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# Airport Station Area PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE: NOVEMBER 4-22, 2021

## Welcome

The City of SeaTac is making sidewalk and road improvements near the SeaTac Airport Link Light Rail Station along sections of South 176th Street, 32nd Avenue S, and South 180th Street. The City is also developing design guidelines that create a clear visual identity for the Airport Station area.

The purpose of this online open house is to provide an opportunity for you to:

- Learn about the improvements being proposed as part of this project.
- See the designs being considered.
- Share your feedback:
  - What's important to you?
  - Which design elements do you like best?



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### How to use this online open house

To advance through this open house, scroll down to read each page, then click the "Next Page" button at the bottom of the page, or select the tab you want at the top.

Within this online open house, you will be able to give feedback through survey questions. The online open house and survey will take only a few minutes to complete.

Thank you for your participation!

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## Project Overview

### Project purpose

The Airport Station area has a unique combination of commercial and residential properties. Current road conditions are not suitable for the existing level of pedestrian and bicycle use in the area.

This project seeks to create roadway and sidewalk designs that will:

- Enhance the safety and experience of people walking and biking.
- Establish a clear visual identity for the Airport Station area.
- Help implement the recently updated vision for the area.

### Project location

Improvements will focus on the area immediately surrounding the Airport Link Light Rail Station (Airport Station area) and includes sections of South 176th Street, 32nd Avenue S, and South 180th Street (see Project Area map). Construction will start as early as 2023.

More information about each segment is shown on the **Project Segments** page.

### Project process

Community members identified lighting and safe places to walk and improvements to the aesthetics of the area as key priorities for this project. The project team has created a design that addresses these issues and includes additional improvements. A City Council-appointed Ad Hoc Committee made up of local business and community members has also met with the project team to provide input on the urban design elements shown on this online open house. Your feedback will help inform the next step of this process as the project team finalizes the design.

### Project background

In 2020, the City completed the **City Center Plan Update Phase I Vision Report** that covers this area. The Vision Report relied heavily on input from the business and residential communities to create a plan to improve pedestrian and transit corridors and create a consistent visual identity for future projects in the Airport Station area. The Vision report also identified the Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvement Project as a priority project.

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**Project Area**

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**LEGEND**

- Segment 1  
South 176th Street from International Boulevard to 32nd Avenue S
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32nd Avenue S between South 170th Street and South 176th Street
- Segment 3  
32nd Avenue S from South 176th Street to South 180th Street
- Segment 4  
South 180th Street from 32nd Avenue S to its eastern terminus at the Hunt Club Apartment complex
- Updated traffic signal

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### Project Segments

A main goal of the project is to improve the safety and mobility of all modes of travel, with a focus on people walking and biking. Building on what we heard from the community during Phase 1 of the City Center Plan Update Vision Report, we designed improvements for each of the segments.

While improvements may be constructed on only one side of some streets in this project (as shown in the diagrams below), your input on the proposed road and sidewalk designs will help inform not only current work, but also future projects that may be completed as funding becomes available.

Please review the segment designs and respond to the questions below to share your thoughts.

#### Segment 1: South 176th Street from International Boulevard to 32nd Avenue S

**OVERVIEW:** South 176th Street improvements will enhance safety, mobility, and access for people walking and biking to the SeaTac Airport Station.

Improvements to be constructed include:

- Cycle track (two-way separated bike lane) on the north side of the roadway
- Sidewalks and landscape planters on the north side of the roadway
- Decorative roadway and pedestrian lighting
- Decorative intersection treatments at South 176th Street and 32nd Avenue S, with an emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian crossings
- Urban design features like benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks
- Curb ramp and crosswalk improvements at the International Boulevard and South 176th Street intersection
- Curb ramp and intersection improvements at the 32nd Avenue S and South 176th Street intersection. These intersection improvements will include lane and signal changes to accommodate the new bike lanes and improve function.

Future improvements to south side of South 176th Street:

- Currently, improvements on the south side of South 176th Street are not funded. A preliminary design has been created but will not be constructed with this project.

[Click here to view Segment 1 Typical Cross-Section, Facing East](#)

#### South 176th Street, Facing East

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#### Segment 2: 32nd Avenue S between South 170th Street and South 176th Street

**OVERVIEW:** 32nd Avenue S improvements will enhance safety and the experience for people walking and biking to connect to South 176th and South 170th streets, and the Airport Station area.

Improvements to be constructed include:

- Roadway lanes with bike markings (sharrows) to indicate that the road is shared by people biking and driving
- Landscape planters on both sides of the roadway
- Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, except next to the MasterPark property
- Decorative roadway and pedestrian lighting
- Raised concrete intersections at South 175th, South 173rd, and South 172nd streets
- New mid-block crossing between South 173rd and South 172nd streets
- On-street parallel parking on the west side of the roadway
- Three (3) electric vehicle charging stations and dedicated parking stalls
- Urban design features like benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks
- Overhead utilities relocated underground

Future improvements:

- Sidewalk on the west side of 32nd Avenue S, next to the MasterPark property

[Click here to view Segment 2 Typical Cross-Section, Facing North, and other details](#)

#### 32nd Avenue S (North of South 176th Street), Facing North

Click image to enlarge.

**Before**

Existing Conditions, 32nd Avenue S, looking south

**After**

Proposed Future Conditions, 32nd Avenue S, looking south

#### Examples

Existing speed bump on 32nd Avenue S

Example of a midblock crossing

Example of a raised intersection

#### Segment 3: 32nd Avenue S from South 176th Street to South 180th Street

**OVERVIEW:** 32nd Avenue S improvements will enhance safety and the experience for people walking and biking to connect to South 176th Street and the Airport Station area.

Improvements to be constructed include:

- Bike lane on the east side of roadway
- Landscape planters on the east side of roadway
- Sidewalk on the east side of roadway
- Decorative roadway and pedestrian lighting on the east side of roadway
- On-street parallel parking on the east side of the roadway
- Two electric vehicle charging stations and parking stalls
- Urban design features like benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks
- Overhead utilities relocated underground

This element will be considered and partially designed as part of this project but does not yet have funding to be built:

- Future bike lane planned on the west side of roadway

[Click here to view Segment 3, Typical Cross-Section, Facing North](#)

#### 32nd Avenue South (South of South 176th Street), Facing North

Click image to enlarge.

#### Segment 4: South 180th Street from 32nd Avenue S to its eastern terminus at the Hunt Club Apartments complex

**OVERVIEW:** South 180th street corridor improvements will enhance safe and 32nd Avenue S and provide new pedestrian and bicycle facilities from the Hunt Club Apartments complex and the surrounding neighborhood to South 176th Street and the Airport Station Area.

Improvements to be constructed include:

- Bike lane on the north side of roadway
- Landscape planters on the north side of roadway
- Sidewalk on the north side of roadway
- On-street parallel parking on the south side of the roadway
- Overhead utilities relocated underground
- Decorative pedestrian walkway and lighting on the north side of roadway

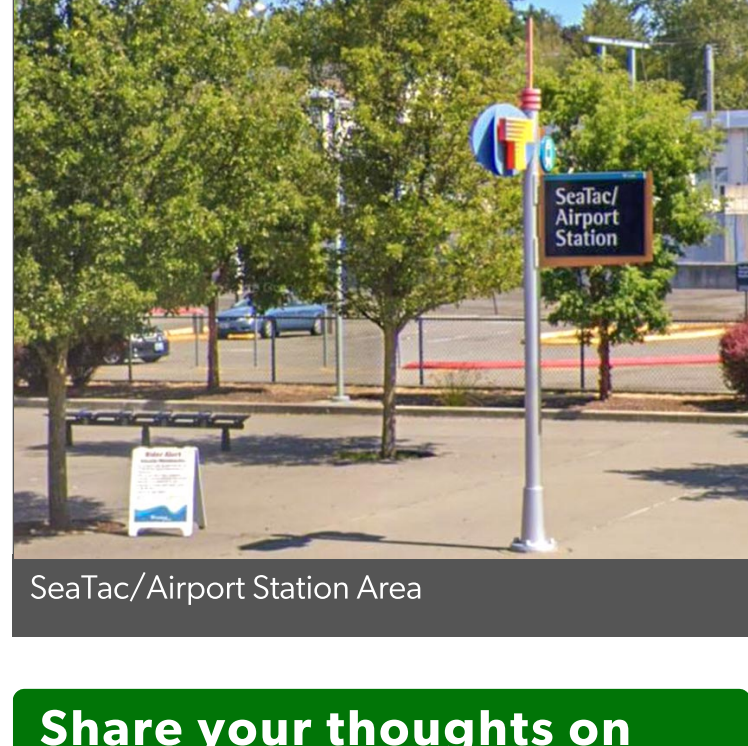
This element will be considered and partially designed as part of this project but does not yet have funding to be built:

- Future bike lane planned on the south side of roadway

[Click here to view Segment 4, Typical Cross-Section, Facing West](#)

#### South 180th Street, Facing West

Click image to enlarge.



#### Share your thoughts on the proposed segment designs

**Make sure to click SUBMIT at the bottom of the survey.**

Opportunities for **ON-STREET PARKING** have been maximized in the proposed designs for Segments 2, 3 and 4. Are there any issues you want to share related to parking on these streets?

What do you think about the **ELECTRICAL VEHICLE STATIONS** as shown in the designs along 32nd Avenue S?

- I like them
- I don't like them
- I don't have an opinion

Please explain:

The proposed design for Segment 2 removes the existing speed bumps and replaces them with **RAISED MID-BLOCK CROSSINGS** on 32nd Avenue S at South 173rd and South 172nd streets. Do you support using this technique to slow traffic while providing mid-block crossing areas?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please explain:

The proposed design for Segment 2 installs **RAISED INTERSECTIONS** on 32nd Avenue S at S 172nd, South 173rd and South 175th streets to enhance safe pedestrian crossings. What do you think of this proposal?

- I like it
- I don't like it
- I don't have an opinion

Please explain:

The following questions apply to all segments.

What do you think of the addition of **PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING** along all the street segments in this project?

- I like it
- I don't like it
- I don't have an opinion

Please explain:

Do you think that these **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS** will make this area easier to use for people walking?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

There is limited space on the roadway to accommodate different features and modes of travel: sidewalks, bike lanes, parking, car/truck travel lanes, medians, turn lanes, and landscaping. Are you generally supportive of the **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please explain:

Please share any other comments you have about this project.

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### Urban Design Elements

The elements shown below aim to create a clear visual identity, or theme, for the Airport Station area, as well as providing a safe and inviting experience for all users. Ultimately, all the elements will be combined into the draft Urban Design Report that provides guidance for future projects.

The elements reflect the values and priorities shared by the community during the **City Center Plan Update Phase 1 Vision Report**. The City Council-appointed Ad Hoc Committee carefully selected an identity for the Airport Station area that celebrates SeaTac, honors the community's unique blend of industry, technology, and hospitality, and illustrates the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. The urban design elements use timeless materials and colors that are low maintenance and multi-purpose to reflect these themes.

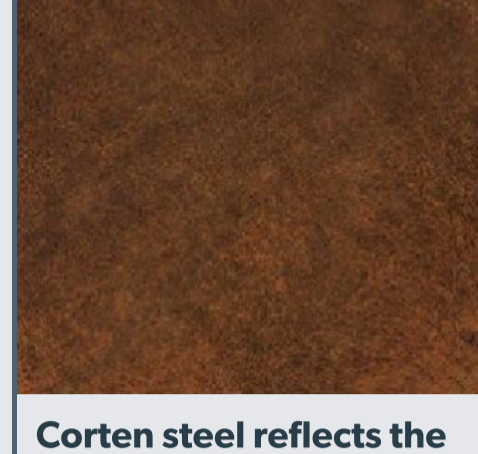
Please review the proposed urban design elements and respond to the questions below to share your thoughts.

#### Celebrate SeaTac! A gateway to the Pacific Northwest

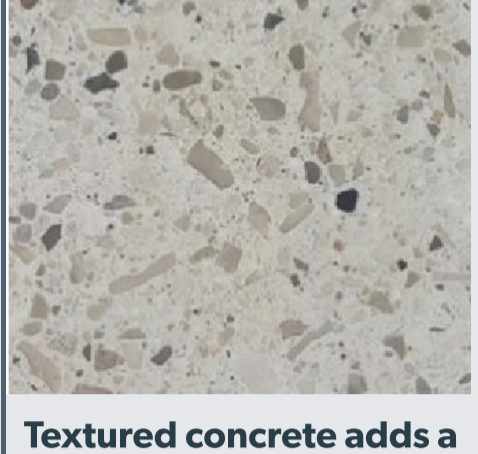
##### Material and Color Menu:

Provides a menu of material and color options for future projects.


[Click here to view the material and color menu](#)



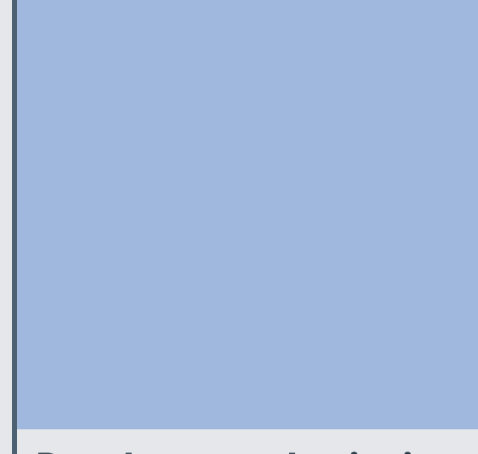
**Corten steel reflects the city's industrial history**



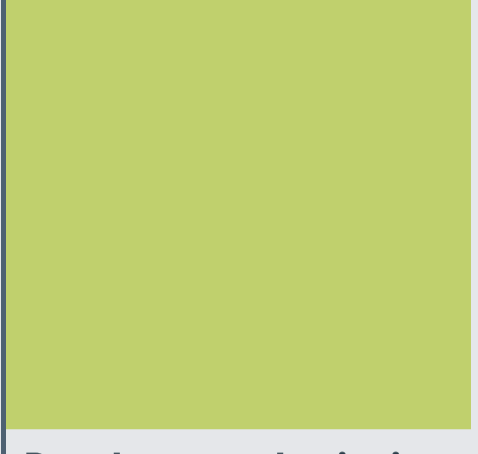
**Textured concrete adds a modern feel that nods to the technology and innovation that characterize SeaTac**



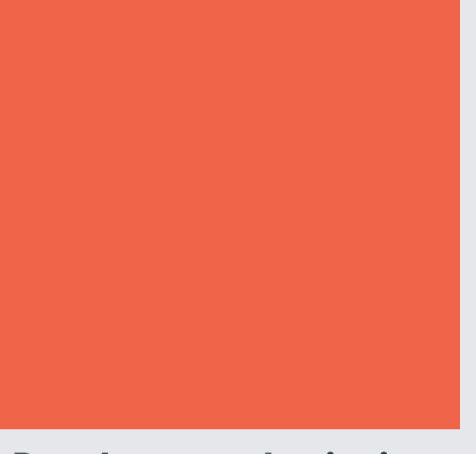
**Raw steel with a patina adds warmth to the classic Pacific Northwest gray**



**Powder coated paint in sky blue with glass inlays**



**Powder coated paint in mossy green and landscape plantings emphasize the area's lushness**



**Powder coated paint in salmon adds a pop of color and placemaking**

##### Custom Identity:

Celebrate SeaTac: A gateway to the Pacific Northwest

[Click here to view the custom identity](#)



- paper airplanes
- geometric
- 3-dimensional
- nostalgic
- playful
- recognized by all ages

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##### Streetscape Elements/Site Furnishings:

Provides guidance on the look of site furnishings for use in future projects.

[Click here to view the streetscape elements and site furnishings](#)



- 1 Metal planters
- 2 Bench
- 3 Tree grate
- 4 Bike rack
- 5 Trash and recycling receptacle
- 6 Bottle refilling station
- 7 "Pebbles" concrete seating

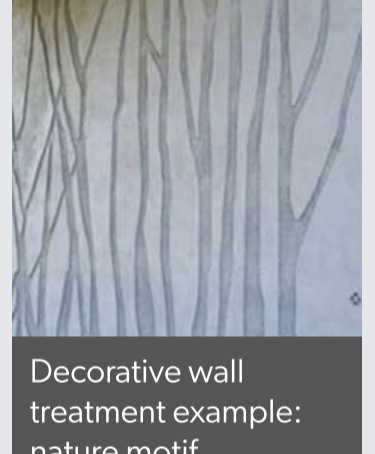
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##### Streetscape Elements/Site Details & Lighting:

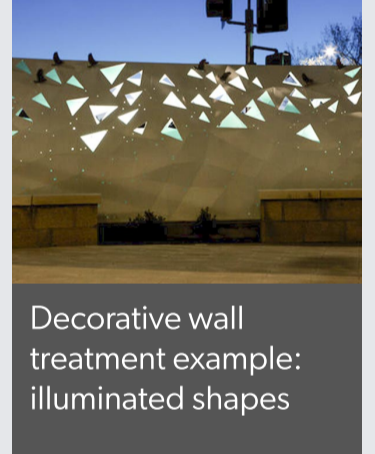
Provides a menu of site detail options and a specific lighting design for use in future projects.

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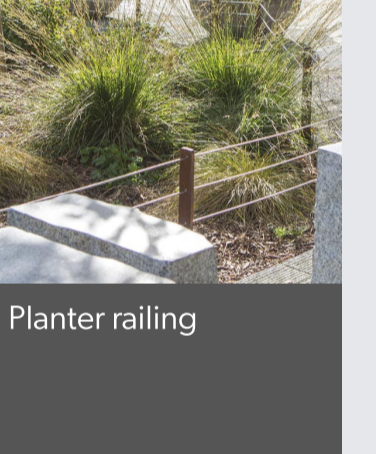
##### SITE DETAILS



Decorative wall treatment example: nature motif




Decorative wall treatment example: illuminated shapes




Planter railing

##### LIGHTING



Roadway and pedestrian light pole



Pedestrian light pole

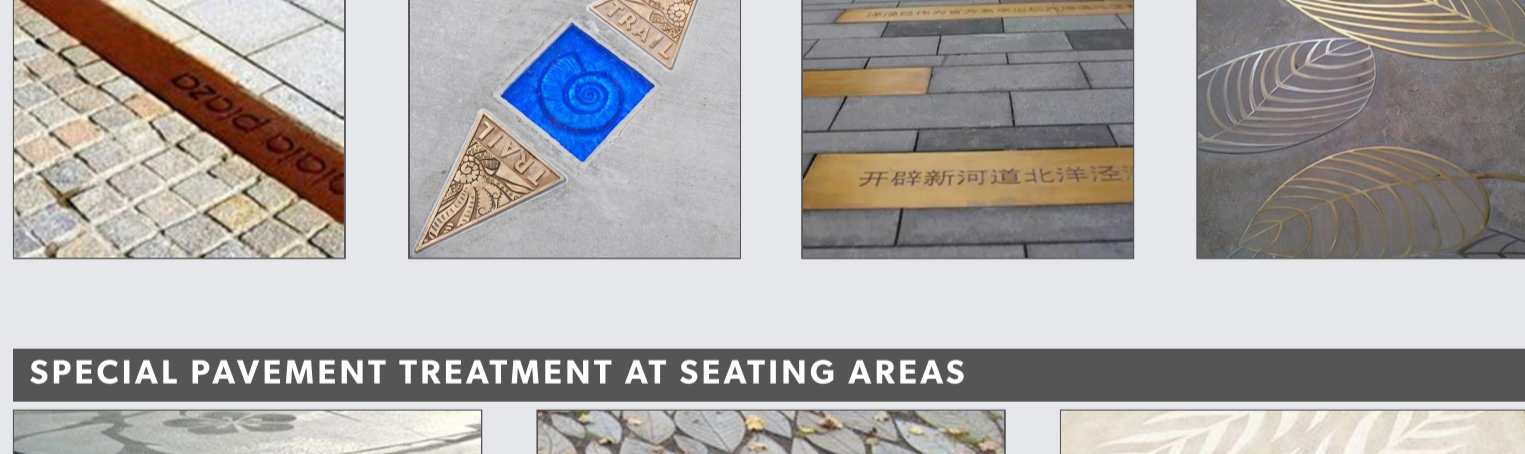
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##### Streetscape Elements/Pavement Details:


Provides a menu of pavement treatments for use in future projects.

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##### SIDEWALK INLAY EXAMPLES




##### SPECIAL PAVEMENT TREATMENT AT SEATING AREAS




##### BIKE LANE



##### SCORED CONCRETE SIDEWALK



##### COLOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK

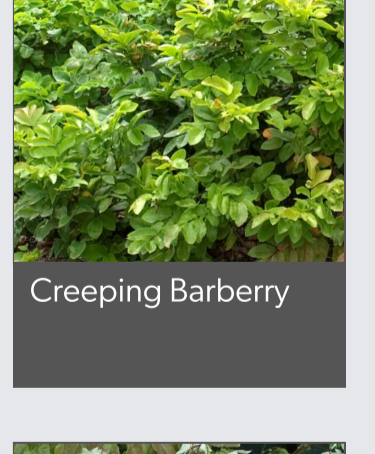


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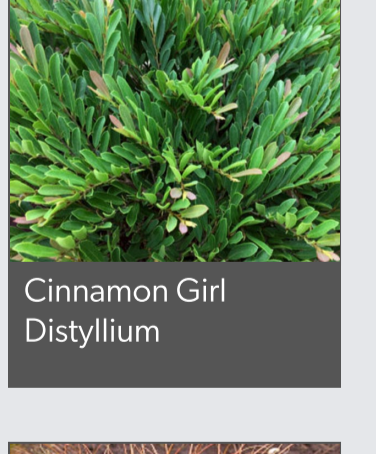
##### Streetscape Elements/Plant Menu:

Provides a menu of plants for use in future projects.

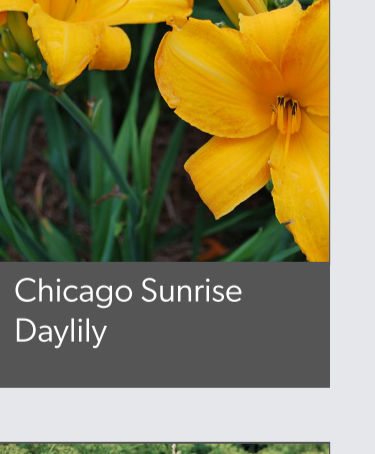
[Click here to view the plant menu](#)



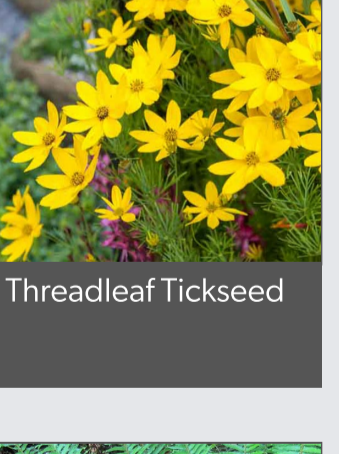
Creeping Barberry



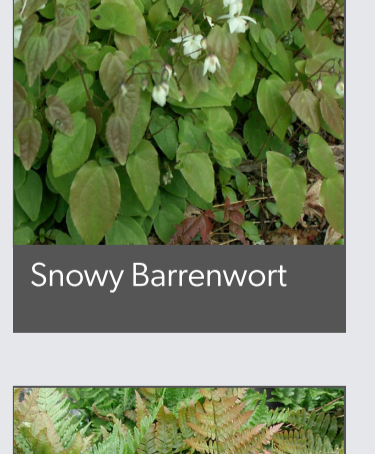
Cinnamon Girl Distylium



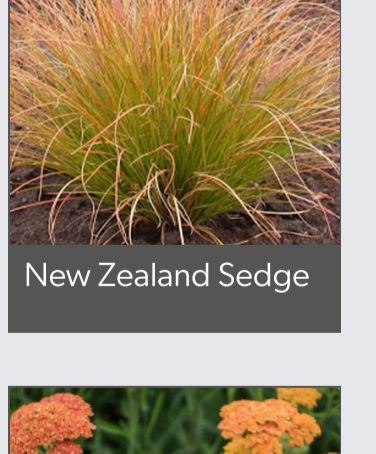
Chicago Sunrise Daylily




Threadleaf Tickseed



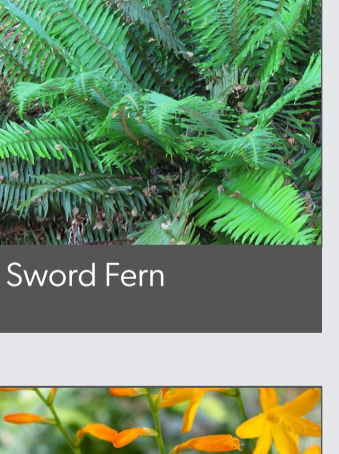
Snowy Barrenwort



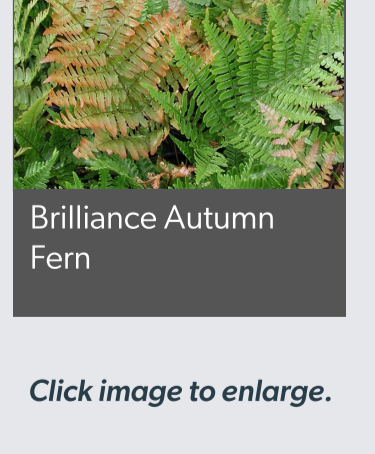
New Zealand Sedge



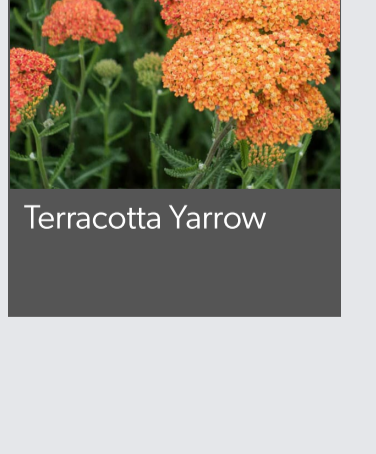
Autumn Moor Grass



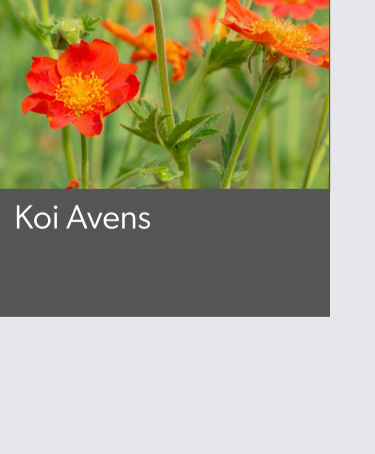
Sword Fern



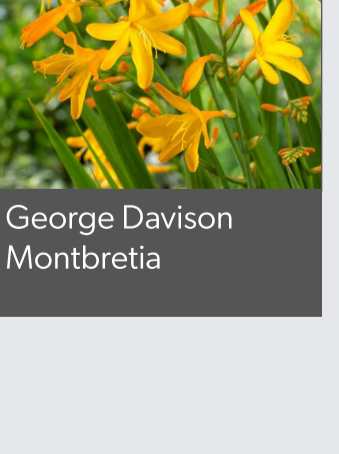
Brilliance Autumn Fern



Terracotta Yarrow



Koi Avens



George Davison Montbretia

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#### Share your thoughts on the urban design elements

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The vision for the area is to create a vibrant airport business district and a walkable urban neighborhood. The vision will guide what improvements, such as lighting, sidewalks, landscaping, and bike lanes, look like. What do you think of "Celebrate SeaTac" as a theme for representing and building the identity of the Airport Station area?

- I like it
- I like it a lot
- I don't like it

Comments:

What do you think of the material and color menu?

- I like it
- I like it a lot
- I don't like it

Comments:

What do you think of the paper airplane icon for the "Celebrate SeaTac" theme?

- I like it
- I like it a lot
- I don't like it

Comments:

Overall, do you like the theme and elements shown?

- Yes, I like them
- Yes, I like them a lot
- No, I don't like them

Comments:

Are there additional things you'd like the project team to consider for urban design elements?

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## Demographics

Demographic questions help us evaluate the success of our outreach efforts on this project.

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What ZIP code do you live in?

- 98188
- 98032
- 98148
- 98158
- 98168
- Other (please specify):

What is your age? (SELECT ONE)

- 17 or younger
- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60 or older
- I prefer not to answer

How do you identify? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

- African American
- American Indian
- Alaska Native
- Asian Indian
- Black
- Caribbean
- Caucasian
- Chinese
- East African
- Filipino
- Hispanic
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latino, Latina or Latinx
- Native Hawaiian
- Middle Eastern
- North African
- Pacific Islander
- Vietnamese
- West African
- White
- Self-describe:
- I prefer not to answer

In which type of housing do you currently live?

- House
- Mobile Home
- Apartment
- Condominium
- Other:

What is the primary language spoken in your home?

- Amharic
- English
- Cantonese
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Tigrinya
- Vietnamese
- Other (please specify):
- I prefer not to answer

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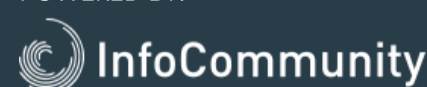
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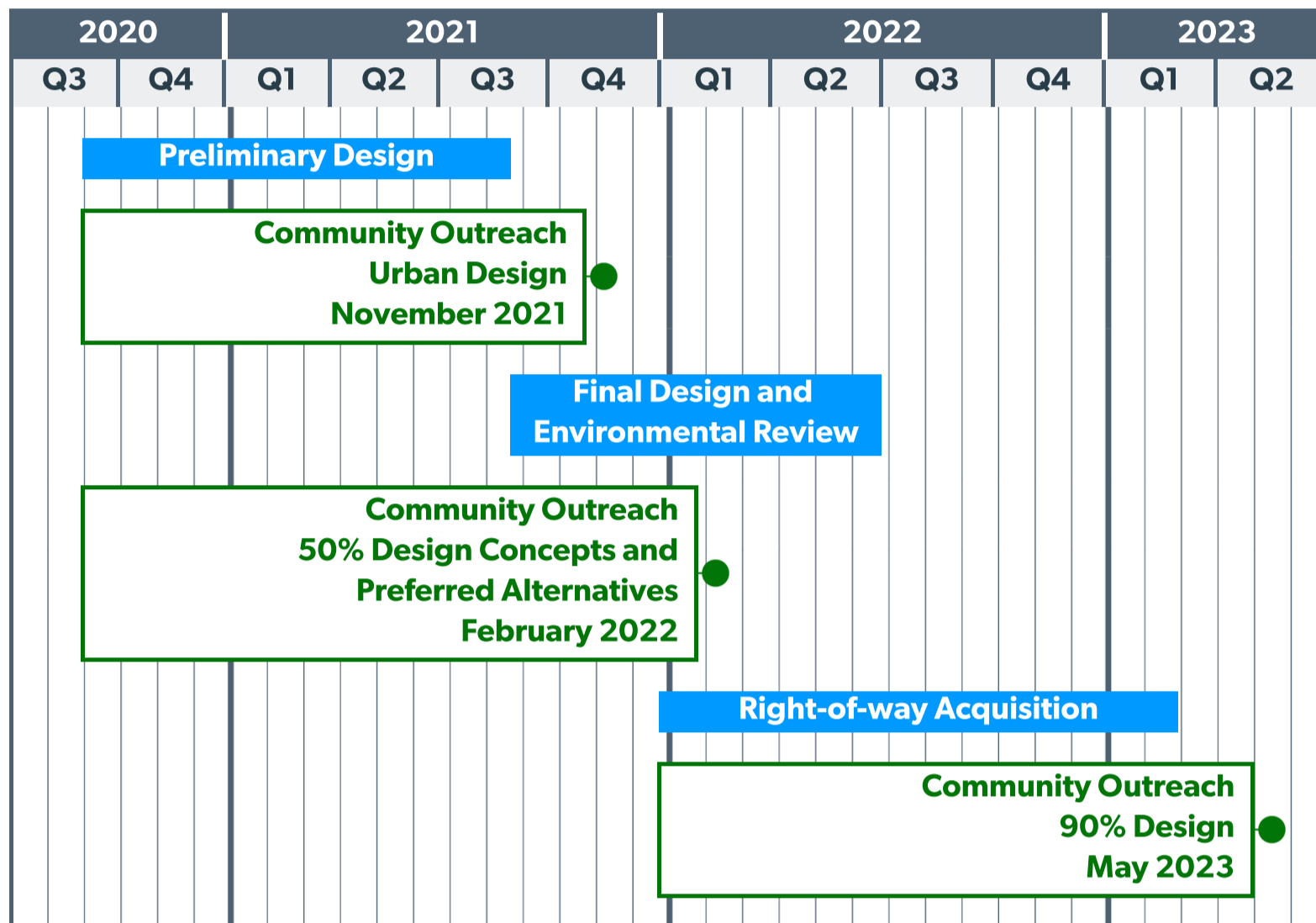
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## Next steps

Thank you for visiting the online open house and providing your feedback.

City staff will update the roadway and urban design. We anticipate sharing these updates in more detail in early 2022. Please see the tentative schedule below for major project milestones.

Actual construction of the project will begin after the process shown below has been completed. At this time, we are targeting a construction start of spring/summer 2023.



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In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact:

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### Other projects in the area

In addition to the Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvements, the City is working on other projects that will help implement the vision in the **City Center Plan Update Phase 1 Vision Report**, including the **International Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing and Local Road Safety Plan** and the **City Center Plan Update Phase 2 Project**, which will create a subarea plan based on the Vision Report (starting in 2022). You can learn more about other SeaTac projects on the City's **Current Projects** page.

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