

**Aurora Avenue citizen working group's Action Agenda items
relevant to this study**

High Priority Recommendation:

A.2. BUSINESS, HOUSING, PARKING, LAND INVENTORY

Conduct an inventory of businesses, vacant and underdeveloped property, housing, parking and property ownership in the study area.

B.2. FOCUS & IDENTITY

Engage the community in establishing a common identity through a branding process (The New Aurora?). This could be supported by a consultant made possible by competitive funding from OED or DON and could occur in conjunction with public art process (see B.3. below).

B.3. PUBLIC ART

Engage local artists and community members in a Public Art program to beautify reduce traffic speeds, and create a sense of place. Opportunities include:

- a) murals or other art on vacant stores or blank store fronts (could be done by working with neighborhood schools and using children's art, working with a neighborhood artist, or using graphic design and window film)
- b) working with the developer at 7200 Aurora with plans for public art at corner of 72nd and Aurora
- c) using art in garbage can design,
- d) revising bus shelter art
- e) light pole art like Roosevelt neighborhood
- f) other sculpture opportunities, either stand alone or affixed to buildings
- g) art embedded in sidewalks
- h) art on business owner's property
- i) art incorporated into gateway signage (see below)
- j) kinetic sculptures (art that is built to incorporate some type of movement, when it's either windy or rainy, or moved by people). This type of art could help keep traffic speeds closer to the speed limit.
- k) paint/decorate traffic boxes like they did in Rainier.

▼ C.2. COMMUNITY VISIONING

City, Interim Steering Committee embark on a community-wide visioning process. Take into account planning for Metro's RapidRide through the community. Explore land use zoning with an eye to insure that the zoning on Aurora Ave. N. between 72nd and 90th provides the greatest incentives for redevelopment in concert with the community's vision developed through the community-wide process. Consider providing development incentives and/or adding a Pedestrian Zoning designation. Do not consider downzones.

▼ D.1. URBAN DESIGN STUDY

Convene City staff and consultants to conduct an Urban Design with the community to explore improvements to urban form and streetscape (public right-of-way).

E.2. TRANSIT, TRAFFIC, PARKING SOLUTIONS

Develop a collaborative process to explore traffic and parking solutions that improve transit effectiveness while maintaining curb-side parking and improving access to neighborhood businesses and pedestrian safety, especially regarding Bus Rapid Transit.

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E.4. METRO RAPIDRIDE

Stay engaged with Metro during the design of RapidRide (BRT) to ensure that it serves the community, is consistent with the Urban Design Plan, community vision, and current parking restrictions; enhances pedestrian access and includes artful bus shelters.

▼ **G.2. PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

Examine existing pedestrian crossings in both the short-term and long-term for potential safety and aesthetic improvements. Existing crossings include Aurora/77th, Aurora/80th, Aurora/83rd, Aurora/85th, Aurora/Winona, Aurora/90th, and 80th/Stone Way.

G.4. LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Lighting Improvements: 1) Add pedestrian scale lighting 2) Identify locations and add street lights where lighting is currently lacking and/or does not meet CPTED design standards requiring even lighting 3) Regularly inspect and maintain street lights within 48 hours without citizens needing to report conditions.

G.5. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Long Term: Develop public/private finance mechanisms to fund sidewalk improvements, bury utilities, and widen sidewalks (achieved when redevelopment occurs).

▼ **G.7. BIKE ACCESS**

Improve bicycle access across Aurora at 77th, 83rd, 90th and Winona. Install route signage, bike lane markings and traffic signal sensors to detect bikes.

Medium Priority Recommendations:

B.4. BANNERS

Install pole banners that promote business visibility and identify the area as a business district.

B.5. GATEWAY SIGNAGE

Install signage or art to signify entering and or exiting the community to enhance the community identity.

D.2. MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Scope, scale, location to be determined through urban design/streetscape plan (See D.1. above).

D.3. PLANT MORE STREET TREES

Both shrubs in medians and trees in the sidewalk will be taken into consideration. Trees will be added so that business visibility is maximized. Streetscape plan will address long term landscaping on corridor. In short-term, community, in close consultation with businesses, can work with SDOT in identifying and implementing opportunities to plant trees in existing sidewalk areas.

D.5. IMPROVMENTS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Use the results of the Urban Design Study to add Street Furniture, including artful garbage cans, signs, benches, newspaper stands, mail boxes, etc. at

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strategic locations. Look for special circumstances to proceed with limited improvements prior to completion of urban design study.

G.8. BIKE RACKS

Review locations for bicycle racks and add new bike racks with new designs in appropriate locations.

G.9. PEDESTRIAN BUFFERS

Study of possible pedestrian buffers between the sidewalk and Aurora. This includes moving bike racks, trees, utility poles, etc to the edge of the sidewalk to create a "natural" barrier. 1) "re+walk" Walking audit to be done by Feet First; walking audit report will address possible pedestrian buffers between the sidewalk and Aurora. 2) Implementation of pedestrian buffers should be done only after the Urban Design Study is completed.