

Silverdale Meeting Breakout Questions

Where in Silverdale should residential and commercial development go in the future, or should they be mixed, either in close proximity to one another, or within the same developments?

- Silverdale patchwork of development, separated by underused pieces of property, natural areas like Clear Creek Trails,
- There has to be some connectivity for biking, network for alternative transportation options to connect patchwork of developments
- It would help to have longer view of road development and transportation system, roads are constrained,
- Need overview of development planning of Silverdale to see patchwork and address connectivity
- So much asphalt that heats up city/area, install solar units on parking cover or on top floors, add green space
- Include design standards to require streetscapes to require certain types of elements to slow down traffic
- Roundabout on Newberry hill and Silverdale way are short sighted planning
- Incorporate carless streets so people can sit at restaurants and other businesses without cars passing by, similar to European streets

In areas where densities may increase, what urban features would make those areas more desirable to live in?

- Silverdale Way trees got chopped down near the park; need to increase trees along right of ways
- More trees and more nature, so much can be done in small patches to enhance greenery and plant cover
- More walkable areas, walkability
- Create places for people to interact, dog parks
- Shared use path along Clear Creek
- Landscaping, sidewalks
- Bold concept thinking
- Poulsbo place example of walkability and bike friendly, pocket parks, picnic tables and areas where people can sit outside; Kingston example being close to transit centers, people able to walk to and from transit stations

How can the county better incentivize residential and mixed-use development in downtown Silverdale?

- Incentive for developers for building diverse housing; developers don't build affordable housing but pay out to those that build affordable housing; fee-in-lieu to provide fee towards affordable housing
- Improve safety, pedestrian security
- Better jobs
- Visualization of development types
- Town square, gathering area
- Provide low-income housing
- Priority for low-income housing permitting, faster, cheaper
- Talk to the developers
- Inclusionary zoning – require certain % of units to be affordable
- Habitat for humanity –
- Multi-family Tax Exemption
- Cost of building materials and labor makes it difficult to build affordable housing, regulations may drive cost up
- Question should be asked at conferences or other counties/cities that have had successes to identify ideas/incentives
- Is there a vehicle or mechanism for big employers to provide housing for employees? Pay into worker housing.
- Many people work from home, make sure this is possible, co-op living
- Important to have balance – make sure community is livable, more green, good place to live,
- DCD makes it very difficult to build due to costs and permitting times
- Incentive for people to develop co-op housing, build together, build wealth among people; ensure incentives are not only for big developers but also for creating new ways of thinking
- Identify areas where Silverdale is competing with, look at demographics of those looking to move to Silverdale and provide services to accommodate

What strategies and incentives would you like to see used to encourage higher wage jobs in Silverdale?

- Partnerships with Kitsap Economic Development Alliance to encourage microchips, tech industries, different types of manufacturing, job training opportunities to train workforce for these types of jobs
- Getting employers currently here to pay higher wages, look at concept of basic income
- Tax structures

- Desirable to be a place for employers, Silverdale is mostly retail area, could diversify industries in Silverdale
- Co-join with Bremerton tech firms
- Hire a consultant to focus on jobs
- Advertisement
- Team up with Navy
- Adequate housing for workforce
- Attract anchor companies

Aside from the weather, what prevents you from walking or biking more in the downtown area? What incentives or amenities would increase those uses?

- Dangerous and very unsafe walking and biking conditions
- Ugly to walk and bike around Silverdale, needs to be more enjoyable
- Rains a lot and commute distances are far
- Kitsap Regional Library has beautiful biking area but not enough bike parking
- Safe travel north and south, Silverdale Way
- Attractions along the pedestrian way, ice cream shop, craft stores, etc
- Small shops, restaurants to visit along waterfront and trail system
- Look at Boise ID, Bellevue, Duck NC, other places that have been successful
- Connections to waterfront and creek trails
- Electric scooter rentals
- Trails for all modes

What changes would you make to the Silverdale transportation system? (highway access, capacity, transit, non-motorized, street grid...)

- Connectivity, easy and direct for cars, improve walking and biking scenery,
- Kitsap County should serve other areas to bring people in; safer routes for people that live in Silverdale to get around
- Short sight interchange with HWY3
- Foot ferry to Bremerton
- Better transit connections so you don't need a car
- More busses
- Paths

Is the downtown Silverdale area missing any important quality of life amenities? Where would you like to see those amenities go?

- A town square
- Boise example, hub of activity around town square

Are there any low hanging fruit opportunities that Silverdale should be taking advantage of?

- Changing Kitsap transit routes for better internal circulation could be low hanging fruit, work with Kitsap Transit
- More art centers where people get together in creative ways, civic uses, gathering spaces
- Mid-block crosswalks, quick fix for pedestrian safety, connectivity to schools, big trail to connect areas
- Trim/remove shrubs to improve views in Old Town
- Walk/bike improvements
- Services accessible by bike/ped
- Bike/ped easy through paths