



VISION 2050 The Regional Plan Status Report

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Which Growth Scenario?



Relationship to Bellevue

Why Transit-Focused Growth?

Bellevue – A City of Centers





Bel-Red

Downtown

Eastgate/Factoria



Relationship to Bellevue

- Adopted policies.
- Comprehensive Plan.
- Reinforce Transit-Focused.
- Land Use Element.
- Transportation Element.
- Housing Element.



Large Investments In Infrastructure

Transit Oriented Development





ST3 – Eastgate/Factoria

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Transit-Focused Growth Scenario

Some Potential Benefits & Impacts

Potential Benefits

Leverage light rail = greater land value around stations.

Less land needed = less pressure on ecosystems.

Less impervious surface = better managed stormwater .

More transit use = less greenhouse gas emissions.

More walking & biking = increased public health benefits.

More housing potential = better jobs/housing balance.

Potential Impacts

- Jobs/housing imbalance is expected to increase in the east-side communities.
- City may have to increase planned capacity for housing to accommodate the future population growth in the outlying years of VISION 2050.
- City may have to increase planned capacity for commercial/office to accommodate the future employment growth in the outlying years of VISION 2050.
- It's more expensive to acquire land for parks and recreation facilities in compact, dense centers
- The 'missing middle' housing needed is best achieved at low-medium to medium density ranges not typically found in high, density urban centers.
- Multi-modal transportation options in these centers will be costly.
- Compact centers are likely to have increased noise and decreased air quality.
- Stormwater solutions in dense urban environments will be costly and will add to development costs.

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