn't seem to be any limits for developers. We need more multi-family housing, not huge houses. Why isn't Bellevue doing more to make it an affordable area, like a community of tiny houses in the Crossroads are. I would much prefer that to the oversized monstrosities going up.	Alice L



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<p>The walking path at the south end of 152nd Ave NE that connects into the adjacent neighborhood at the north 151 Ave NE because it provides a safe walking track in a residential area. What is lacking from this track ( 152 Ave NE to 151st Ave NE to 151st Pl NE to NE 8th st)</p> <p>is any eastbound connection to 156th Ave NE and Crossroads Shopping Center businesses.</p>	<p>Crossroads shopping mall because it offers a good diversity of businesses, a diverse food mall and provides free public access for community entertainment and informational programs.</p>	<p>This is a vacant and unused portion of land at the South East end associated with Highland Middle School that is not managed and well maintained. This plot is east of the Soccer/rugby/football field and is physically separated from the HMS campus by a fence and the walking path described in #6 above. While it is not a "dumping ground" because it is too private, it would take little effort to make it into a Public Park for the neighborhood.</p>	Ronald L
<p>The walk from my home at 162nd and Northup down to Crossroads mall, through the Crossroads Park, because the sidewalks are good, traffic is moderate, can get there without crossing a busy street (because NO ONE stops for pedestrians), and the people-watching is excellent !</p>	<p>Starbucks and Tutta Bella ..... they are good "third places" to meet, talk, relax. These businesses don't rush you, people are pretty chill, Most of the time, both are a very positive experience.</p>	<p>I think our neighborhood benefits from being adjacent to Sherwood Forest STEAM Elementary, and Interlake High School. Kids and teenagers make the 'hood feel lively and active.</p>	Hannah K

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<p>kirkland totem lake, issaquah highland, sammamish lake trails.</p> <p>The street is clean, well maintained, safe. I feel safe and enjoyable while walking through these areas. These community are well organized, have clear signs and well maintained.</p>	<p>safety, cleanness, outlooks. Safety has a few options, like clean wall (no graffiti), clean street, quit community(no party in quite time, no broken glass bottles aside of walking path way, no car speeding during midnight, etc), less violence(car glass breaking, etc), etc.</p> <p>cleanness could be the clean of the community, the smells, the condition of the building, the light(eg. crossroad mall is pretty old, which less light with bad smells. It discourage us spending more time there). Compare to bellevue square, which is built up a long time ago, has great light, well organized shopping location, no strange smells, etc(just a example)</p> <p>outlook is up to the type. Could be a suburban small commercial center like university village in seattle. Or more residential like issaquah highland style. But both are clean and safe place. As a resident here, I feel there's a lot of potentials for cross road communities.</p>	<p>I'd say this community is ok, but as a resident here I feel the safety becomes much concerns from our communities. We got pranks in the communities, package stolen, graffiti, broken beer glasses in path way, quite hour party in public place, car parties, car speeding and spinning, and other things. Lots of us are worried about for kids and the walkable conditions. While I walk around, some public paths(street, bus station, etc) are dirty with some sketchy people around. For most of my time, I just drive in my place and left, I won't spend a lot of time walking out but I do enjoy the walkable moment in other community.</p> <p>Our community has reported a few concerns to crossroads police office, please check on it with more details.</p> <p>Understand the crossroad planning was 20+ years ago, hopefully this time it could help our community becomes better.</p>	<p>Hongjin</p>

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None. I opt to walk in Weowna (W Lake Sammamish neighborhood), or Kelsey Creek Park (Wilburton), or at the Mercer Slough. When I take the bus, usually it's to downtown.	I really can't think of any true gathering spaces in Crossroads that I enjoy. At best, I'd say the food court at Crossroads mall, because at least there's some international authenticity there. But mostly, crossroads is chain stores and apartments, so I'm not motivated to gather in such spaces.		
Behind Odle school, Sammamish High School and Larsen Lake avoids traffic stops and most electric vehicles to get to nature. I like going to Bellevue Botanical Garden, Kelsey, Williburton, Weowna and Bridle Trails to hike but paths traffic heavy.	Bellevue Botanical Garden because you can hike through the garden and woods and grab coffee at Copper Kettle.	Too many mega homes and condos that don't. preserve nature or "city in a park". Parks are now separate destinations and new housing has Home Depot cookie cutter sameness to landscaping. Legacy conifers replaced with deciduous, spindly twigs that will take 20+ years to grow.	Nancy L
140th Ave NE because it has slower traffic.	Crossroads Mall because it has a lot of diverse shops and restaurants.	It is really hard to get around by bicycle in my neighborhood. I would like to see a bike lane on Bel Red Road so I can get from East to West without having to go all the way to the 520 trail.	Hanna F

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<p>Green belt path through Odle &amp; SHS to Larsen Lake.</p>	<p>The French Bakery</p> <p>They have great coffee and pastries. Needs to be bigger though... think Farines.</p>	<p>Brand, Active, Diverse, Accessible Parks, Well positioned in the heart of Bellevue (Great location!)</p> <p>Improvements: More community gathering places. (Small Market stage in Crossroads Mall is only performance center in the area). More "cool" venues. Where to gather for music? Share future plan for : "Arts District". What development will be permitted? There are many old spaces ripe for redevelopment. There needs to be more development around the Bel-Red light rail station. How to create more activity there? With old low rise commercial buildings and low street activity, could become a crime concern or homeless destination. Consider a pickleball facility somewhere? Consider redevelopment of Highland park. Currently is underutilized given local demand for open space. Consider additional uses for the Highland Community center beyond the disabled population. Keep the par 3 golf course! Retain beautiful wooded area south of the golf course. Consider redevelopment of Crossroads mall. The food court is a great gathering place but parts of the mall are vacant. Crossroads park has been a wonderful addition and has become a community gathering place. Concerns about safety near the mall was expressed. Develop safer spaces? Less concealed areas. Need better walkability in the area. Sidewalks on Bell Red, Northup are particularly bad. Odle middle school ball field redevelopment has been a huge success. Many neighbors and apartment dwellers use it as a park. Also, lots of youth sports. If the school closes, would Bellevue consider purchasing as an area park? We love the Rockwood/Crossroads Neighborhood area and see great potential with thoughtful future development.</p>	

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NE 8th, it leads to my most frequent destinations.	Crossroads Mall, it is the only public meeting place in my immediate area.	The lack of sidewalks as well as the absence of benches and coverings at the bus stops means i can no longer take the bus as a disabled person	Abe W
148th Ave NE because its full of big beautiful trees and big sidewalks.	Crossroads Mall because there's a lot of food and shopping and stuff to do there.	Please add more trees, wide sidewalks, and safe bicycle lanes (not just painted gutters, but like actual protected bike lanes)	Anya
Well, actually, none of them because they all have traffic that goes way too fast and sidewalks that are way too narrow. But I really like the block where the mall is located because it's walkable and always has so many people.	The mall, the park, and the community center because there I don't have to pay to just hang out with somebody, and they do not feel like you have to be driving a Tesla to be welcome.	Just lower the speed limits please. It's insane! And also, we need more bike lanes, especially to schools (the traffic jams twice a day are bad and the drivers too impatient) and to Overlake where the light rail station is so that people could safely scooter or bike there.	Valentina V
N/A -- I do not bike to this neighborhood (or the mall) because the streets are very difficult.	The Crossroads Mall food court, because it brings together many cultures, it is relatively inexpensive, it has live music and community, it is safe for kids, it is accessible in all kinds of weather, and it is convenient to many shops.	I also enjoy Crossroads Park for events, community, and green space.	

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None. I love walking in the park, but all streets around are not fun. Especially 8th St, 156 Ave. 164th Ave is better as it has more trees and greenery between the road and sidewalk. Reducing (and enforcing) speed limit would be great to make it less noisy and separated bike lanes would be awesome there.	Crossroads park and Crossroads Mall. Because this is where life is - places to walk, to jog, to enjoy picnics and cafes, to walk for groceries or shopping.	Improving connectivity to light rail station would be great. It's a longish walk but only 10 mins on bike / scooter. Making path there more pleasant and safe for people who live in Crossroads would be great. Please, stop prioritizing needs of cars, many of which are actually just passing through neighborhood over needs of all others. It is literally placing convenience of drivers over safety and wellbeing of everyone else.	Alex
NE 6th St. because it's so quiet.	Crossroads food court because a variety of food options makes it easy for everyone to find something.	I wish for less car traffic on 156th Ave so that walking and biking there was more pleasant.	
None, only crossroads park exclude cars from paths, but connection still requires a lot of improvements.	Crossroads park, it's barely connects business with residential areas without driving.	Crossroads needs proper bike lanes for safety and give people choice of transportation. Even if it'll lightly inconvenience drivers	
the greenways; there are fewer cars.	nowhere; there is nothing here except cars and low density single family housing.	upzone it	
Crossroads Park, it is chill.	Crossroads Mall food court, we can chat over lunch.		
156th Ave because it is vibrant leading to Cross roads Park entrance.	Crossroads Park because it is open, convenient and has facilities for small and large gatherings.	Crossroads Park and the Mall can be considered and should be declared as a senior's sanctuary where the park provides an open space in summer and the mall becomes an indoor space during winter. The planners should integrate the Mall and the park for accessibility for seniors from all four sides	Kausar T



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N/A.	Crossroads mall. Has things to do.	The crossroads mall is too old and not clean. Small bad also. We need updated facilities, for family and kids	Rick
Walk on 8th to crossroads bc crossroads has a lot.	Crossroads because it has everything.	The lower part of the 8th street east of crossroads on the hill down has some great views	
Richards Road, it gets me to Home Depot.	I don't like gathering.	I don't want infill development in it.	
the road because we don't have sidewalks within the neighborhood.	the park that's a 20 minute walk away- we dont have any others.		
the actual neighborhood street because it's all we have.	in my neighborhood because we have been residents for over 25 years in the same neighborhood.	I genuinely love the people that own the houses around me. The Airbnbs are pretty infuriating. The renters behind us are always throwing parties and so loud on weekdays. The police show up at least three times a week.	Kimberly
We walk our extended neighborhood in Brettonwood and Tam O'Shanter almost daily because it's right there, safe, clean streets, and enough hills and interconnected streets and paths to be challenging and varied.	Picnic shelter in Tam O'Shanter tennis court park; local coffee shops outside of Bellevue Square traffic.	It's a changing neighborhood; we are now among the longest home owners at 14 years. New families and great. Speeding cars and disengaged neighbors not so much. Outside of Crossroads Park, we hope to have a block part this summer to meet and connect.	Julie N
Bel_Red way connecting different shopping environments.	Shopping and Retail allows us to enjoy a meal and good conversations in a neutral space.	Trees are lovely to give buffer from street noise and helps clean the air.	Thanh-Tung H
park trail because it's such a nice peaceful way to connect with nature.	my home because i want to welcome others into my home.	nope	Katelyn L
	Parks and the community center.		

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Trails around Whale Park.	Crossroad.		
Convenient transportation; handy for shopping.	A neighbor is having a party, Wu Yue Alliance.	Peaceful and comfortable; still, the sanitation is not satisfactory (garbage sorting)	
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Good environment.	Parks.		
	Whale Park.		
	Wu Yue Alliance.		
	Need gathering.		
	Parks and the community activity center.		
	Parks, information exchange.		
	Home cause I have a newborn baby.	More trail systems; more parks	谢媛雯
	There is no other place besides the whale park. There should be more activities and access to the activities in the Community Center.	It's not safe because many vehicles exceed the speed limit.	Amanda C
	My children's school because it's accessible and they are the first point of contact for us.	The community is wonderful, cost of living is a bit high, and safety (such as needing better lighting) is one of the primary concerns, but it has access to beautiful parks, Kelsey creek and aquatic center. I believe clean energy and alternative energy options should be a top priority for families in this area. It may help decrease the cost of utilities.	

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	crossroads.		Patricia V
	Cafes or any shop where it is safer to meet.	There is a lot of construction.	
	The school.		
	Crossroads is nice to have a good chat with family.	That more attention should be paid to vandalism and to controlling the cost of housing.	Isela
	The whale park, because it's a really fun place and there are many activities.	I would like it to be safer for our children when they leave the school and for us when we leave work. There should be more control with the people who are stealing the packages from our doors and such.	Sinay H
	Crossroads, because of its diversity and activities.	More advertisement for the events and promotion for "Watch your neighborhood."	M. S
	The mall at Crossroads, because I can get together with my family there.		
	The Connection Center of the Highland School. Rainer Athletics, because they do their best to bring us together as a community.	I would like it if there weren't anybody drinking alcohol in the parks because that's not good for the children. The city should stay clean and have more security; nowadays it's not safe.	Eduardo R
	The park at Bellevue Downtown.	I like that everything is near, it's nice, clean, and not too noisy.	Carolina S
	Crossroads, to get together with more people.	I like to share with the community.	Miriam
	The mall at Crossroads.		
	The botanical garden and some lakes where I can take my dog for a swim.	That we should not let this neighborhood become unsafe.	Gloria Q

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	Crossroads Mall. It's an enclosed space where you can hang around and keep warm.	Crossroads Mall could be a lot better, with more stores. The on-street bicycle space system needs to be improved, both in terms of clearer signs and connecting to other areas such as Marymoor Park, etc.	Kenia C
	The botanic garden.	I would like my neighborhood to always be safe.	Juan A
	The whale park.	No	Carmen M
	No. After the COVID epidemic subsided, we have been out of touch.		Min F
	Crossroad park.		
	Playground and park, I can get to know other parents and neighbors.		
	Crossroads park, because that's the only big park nearby.	The neighborhood is very crowded. How can we improve it to be more quiet?	Jun L



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