

Crossroads Neighborhood Area Plan: Proposed Policies

This packet includes proposed policy amendments to the Crossroads Neighborhood Area Plan. All text is new, though based on previous policies in the Crossroads Subarea Plan and the Wilburton/NE 8th Subarea Plan which are relevant to the Crossroads neighborhood area.

Vision Statement

Crossroads is a complete, urban neighborhood with convenient access to a variety of destinations that fosters diversity and embraces its natural qualities.

Proposed Number	Proposed Policy	Prior Policy	Notes
Neighborhood Identity			
S-CX-1	Recognize and affirm diverse heritages, histories and cultures within the Crossroads community through public art, activation and placemaking, especially efforts around play and storytelling.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Recognize Crossroads' diversity through placemaking.
S-CX-2	Explore the identification of locations and thresholds that are significant to the community and contribute to the neighborhood's visual identity.	S-CR-44 S-CR-51 S-CR-56	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Establish gateways and enhance key public views.
S-CX-3	Integrate accessible signage and wayfinding into streetscapes and public spaces that use multiple languages and are culturally relevant to enhance neighborhood identity.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Integrate easily understandable wayfinding.
S-CX-4	Provide aesthetic and landscaping enhancements on key corridors, including NE 8 th Street, 140 th Avenue NE, 148 th Avenue NE, 156 th Avenue NE and NE Bel-Red Road, so they become visually attractive, safe, and comfortable corridors to and through the area.	S-CR-47 S-CR-49	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Provide aesthetic and landscaping enhancements on arterials.

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S-CX-5	Consider providing pedestrian amenities, including seating, lighting and trash receptacles, to enhance public streets and promote a high-quality, attractive, and safe pedestrian environment.	S-CR-47 S-WI-29	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Improve the appearance of public streets by adding amenities.
S-CX-6	Connect Crossroads Park with the surrounding commercial and residential areas through a safe, active and functional pedestrian environment that is integrated with the architecture, landscaping and signage of the surrounding land uses.	S-CR-19 S-CR-20 S-CR-81	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the creation of a network of pedestrian connections within superblocks.
S-CX-7	Support the creation of a unique and well-defined identity of Crossroads' business districts through placemaking and activation.	S-CR-7 S-CR-8 S-CR-9 (Disc.)	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Develop a unique identity of key commercial areas.
S-CX-8	Explore the creation of a district-based organization for businesses in Crossroads to reinforce the economic vitality of the area.	S-CR-8 S-CR-52	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Develop a unique identity of key commercial areas. See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-39.
S-CX-9	Accommodate the retention of small businesses in Crossroads, including through increased access to affordable commercial space.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Develop a unique identity of key commercial areas. See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-39.

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S-CX-10	Support the creation of both permanent and temporary spaces where small or emerging food businesses and vendors can develop and flourish.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Develop a unique identity of key commercial areas. See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-39.
S-CX-11	Support efforts to maintain both subsidized and naturally occurring affordable housing and work to preserve it as permanent income-restricted housing.		See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-39.
Mixed Use Center & Neighborhood Centers			
S-CX-12	Establish and sustain Crossroads' designation as a Countywide Center (see Map LU-3 of the Land Use Element) as a focal point for local and county planning and investment to support a concentration of jobs, housing, shopping, mobility options and recreational opportunities.		See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-37.
S-CX-13	Support development of a compact, livable and walkable mixed use center in Crossroads.		See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-38.

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S-CX-14	Enhance existing Neighborhood Centers (see Map LU-2 of the Land Use Element) designed to serve neighborhoods, recognizing their multiple roles: serving residents' needs, acting as community gathering places and helping to establish neighborhood identity.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Enhance Neighborhood Centers recognizing their multiple roles.
S-CX-15	Encourage a mix of residential, retail and services uses in Neighborhood Centers to promote easy pedestrian access and enhance the livability and vibrancy of the neighborhood.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Enhance Neighborhood Centers recognizing their multiple roles.
S-CX-16	Encourage and enhance arts and cultural opportunities within Neighborhood Centers.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Enhance Neighborhood Centers recognizing their multiple roles.
Community Gathering Places			
S-CX-17	Acquire parcels suitable for mini-parks where such parcels can have active transportation access, especially west of 152 nd Avenue NE.	S-CR-16	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote social connections through existing and new public spaces like mini parks and plazas.

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S-CX-18	Partner with community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and private partners to create accessible, affordable and welcoming community gathering places, especially indoors.		<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote social connections through existing and new public spaces like mini parks and plazas.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote indoor third places on private property for people to connect.</p>
S-CX-19	Continue to work with private partners to foster Crossroads Shopping Center's role as a community gathering place reflective of neighborhood identity and the community's cultural diversity.	S-CR-9 S-CR-81	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote indoor third places on private property for people to connect.
S-CX-20	Collaborate with the Bellevue School District to strengthen school sites' function in Crossroads as safe and welcoming community gathering places.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Partner to enhance and strengthen school properties as third places.
Mobility and Access			
S-CX-21	Recognize the mobility needs of people of all ages and abilities when planning and designing city streets, shared use paths and trails.	S-CR-32	
S-CX-22	Encourage the use of transit, active transportation, and ridesharing to reduce congestion, expand mobility options and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.	S-CR-33	

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S-CX-23	Improve pedestrian and bicycle access on arterials and to nearby light rail stations, including through coordination with neighboring Redmond.	S-CR-45 S-WI-18	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Improve pedestrian and bike safety and comfort on arterial streets. See King County Countywide Planning Policy DP-37.
S-CX-24	Improve the opportunities for pedestrians to safely cross arterials at intersections, especially in Neighborhood Centers, and designated mid-block locations, consistent with the Mobility Implementation Plan.	S-CR-31	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support mid-block pedestrian crossings.
S-CX-25	Support the creation of pedestrian connections within superblocks, with a focus on integrating these connections into public property, and through large commercial blocks and developments.	S-CR-30 S-WI-17	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the creation of a network of pedestrian connections within superblocks.
S-CX-26	Provide signage and wayfinding to direct individuals to off-street active transportation facilities to promote and facilitate their use.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the creation of a network of pedestrian connections within superblocks.
S-CX-27	Work with transit service providers to enhance transit passenger amenities at bus stops and stations.	S-CR-34	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Encourage the improvement of transit stops for passengers.

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S-CX-28	Support efforts to provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure in commercial areas and existing multifamily residential developments to advance equitable access.		
Environment			
S-CX-29	Encourage and support increased visibility and access to natural areas, especially the Kelsey Creek Basin, for their enjoyment by the community.	S-CR-5 S-WI-9	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Protect natural areas and enhance options for their enjoyment by the community.
S-CX-30	Strive to increase tree canopy in areas with lower tree canopy, especially Crossroads' commercial and mixed-use areas.	S-WI-30	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Explore ways to expand the tree canopy and improve storm water management in key areas.
S-CX-31	Adapt public spaces to reduce vulnerability to extreme heat and extreme precipitation through increased tree canopy and low impact development techniques.	S-CR-6	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Explore ways to expand the tree canopy and improve storm water management in key areas.