

Renton Business Plan

Vision Renton: The center of opportunity in the Puget Sound Region where families and businesses thrive

Mission The City of Renton, in partnership and communication with residents, businesses, and schools, is dedicated to:

- Providing a healthy, welcoming atmosphere where citizens choose to live, raise families, and take pride in their community
- Promoting planned growth and economic vitality
- Valuing our diversity of language, housing, culture, backgrounds and choices
- Capitalize on the diversity of the community to build stronger neighborhoods and ensure the availability of city services to all
- Creating a positive work environment
- Meeting service demands through innovation and commitment to excellence



2011-2016 Goals



Meet the service demands that contribute to the livability of the community

- Prioritize services at levels that can be sustained by revenue
- Plan, develop and maintain quality services, infrastructure, and amenities
- Respond to growing service demands while meeting the unique requirements of a diverse population through partnerships, innovation, and outcome management
- Retain a skilled workforce by making Renton the municipal employer of choice
- Balance development with environmental protection



Manage growth through sound urban planning

- Foster development of vibrant, sustainable, attractive, mixed-use neighborhoods in established urban centers
- Uphold a high standard of design and property maintenance throughout the city
- Provide a balance between housing and high-quality jobs
- Maintain services to current residents while welcoming annexation areas that desire to become part of Renton



Influence decisions that impact the city

- Demonstrate leadership by developing and maintaining partnerships and investment strategies with other jurisdictions that improve services
- Aggressively pursue transportation and other regional improvements and services that improve quality of life
- Advocate Renton's interests through state and federal lobbying efforts



Promote strong neighborhoods

- Support the vitality and positive appearance of neighborhoods through community involvement
- Encourage and partner in the development of quality housing choices for people of all ages and income levels
- Ensure the safety, health, and security of residents through effective service delivery
- Promote pedestrian and bicycle linkages between neighborhoods and community focal points



Promote citywide economic development

- Promote Renton as the progressive, opportunity-rich city in the Puget Sound region
- Capitalize on growth opportunities through bold and creative economic development strategies
- Recruit and retain businesses to ensure a dynamic, diversified employment base
- Continue redevelopment efforts downtown, in the Highlands, and in the South Lake Washington area

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Business Plan Actions • 2011-2016

Meet the service demands that contribute to the livability of the community

2011-2016 Actions:

- Develop a strategy to meet long-term staff facility needs, including the potential construction of a new city hall.
- Develop a strategy and funding for construction of a new parks and facilities maintenance facility.
- Design and construct a Fire & Emergency Services facility to enhance service levels in Kenndale and other neighborhoods in the northern portion of the city.
- Develop a plan to increase public access and enjoyment of the Cedar River through the city's urban center.
- Complete and implement the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, which identifies needs and funding for acquisition and development.
- Successfully transition to King County Library System services and develop new library facilities in downtown Renton and the Sunset area.
- Develop and implement on-line systems to improve customer service and increase options for how residents get city services.
- Work within Community Planning Areas to assist businesses and residents prepare themselves for a potential emergency.
- Continue to implement the Community Planning Initiative to better align the city's planning efforts with the services it provides and the desires of the community.
- Establish service delivery standards through the development of a Fire & Emergency Services Master Plan.
- Support the Renton Historical Society in the implementation of the Renton History Museum's Master Plan.
- Expand and beautify the Rainier Avenue corridor by constructing new business and transit lanes and pedestrian-oriented streetscape improvements.
- Work with The Boeing Company, Puget Sound Energy, and Southport to extend Park Avenue North to provide direct access to Lake Washington.
- Successfully transition to a biennial budget process.
- Develop a performance management system that better connects the City's goals and desired outcomes with employee performance.
- Develop and present to the voters a "Quality of Life" bond and/or levy measure to fund a significant package of parks, recreation, and other community amenities.
- Depending on the outcome of the annexation election, facilitate the successful transition of municipal services to the Fairwood area.
- Create an inventory roadmap that helps residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations make connections to city and community resources.
- Engage residents in promoting ways to embrace and celebrate Renton's rich diversity.

Manage growth through sound urban planning

2011-2016 Actions:

- Continue the comprehensive review and update of the city's development regulations to ensure a balance between sound land use planning, economic development and environmental protection while ensuring a streamlined and predictable process.
- Develop a package of "green" building incentives.
- Complete the State-mandated update of the city's Comprehensive Plan.
- Develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the City Center.
- Develop and implement a West Hill Community Transition Plan—a strategy enlisting intergovernmental, non-profit, and corporate support for the revitalization of the West Hill Potential Annexation Area.

Influence decisions that impact the City of Renton

2011-2016 Actions:

- In partnership with other member cities, facilitate the successful opening of the SCORE regional misdemeanor correctional facility.
- Work with METRO to plan for the successful launch of Renton-SeaTac-Burien RapidRide bus rapid transit service.
- Plan for future high-capacity transit investments and ensure they are built in a timely manner, consistent with community desires.
- Increase the frequency and number of bus routes connecting the Renton Highlands and The Landing and downtown Renton.
- Enhance the partnership between the city and the Renton School District by pursuing joint operating agreements for like services and other potential efficiencies.
- Support efforts to permanently fortify the Howard Hanson Dam and certify and/or improve the Green River levy system and mitigate the impacts of FEMA's revised 100-year floodplain map.
- Work with King County and others to ensure that future uses of the BNSF rail corridor are consistent with community desires.
- Work with WSDOT and the State Legislature to ensure the timely expansion of the Bellevue-to-Renton segment of Interstate 405.

Promote strong neighborhoods

2011-2016 Actions:

- Work with the Renton Housing Authority and Renton School District to implement the recommendations of the Sunset Area Community Investment Strategy, including the redevelopment of the Sunset Terrace properties.
- Achieve an overall crime rate that is less than the King County average.
- Complete regional trails through Renton including the Lake Washington, Springbrook / Interurban, and Lake-to-Sound trails.
- Improve pedestrian connections citywide, including the connection between The Landing to the Sunset area.
- Create forums and strategies to better engage the city's diverse population.
- Build a stronger workforce and community as a whole by supporting programs and initiatives that promote active living and healthy eating.

Promote citywide economic development

2011-2016 Actions:

- Work with The Boeing Company and other aerospace companies to increase the number of aerospace industry jobs in Renton.
- Aggressively recruit new high-profile and high-wage employers to locate in Renton, while working with existing employers to retain and expand the number of jobs in the community.
- Aggressively pursue the redevelopment of key large and high-profile properties throughout the city.
- Engage key downtown property owners and encourage the timely redevelopment and/or renovation of aging buildings.
- Explore the feasibility of establishing the Northwest Salmon Discovery Center.
- Enact the recommendations of the Arts & Culture Master Plan.