

LET'S BRING THE CIVIC CORE'S COMMUNITY ASSETS TOGETHER.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

The Civic Core is the heart of Downtown Renton. The Renton Downtown Civic Core Vision and Action Plan will build upon many of the great activities already happening in the area at locations like the Renton History Museum, IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton Civic Theatre, Pavilion Event Center, the Piazza, and other major park and recreational facilities. The project will explore ways to integrate these locations and amenities with great spaces to gather, safe streets for all modes to travel, and a bustling business environment. The Plan will identify a community-supported vision and actions that take advantage of Downtown Renton's place in the region. The Plan will also assess and analyze specific interventions needed to create a true city center.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The City is committed to an accessible and transparent public process in developing the Plan that incorporates a diverse range of voices and perspectives. Opportunities for community input and engagement will include:

- Community and Technical Advisory Committees
- Interviews with businesses and community groups
- Community workshops
- Online surveys
- Idea centers located in key community spaces like the Pavilion
- Pop up events

PROJECT NEED

The City has taken a series of smart, strategic steps that are strengthening Downtown by returning to the core principles of thoughtful, human-scaled urbanism that have served communities well for centuries. Yet, there is a palpable sense that more is possible. Renton has the advantage of high quality amenities in its Downtown and Civic Core. However, linkages and placemaking interventions are needed to truly make Downtown Renton and the Civic Core the center of the community. Many projects are already happening in the Civic Core and Downtown, including roadway reconfigurations, Transit Center and transit routing

modifications, and private development, in addition to regional transportation and transit planning efforts. This planning process will take a thoughtful and integrated approach to leverage these existing projects and the energy in the community.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The planning process started in late 2016 and is expected to be complete by late 2017, when the Renton City Council will consider the Downtown Civic Core Vision and Action Plan.

PROJECT AREA

The Civic Core includes several blocks surrounding the Transit Center, Pavilion and Piazza, and is connected to the Downtown Business District and the local parks system. As needed, the project will also study "influence areas," adjacent to the Civic Core that could benefit from activity in the area.

