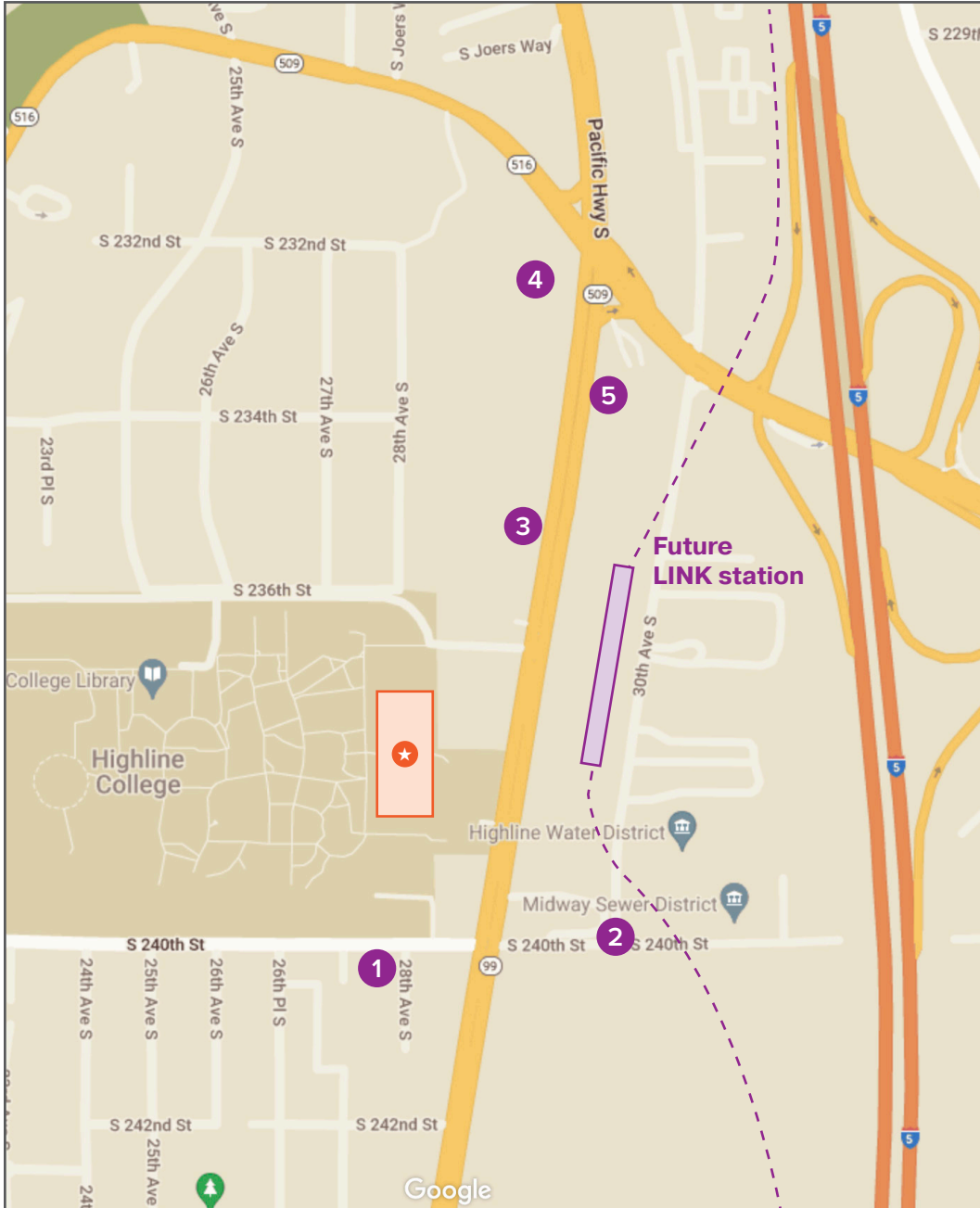




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Puget Sound Regional Council



Meeting Place

- ★ Highline College East Parking
On the west side of Pacific Highway,
between S 236th PI and S 240th St

Featured Site

- 1 Development on S 240th St
- 2 30th Ave S
- 3 Development on College Way
- 4 La Plaza
- 5 Pacific Highway



1 Development on S 240th St

This intersection has gone through various community engagement efforts to determine an overall vision and strategy for future development. As a result, the vision would formalize as a transformation of the intersection from a lower density, auto-oriented strip development to a mixed used employment and activity center, capitalizing on the development and growth of Highline College and surrounding area. West along 240th, the City of Des Moines has recently updated their zoning code to reflect this vision and provide a consistent development pattern with the City of Kent.



Thea Bowman Apartments

The apartments consist of eighty permanent supportive housing units, 36 of which are reserved for veterans and paid for through the VA voucher program. The other 44 units are for formerly homeless individuals who receive standard vouchers through King County Housing Authority. The units are a mix of studio and one-bedrooms, each fully furnished and equipped with a kitchenette. The building includes a multi-purpose room with computer access for residents, a gym and exercise room, a courtyard and dog run, as well as community kitchens and laundry rooms on each floor. The first floor also houses the nurse’s office. In collaboration with the VA, onsite case management services are provided by CCS with the goal of meeting each residents’ unique needs through effective communication that is adaptable, stability-focused, and trauma-informed.

Lean more about Thea Bowman
<https://ccsww.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/210226-Thea-Bowman.pdf>



Kent Ridge View

Kent Ridge View proposal is in for design review, critical area review, and SEPA with the City of Kent. The proposal consists of a multifamily community with 564 market-rate apartment units in three different building types: (1x) 140 units in a seven-floor podium building with 2 levels of above grade garage and a small commercial café; (2x) 140 units each 5-floor apartment buildings; (6x) 24 units each 3-story walkup style buildings. In addition to the residential buildings, the project proposes a 5,000 SF club house, a maintenance building, field carports and garages.



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2 30th Ave S

The Midway neighborhood, just 5 minutes directly south of SeaTac International Airport and 20 minutes south of downtown Seattle. This area benefits from high-density surrounding residential with a number of new housing projects underway, including over 2,000 apartment units either recently developed or in for proposal in the trade area. This area also benefits from Highline College, an 80-acre community college with a focus on trades, pulling from a wide surrounding area. Highline Community College includes a Central Washington University satellite campus. The new Kent/Des Moines Link Light Rail Station is expected to have 3,500 daily riders by 2026. Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains.

3 Development on College Way



Highline Place Building 1

Building 1 is a five story building, fronting Pacific Highway that includes 13,000 square feet of office space for Highline College and 5,800 square feet of retail space on the first floor with four floors of student housing (160 beds) above. The housing is dedicated to the Highline College International Student Housing program, the first of such housing on campus. Parking is provided at the surface and below the building (55 stalls), a request on parking reduction was approved, from 170 stalls to 33 stalls for the student housing.



Highline Place Building 2

Building 2 is also a five-story building fronting Pacific Highway in an L-shaped form. There is expected to be 239 market-rate apartments, distributed across all five floors, totaling about 229,000 square feet. In addition to 200 parking stalls provided and 4,000 square feet of street-level retail space, other amenities that have been planned include common game room, community lounge, and fitness center, among others.



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4 La Plaza

La Plaza is one of the most visible and accessible shopping centers uniquely situated in Kent with overlap in Des Moines. La Plaza is representative of the west SR-99's potential for infill as a traditional one-story strip mall style development at a major intersection. La Plaza currently houses the Kent Des Moines UW Clinic, The Market Hispanic grocery, and a variety of retail and restaurants.

5 Pacific Highway

WSDOT is working on removing barriers to station area access, with a vision that WSDOT will not create new barriers and will work with partners to correct existing barriers for people walking, rolling, and making transit transfers to reach high-capacity transit stations. Current and forthcoming work will identify where and how WSDOT can improve transit station access; remove physical, policy, and process barriers to transit access; and work with transit agencies and local jurisdictions to design and deliver best practices.