Redondo

AREA DESCRIPTION —

The Redondo transit community, located in the Cities of Kent, Des Moines, and Federal Way, is centered around a 710 stall park and ride lot and is currently served by the RapidRide A BRT line. The community is located in the corridor currently under study for an extension of Sound Transit Link light rail from S. 200th St. to Federal Way. Current land use is predominantly commercial with some light industrial along Pacific Highway. A significant portion of land to the west is single family residential. Protected wetlands cover much of the northeastern portion of the transit community. With large blocks, few sidewalks, and an auto-oriented development pattern, the community currently has a poor pedestrian environment.

Redondo transit community has a population of 4,296, with 62 percent minority, making it one of the most diverse transit communities in the region. Nearly one in four households earns below the poverty level.

Housing in Redondo is primarily multifamily and renter occupied. Little subsidized housing exists in the transit community. Affordability is high compared with the region and most other transit communities, for households earning less than 50% of AMI. These data suggest potential for displacement in the future.

LOCAL PLANNING —

The Redondo transit community is part of the locally designated Midway subarea. The cities of Kent and Des Moines collaborated on land use visioning for Midway and Kent adopted the Midway Subarea Plan, zoning, and development regulations in 2011. The plan calls for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) with transit supportive high-density mixed-use development and pedestrian orientation. Federal Way’s comprehensive plan calls out policy to support the establishment of Subarea Plan, zoning, and development regulations. The plan calls for Transit Oriented Development.

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PLACE PROFILE

Communities with lower TOD orientation have a physical forms and activity level that do not strongly support a dense, walkable and transit supportive neighborhood. Weaker real estate market strength suggests there is not high pressure for new development in the near- to mid-term.

IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

7 ENHANCE COMMUNITY

Enhance Community transit communities are neighborhoods or smaller centers found in the South and North corridors. Recent and anticipated transit investments have the potential to catalyze considerable community development. However, many will face challenges to implementing TOD given auto-oriented environments, weak market demand, and limited access to opportunity. Key strategies focus in the short term on community development to expand opportunity and social activity, and in the long term on building a physical and social fabric that will attract new investment. Nineteen transit communities, more than any other of the other Implementation Approaches, are categorized as Enhance Community.

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Station area planning, focus on long-range vision and transitional uses
- Long-range capital facilities plan with passed infrastructure and public realm investments
- Community needs assessment and targeted investments
- Affordable housing preservation
- Personal mobility investments
- Transit service and accessibility efforts to avoid future displacement risk should market forces change. Limited access to opportunity indicates barriers in attaining resources for household to thrive.

PEOPLE PROFILE

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