# Town Center Plan Update

Form Based Code Presentation Sept. 16, 2020







### **Community Profile:**

Area...... 4.2 sq. miles

Median Age...... 37 (2018)

O Housing Units...... 8,990 (2016)

Jobs/Housing Ratio......... 0.89 (2016)

Median Household Income... \$377,600 (2019)

Government...... Council/Manager

School District..... Edmonds

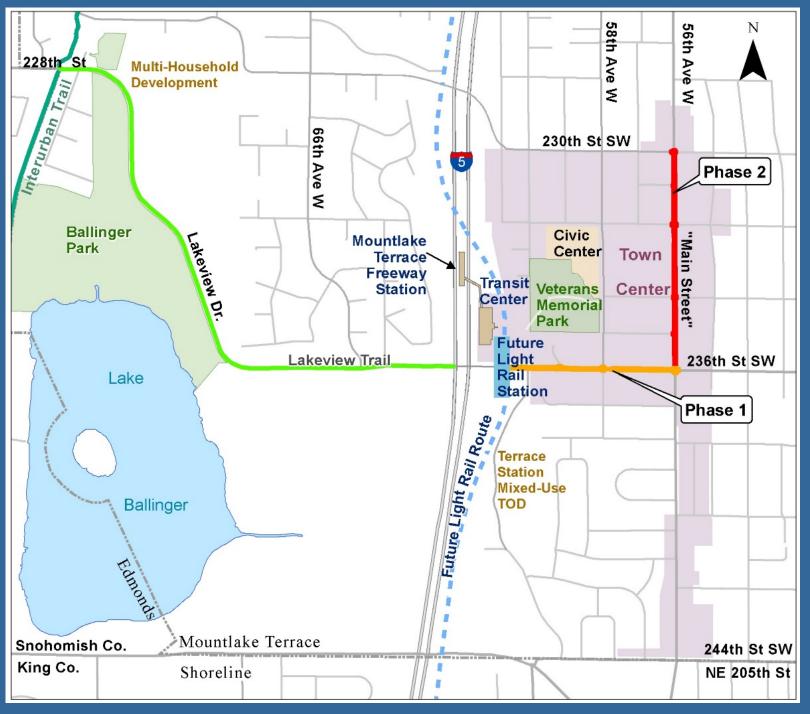
O Distance From:

OSeattle: 13.8 Miles

OEverett: 15.6 Miles

### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

### CITY INFRASTRUCTURE



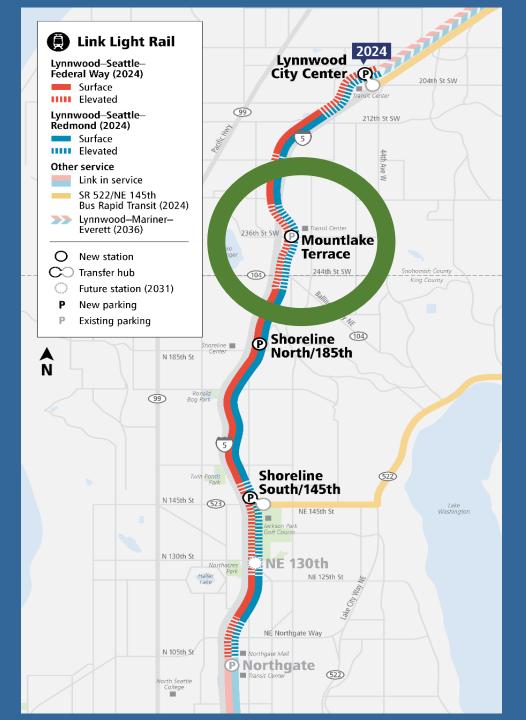
#### Infrastructure.....

Main Street Projects: Reconstructing roads, utilities, sidewalks and adding bikeways

- Replaces aging infrastructure
- Reconstruct 236<sup>th</sup> St. SW and 56<sup>th</sup>
   Ave. W
- Transit-oriented Complete Streets Projects: Enhances pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular efficiencies while providing improved connectivity to the Transit Center and Light Rail Station
- Phase 1: Reconstruction of 236<sup>th</sup> St.
   SW (Between I-5 and 56<sup>th</sup> Ave. W).
   Completion scheduled for 2020
- Phase 2: 56th Ave W (between 236th
   St SW to 230th St S)

## The Train is Coming.....

Mountlake Terrace Station:
Sound Transit Link Light Rail's first
northbound stop in Snohomish
County (Opens in 2024)

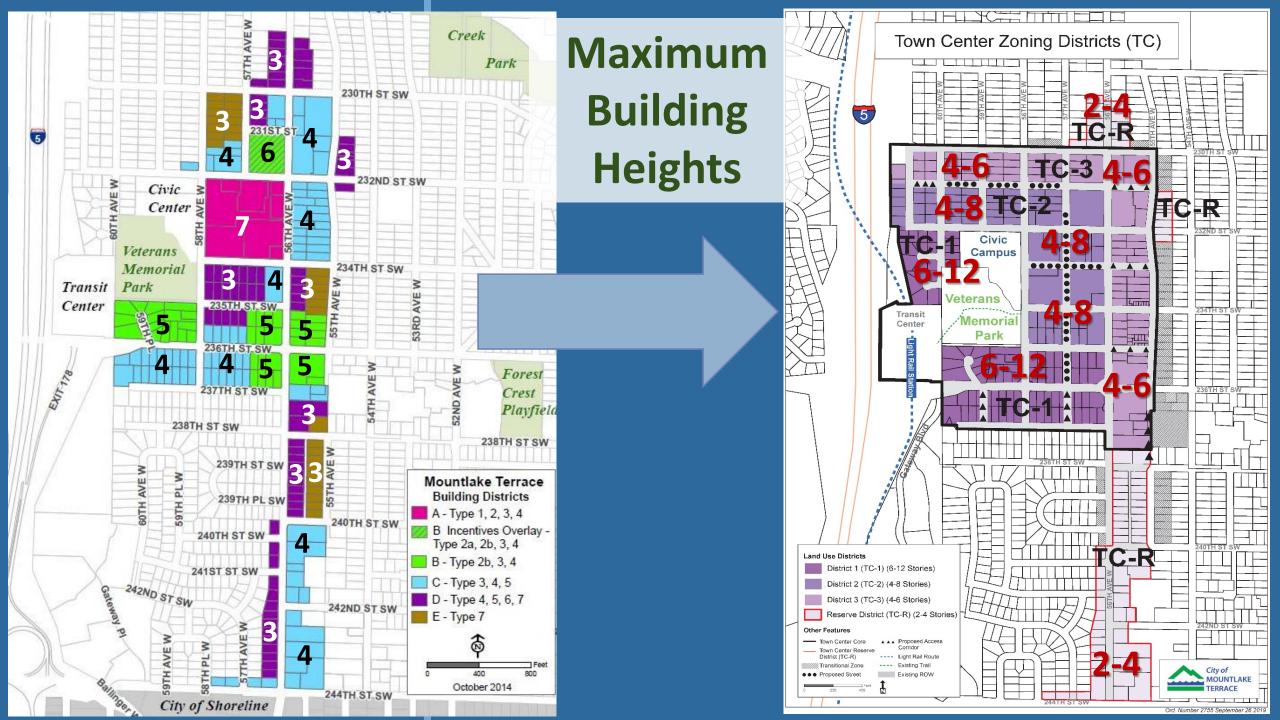






# TOWN CENTER SUBAREA PLAN UPDATE





#### Adopted September 26, 2019



#### TOWN CENTER SUBAREA PLAN IV. GOALS AND POLICIES

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The goals and policies listed below are intended to guide a combination of both public and private decisions to achieve the vision of the Town Center. The goals and policies are organized into land use patterns, streets / circulation, community design and development incentives.

#### **GOAL 1.0 LAND USE PATTERNS**

Establish a land use pattern that enables a tiered form of focused development where development proposals are directed first to the core of the Town Center and secondly to a future expansion area.

**Policy 1.1.** The Town Center is the compact "heart" of the City and will accommodate most of the new multi-family residential, office, retail, public facilities and cultural uses. A reserve area is situated north and south of the Town Center to accommodate additional downtown uses when extra capacity in the Town Center is needed.

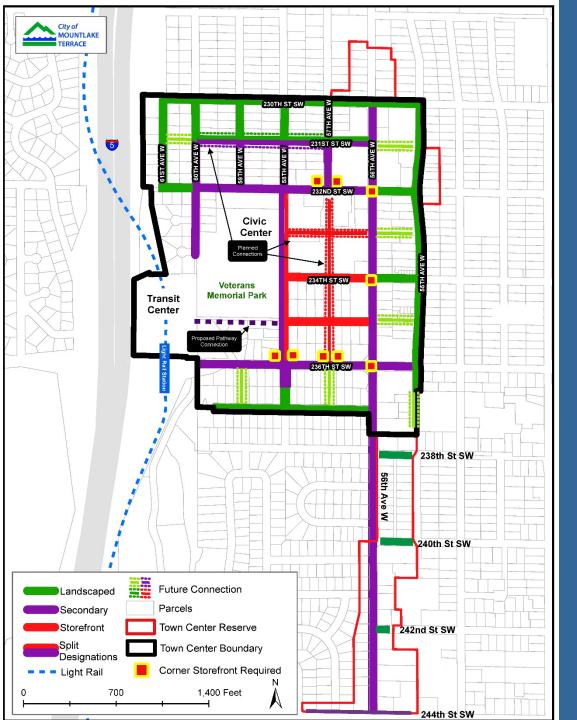
**Policy 1.2.** The building scale in the Town Center will range from the tallest buildings adjacent to I-5 and the 236th street corridor to mid-rise buildings adjacent to the Civic Campus and center to lower buildings on the edges of the area.

#### Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- 1. Town Center Subarea Plan (new)
- 2. Economic Vitality Element (amended)
- 3. Amend Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations Map
  - a. Reconfigured Town Center Boundary (82 acres)
    - Includes Reconfigured Town Center Core
  - b. Updated Recreation Parks and Open Space Map

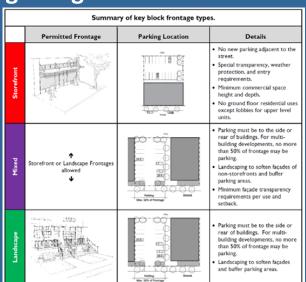
#### Development Code Amendments

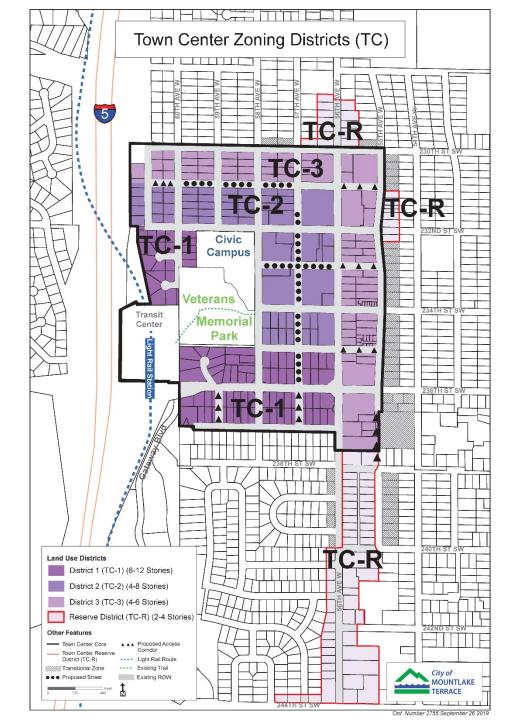
- 1. Zoning Related Amendments
  - a. Repeal and Replace Chapter 19.50 Town Center Zones
  - b. Add new 19.123 Town Center Design Standards
  - c. Add definitions to Chapter 19.15
  - d. House keeping amendments to Title 19
- Town Center Planned Action Area Amendments
- 3. Amend Official Zoning Map and Town Center Zoning Map



### Approach: Built-Form Block Frontage Designations

- 1. Zoning district permitted uses
- 2. Zoning district height minimums/maximums (4-12 stories)
- 3. Block frontage standards
  - Storefront
  - Secondary
  - Landscaped
- 4. Site & Building Design Standards
- Streetscape





#### **Town Center Districts**

- O TC 1
  - Tallest buildings (6-12 floors) Near transit station
- O TC 2
  - Mid-Rise (4-8-story buildings) Mixed use which includes an activated "Main Street"
- O TC 3
  - Low-Rise (4-6-story buildings) -Primarily residential
- TC R (Reserve)
  - O Low-Rise (2-4 story buildings)



### Town Center District 1

- Taller buildings (6-12 floors) closer to transit station
- Activated ground level frontages (including park edges)
- Emphasized connections / integration with surroundings
- Distinctive urban buildings (not generic suburban)
- Articulated facades (vertical & horizontal)
  - Diverse and colorful landscaping

### 230TH ST SW **56TH AVE** 34TH ST SW **Elevated stoops along sidewalk** 2 STH ST SW Low impact development integration Activated ground level; Vertical &

horizontal facade articulation



Apartment building with vibrant streetscapes



Distinct "main street" design concepts



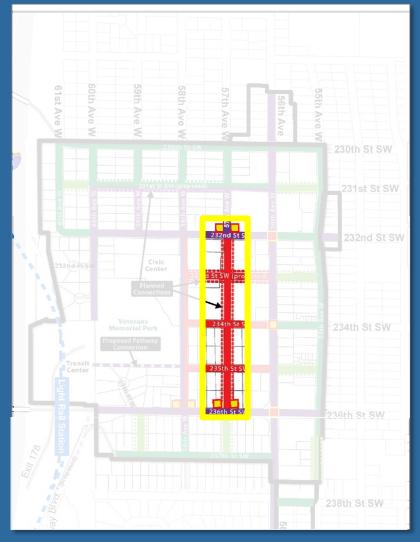
38TH ST SV

### Town Center District 2

- 4-8-story buildings
- Includes an activated "main street"
- O Generous sidewalks
- All block frontages have activated ground level design and uses
- Articulated facades (vertical & horizontal)
- Roofline modulation
- Visually interesting building materials (particularly along ground level)
- Diverse and colorful landscaping



### Height Stepbacks: Apply to Storefront designated portion of 57th





**Roofline Modulation** 

Vibrant residential streetscapes with elevated ground level

Mountlake

Terrace Transit

Apartment buildings with stoops and both vertical and horizontal articulation

Live + work units and attractive streetscapes

### Town Center District 3

- 4-6-story buildings
- All block frontages have activated ground level design (including stoops)
- Articulated facades (vertical & horizontal)
- Roofline Modulation
- Visually interesting building materials (particularly along ground level)
- Diverse and colorful landscaping



### CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



### New City Hall

### Police Station Addition

### Town Center Park/Plaza

2017 Concept<sub>21</sub>

#### City Hall Council Chambers - SE Corner



#### Police Station Addition - Entrance





SW CORNER AT 56TH AVE W & 236TH ST SW



Atlas 236

Mixed Use Development

156 Residential Units

Approx. 14,000 Sq. Ft. Commercial Space



### Terrace Station Mixed Use TOD Development

More than 650 residential units Approximately 90,000 sq. ft. of commercial space

Building 1: 2020 256 Residential Units 61,000 Sq. Ft. Commercial

Building 2 & 3 in review process-Completion 2022 and 2023

### Recommendations

- Think Implementation
- Get Professional Assistance and Advice Where Needed
- Understand Your Community
- Public Input and Processes

### Questions?