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- Change economic indicators to have access to jobs by quality/wage/type. Change the job access threshold to 15 minutes.
- Put less emphasis on home ownership.
- Measure the diversity of housing available in the neighborhood.
- Remove the brownfields indicator

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- Is this a snapshot in time or an ongoing indicator of opportunity? Snapshot
- Test indicators against an “outcome” indicator that shows how the neighborhood is doing on the topic area. These "outcome" indicators are to be used for comparison with the opportunity indicators so as to have independent variables by which to measure indicator quality.
- There are tradeoffs between rental and home ownership. A neighborhood quality indicator shouldn’t preference one or the other. Different neighborhoods have different needs for different people. Think about “life cycle” people get older and need to different opportunities in their neighborhood.
- Housing/Neighborhood Quality should be improved. Maybe even exclude housing from the indicators.
- Create new category of housing only, not this ambiguous neighborhood quality stuff.
- Diversity of housing is important. Could use housing density as an indicator, but favors urban areas.
- Focus on how people commute, not the outcome of their commute (i.e. time, money). Do they have access to cars, transit, bike infrastructure, etc?
- Move “walkability” to mobility and transportation category.
- Consult public health professionals about outcome indicator.
- Adjust vacancy rate opportunity rating to reflect a healthy amount of vacancy.

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- Transportation – less on trips to work and more on trips to other places (i.e. grocery). Use data different data for travel to work if available. Mean commute time is not a good outcome measure because it assumes people have jobs to go to.
- Economy – Change the job access threshold to 15 minutes. Include only living wage jobs.
- Housing – less focus on homeownership
- Need to tell the story of the opportunity map
- Provide more clarity on the strengths and weaknesses of data/maps upfront. Work on “telling the story’” of the indicators.

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- Housing Cost Burden should be the outcome indicator for the Housing category.
- Have tenant based section 8 vouchers as separate overlay data
- Separate low income housing tax credit funded projects from other subsidized housing projects in overlay.
- Economy – Change thresholds for job access to 15 minutes via automobile and 30 minutes via transit. Include only living wage jobs.
- Conversation about where to include housing affordability (i.e. in opportunity indicators vs. with overlay data)
- Provide a narrative description of neighborhoods at various opportunity levels.

**Fair Housing Subcommittee January 25, 2012**

- Outcome indicators were removed prior to this iteration of the maps as they proved to add more confusion than clarity to the maps.
- Overlay Data – HUD Fair Housing Complaints, Section 8 Vouchers (from housing authorities), light rail routes and station areas
- Uses for maps –
  - Determine where incentive zoning is needed
  - Focus fair housing testing
  - King County Housing Authority will use to guide Section 8 voucher holders to locate in higher opportunity neighborhoods and for property acquisition
- Who to invite to use the maps –
  - Transit Agencies
  - School Districts
  - Housing Authorities
  - Cities & Counties – present to City Councils

**Affordable Housing Steering Committee February 7, 2012**

- Revise ‘cost-burdened households’ data to exclude higher income households that may choose to pay more for housing.
- The opportunity maps and ‘station area typology’ effort should inform each other

**Oversight Committee February 17, 2012**

- Concern over not including housing affordability into the base indicators of opportunity.
- Agreement on using the maps going forward to guide the Growing Transit Communities partnership in other work products (Fair Housing & Equity Assessment, Corridor Existing Conditions and Action Strategies, Outreach with Cities)