



Companion Findings and Recommended Next Steps

How We Live

Parts of the Whole	Findings from Our Experiences Over the Last Five Months	Recommended Next Steps*
Housing now more than ever	<p>Housing has become an even greater issue as a result of COVID, especially for the unhoused.</p> <p>Housing is among the most basic of needs and ownership is a generation wealth builder that needs to be available to all.</p>	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>Bring together banks and other real estate financing institutions with advocates and architects and developers to develop an array of solutions to building more rooftops, including new pathways to ownership.</p>
Connecting digitally to the world	<p>Broadband is ever more a fact of life, underpinning the work space, education and schools, connecting with family and friends and entertainment.</p> <p>Equipment and hardware, as well as the skills to successfully connect, are not accessible to all members of our community.</p>	<p>Assemble regulators, providers and advocates to develop a utility-like approach to broadband access, including needed hardware.</p> <p>Create a new branch of WSU Coop Extension focused on providing technical skills as well as remote workplace and civic engagement skills.</p> <p>Consider treating the internet as if it were a public utility.</p>
Keeping it green	<p>Last four months have shown nearby parks of unparalleled importance. Everyone should be within a five minute walk of first order greenspace.</p>	<p>Funding through all avenues -- federal, state, county, city and special districts -- needs to be explored for acquisition and highest level stewardship, particularly in historically underserved neighborhoods. Assemble representatives from state delegation, legislature, governor's office and executive and mayors offices along with open space advocates and financial experts and public relation professionals to identify new approaches.</p>
Towards hearing all voices	<p>Our convening Navigating Sustainability has produced key outcomes. Let's build on the approach and recruit more voices to participate in community wisdom events.</p>	<p>Consider an additional session on a weeknight or weekend</p>

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Celebrating ourselves/the social glue of a community	These last months have shown that the connectedness and social cohesion of communities across our region are not what they should be. We have divided ourselves into close quarter camps. For example, why has wearing masks become such a fractious issue?	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>Create third places that actively encourage the informal gathering of all our residents and are accessible by all our residents. Create festivals and cultural opportunities that bring people together in a meaningful way from different walks of life and backgrounds.</p>
Mother Nature is the boss	There is so much noise and false information bombarding all of us these last few months, it is difficult to know what is scientifically real. This deluge will not stop when we beat COVID. A great mistrust of facts and science is a major obstacle to tackling COVID and climate change.	Ask our major universities to become more visible arbiters of juried, real information and science. The many great institutions such as EarthLab can be called on for this need. The legislature should consider special funding for such a service.
Changing how we consume	We have more and more relied on ecommerce, especially over the last few months. How do we make it more sustainable?	Bring together major ecommerce businesses from Amazon to REI to UPS and ask them to consider this question. Two immediate topics for the conversation would be how to bundle deliveries so that truck trips can be significantly delayed. (Could consumers accept weekly deliveries, even while they may buy daily?) Ask merchants to significantly reduce the packaging of ecommerce sales.

How We Work

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A day in the life	For many workers, telecommuting has become the norm over these last months. Clearly we are not going back to five days a week in the workplace. There are many social and environmental benefits, but likely some real and troubling issues with this new workplace paradigm.	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>Ask major regional employers to fund an ongoing, long term study to identify the impacts to the workplace and work life, with recommendations how to maximize the benefits and moderate the challenges. The study should be independent, transparent and available to everyone. The study should provide periodic reports and updates.</p>
A portal to meaningful and important careers	Many frontline workers receive training from our technical and community colleges.	Review how we further support these programs.
Working while with kids	These last months have demonstrated the difficulty of working while raising children, especially in low wage jobs.	Assist and accommodate working parents. The future of our children depends on it AND economic vitality depends on it. Create a strike force to address this.
Not all home work spaces are created equal.	Not everyone has access to a "home office."	The private sector needs to develop new designs, configurations and tools for efficient, pleasant, affordable and home work spaces.

How We Create Community

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The arts build communities	Neighborhood and community artists and arts places are integral to community, the impacts of the Coronavirus has placed them in grave danger of disappearing.	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>City and county art programs need to be particularly attuned to the pressing needs of neighborhood and community artists and art organizations.</p> <p>Consider forming a task for artists and neighborhood leaders to develop new approaches for keeping art in our cities and towns.</p>

How We Build

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A frothy land pattern	There is great speculation that land use will turn outwards to rural areas and that our city neighborhoods and core will be less active.	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>WA DOC should closely track changing land use patterns for the next several years and issue local recommendations and proposed enhancements to the GMA to incentive maximally sustainable development in response to these market shifts.</p>
Thinking about public health	As the region has become denser, private living spaces have become smaller in response to amenities and services nearby - such as community spaces, restaurants and third places.	Ask the strike force above to consider proposals to ensure the public health of these services and amenities.
Greening the nearby	For many of us, now more than ever, cannot "escape" our city neighborhoods and go elsewhere for a breath of fresh air.	<p>Redouble efforts to grow and steward an urban canopy of big trees including giving young trees to residents who agree to plant and nurture these trees on private land away from sewer and power lines.</p> <p>Seattle has closed 20 miles of streets to cars and vehicular traffic. Consider closing the 130 miles of neighborhood greenways except for local use. Other cities should consider similar programs.</p>
Giving the best of what we have a new lease on life	<p>Our cities need to keep the best of what they have to help anchor our neighborhoods.</p> <p>Only two percent of our buildings are replaced each year. Let's target saving those buildings that define a neighborhood.</p>	Develop strategies for retrofitting all existing buildings for "deep" efficiency. Seattle's "Tune up" program is an initial first step example, much more can be done.
Timing is everything	Clearly the real estate market is in a state of flux	Direct current and newly developed incentives and subsidies and public capital investments to maximize the mutually reinforcing objectives of equity and sustainability.

Where are the Jobs

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Small businesses supply big services	Small and community businesses have been particularly hard hit. They are the major employers, provide critical neighborhood services and amenities and are the way many BIPOC have become entrepreneurs.	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>Ask DOC to develop a strike force to determine how to help small businesses grow and prosper. Include small business owners in this effort.</p>
Healthcare now more than ever. (Yes, this recommendation is similar to ones above. It is worth repeating, now more than ever.)	These last four months have highlighted the extreme inequities for access to healthcare and delivery of healthcare.	This is not just a five-month problem. It is a perennial issue and will be until we get it right. Our State and federal governments, and healthcare provider need to address this fundamental right in good faith and non-partisan manner and finally provide services comparable to the rest of the developed world.
Green new jobs	s Green jobs are a growing part of the economy and are critical to addressing climate change.	Create an entrepreneurial, commercialization center for new green technologies that makes Washington a center for these future jobs and ensures that they are equitable available to all.
Squabbles among cities don't help	Cities compete for everything from stadiums to assembly plants.	Develop a regional approach to minimize the destructive playing of one city vs. another.
Diversity in the workplace	A strong sustainable economy is built by all people contributing.	Hiring practices start at the top, business need to hire more woman and BIPOC at the highest levels

How We Get Around

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Making transit even better	Even in the pandemic, the answer is still yes, but clearly less so. That said, transit needs to respond with a flexible type of service. Ridership has gone down dramatically over the last several months, particularly on commuter routes in those neighborhoods with a smaller percentage of personal cars.	<p><i>*These are not exclusive. There are many other options and organizations already working to respond to many of these issues.</i></p> <p>Create a system that tracks real time use and incorporates the flexibility of routes so that service can shift throughout the day in direct response to demand.</p>
EOV's, Autonomous vehicles and equity	EOV's and fleet operated Autonomous vehicles are a step to a decarbonized transportation sector.	Need to expand programs that explore how to ensure equity and access to these vehicles and need to create procedures so that they do not weaken transit.
Do downtowns need cars?	Our downtowns could be more efficient and pleasant with less traffic.	Consider banning internal combustion engines from portions of downtown Seattle and other city downtowns by 2025. Develop a plan to grow that area every year into the future. Sidewalks and streets could be repurposed to outdoor restaurants and shops. Consider a small fleet of (autonomous?) electric buses and delivery vans to serve the gasoline and diesel-free area.



How We Ensure Pacific Northwest's Place in the World

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The findings and next steps for this working group were merged into the above working groups.				

