



ENVISION THE FUTURE OF SAMMAMISH



Community Visioning Project
Planning Commission Meeting | February 3, 2022

What is this Project?

Ensure a strong and clear **community vision to shape** the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and **the future of Sammamish**



Prioritizing Outreach & Engagement

See Report Pg. 3-5 & Appendix B

ALL RESIDENTS



YOUTH



NON-RESIDENTS



COMMISSIONERS AND
CITY COUNCIL



UNDERSERVED/UNDER-
REPRESENTED RESIDENT



BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Survey Results

See Report Pg. 4-5 & Appendices D & E



Resident Surveys

Statistically Valid Survey

Public Online Survey

1,079 Responses

789 Responses

290 Responses



Nonresident Survey

18 Responses

What We Heard



Big Picture Findings

See Report Pg. 5

Most concepts continue to resonate:

- Environmental preservation
- Emphasis on peace and quiet
- Culture of safety and friendliness



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Many concepts remain aspirational:

- Housing choice and affordability
- Transportation connectivity and alternatives to driving
- Improved social connection



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Some updates are needed:



DATED, OVERLY TECHNICAL
& OUT OF SYNC LANGUAGE



COMMITMENT TO
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



CLIMATE RESPONSIVENESS
& RESILIENCE



NEED FOR GATHERING
SPACES & EVENTS

Big Picture Findings: *Topics of Interest*

See Report Pg. 5-7

- Community Identity & Character
 - Branding
 - Diversity & Inclusion
 - Community Gathering
- Businesses & Services



Big Picture Findings: Topics of Interest

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- Infrastructure Improvements & Resilience
 - Reliable Utilities
 - Community-Owned Internet
 - Essential Services
- Transportation & Housing



Big Picture Findings: Topics of Interest

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- Sustainability
- Green Spaces
 - Improved Access
 - History & Education



Big Picture Findings: Survey Results

See Appendix D



Visioning process is timely; it “somewhat” represents residents’ views



Residents value...

- safety, quiet, & peace
- low traffic
- great outdoor spaces
- great schools

Big Picture Findings: Survey Results

See Appendix D



Impacts of growth are concerning

- Growing traffic issues related to development



Walkability and housing affordability are important

- Connectivity and alternatives to driving are second-tier priorities

What it Means for Community Visioning



Sammamish's Community Values

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Prizes diversity and the richness it brings to the community; the city is inclusive, safe, and welcoming and enables all to thrive.

Protects and enhances the natural environment as a hallmark of community character and an asset to the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Sammamish's Community Values

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Embraces a tight-knit character while providing access to retail, restaurants, services, and other amenities.

Values a range of housing types and choices that meet the needs of its residents.

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Seeks to expand transportation connectivity for all modes of travel, including walking, biking, transit, and other options besides driving.

Wants to be a resilient community with a strong social network and well-protected and well-maintained infrastructure.

Community's Future Planning Priorities



Planning Priorities from Survey Results

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| Resident Priorities | Nonresident Priorities |
|--|--|
| 1 improved infrastructure <i>705 responses – 74%</i> | 1 improved transportation <i>11 responses – 85%</i> |
| 2 environmental preservation <i>609 responses – 64%</i> | 2 improved infrastructure <i>8 responses – 62%</i> |
| 3 improved transportation <i>562 responses – 59%</i> | 3 housing affordability <i>7 responses – 54%</i> |
| 4 parks, recreation, open space <i>543 responses – 57%</i> | 4 more small local businesses <i>7 responses – 54%</i> |

Revised Community Vision Statement



Recommendation

See Report Pg. 10-12

In 2044, Sammamish is a safe and inclusive community with abundant natural resources, quality schools and services, and well-maintained infrastructure.

The city is a vibrant, thriving community with a strong identity built around its diverse cultures, arts and events, and bountiful green spaces.

The city's neighborhoods are peaceful and welcoming to all, supporting robust social cohesion and engagement.

Housing is available for a variety of incomes, ages, and lifestyles.

Sammamish embraces its small-town character while providing access to locally owned retail, restaurants, and services that nurture the community's entrepreneurial spirit.

The city's natural environment is well-preserved and interwoven into public and private spaces to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Convenient access and connectivity between residential areas and destinations make sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, and transit viable alternatives to driving.

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What's Next?

Upcoming Events:

3/15—City Council Meeting

Review of project report & recommended draft vision statement

3/31—Virtual Open House

Sharing of project report & recommended draft vision statement

Project Information: <https://connect.sammamish.us/community-visioning>