

Eastgate Neighborhood Area Plan

Draft Vision Statement and Key Policy Moves

Based on input from the Discover phase, the planning team has developed the following draft policy moves. These policy moves are broad statements that reflect community feedback, outline key priorities, and serve as building blocks for more detailed policies. They help focus on intent and desired outcomes while allowing the City to confirm community priorities before drafting formal policy language.

Eastgate Vision Statement

Eastgate is an economically thriving neighborhood, employment center, and regional transit corridor that lies at the intersection of city and nature. Community members connect with one another as they experience the area's natural beauty, from trails and streams to nearby mountains, while enjoying convenient access to world-class amenities and outdoor recreation the neighborhood, city, and region have to offer. Mixed-use areas on both sides of Interstate 90, as well as Bellevue College, anchor the neighborhood as vibrant hubs for residents, students, and employees to gather, socialize, and build community.



Neighborhood Identity

Goal: To enhance Eastgate's distinct qualities as a convenient, green, and welcoming neighborhood.

- Fostering tree canopy as an identifiable element of Eastgate within streets, parks, and areas with lower tree canopy
- Enhancing entrances into Eastgate from Interstate 90, the Mountains to Sound Greenway, and adjacent neighborhoods
- Maintaining appearance of trails, trees, and streetscapes to improve community image
- Retaining and cultivating accessible, locally owned, and neighborhood retail and services as a draw for nearby residential areas
- Revitalizing Eastgate's employment centers north of Interstate 90 to attract global employers, creative uses, and mixed-use development



Mixed Use and Neighborhood Centers

Goal: To support the development of mixed use areas in Eastgate to accommodate future growth and high-capacity transit, expand housing and jobs, and meet local and regional needs.

- Continuing to support Eastgate TOD's redevelopment into a walkable, transit-rich, mixed-use community
- Improving Bellevue College's access to nearby parks, shopping, transit, and housing.
- Enhancing Eastgate Plaza as a walkable, mixed-use Neighborhood Center serving nearby residential areas
- Maintaining and creating affordable housing opportunities close to and/or integrated with neighborhood amenities
- Coordinating future high-capacity transit to maximize public benefit and development opportunities

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Community Gathering Spaces

Goal: To provide for a variety of indoor and outdoor gathering spaces to serve a growing and diverse neighborhood.

- Partnering with schools, churches, and community organizations on indoor gathering opportunities
- Creating safe, accessible connections between parks (Lattawood Park, Robinswood Park, etc.), schools, community facilities, and other activity areas
- Developing new neighborhood parks with amenities and recreation
- Developing Bellevue Airfield Park as an active recreational community park that is integrated with its surroundings
- Fostering Bellevue College as a community gathering space and cultural hub drawing people from across the city and region



Mobility and Access

Goal: To improve local and regional mobility options so that the community has safe and convenient access to destinations inside and outside the neighborhood.

- Coordinating with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on relieving congestion near Interstate 90
- Completing the Mountains to Sound Greenway through Eastgate and improving local connections to it
- Creating sidewalks and crossings where they are missing on local streets
- Coordinating with transit providers on local and regional service, access, and stop/station amenities
- Developing walkable, pedestrian-friendly blocks in Eastgate's mixed-use areas



Environment

Goal: To improve and enhance Eastgate's prominent natural features to support habitat health and community resilience for future generations.

- Improving streams, such as Vasa Creek, to promote water quality, wildlife, and riparian plantings
- Exploring opportunities to develop nature trails along riparian corridors and greenbelts
- Making sustainability visible through environmental education and neighborhood design features
- Mitigating climate vulnerabilities related to air quality, flooding, and extreme heat