

Skyway-West Hill Catalog of Community Requests

January 2021

Introduction

This document summarizes all of the programs, services and capital improvements the community has requested in the past several years. In cases with many similar requests in the same category, such as sidewalks, such requests have been grouped together at the end of this document. The County will spend January and February evaluating the requests and feedback. Then, a new round of community conversations will begin in order to establish priorities and determine costs and feasibility.

What is the Catalog of Community Requests?

The Catalog of Community Requests is the initial list of services, programs, facilities, and capital improvements that community members have indicated they would like to see implemented in their area. The Catalog of Community Requests is the first phase in the process of creating the Community Needs List.

What is a Community Needs List?

A Community Needs List (K.C.C. 2.16.055) is a list of potential community-identified services, programs, facilities, and capital improvements that King County could implement in unincorporated King County. It is created after evaluation and prioritization of the Catalog of Community Requests by the King County Departments and the community that created the request. A separate Community Needs List will be created for each of the Community Service Areas as well as each of the five urban unincorporated areas of Skyway-West Hill, North Highline, East Federal Way, Fairwood, and East Renton.

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Abbreviations

DCHS – Department of Community and Human Services

DLS – Department of Local Services

DNRP – Department of Natural Resources and Parks

KCSO – King County Sheriff's Office

Metro – King County Metro Transit

PHSKC – Public Health of Seattle and King County

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Request	Department	Source	Community Interest
Develop east-west public transportation options	METRO	SWAP	High
Establish West Hill Community Center (See attachment for specific comments)	DLS	SWAP	High
Identify funding for programs and services	DLS	SWAP	High
Increase early education/ preschool programs	DCHS	SWAP	High
Increase access to college and college preparation opportunities	DCHS	SWAP	High
Develop youth job readiness and employment opportunities (summer jobs, internships etc.)	DCHS	SWAP	High
Identify actions steps to collaborate with business owners and code enforcement to improve properties along Renton Ave. S.	DLS	SWAP	High
Develop a Skyway Business District economic and revitalization plan	DLS	SWAP	High
Develop a process for attracting businesses to the neighborhood	DLS	SWAP	High
Develop a local ownership business incubation site and microenterprise clinics	DLS	SWAP	High
Provide outreach and engagement for priority hire and workforce development opportunities in King County and City of Seattle	DLS	SWAP	High
Develop a model mixed-use project combining affordable housing with associated services	DCHS	SWAP	High
Develop mixed use housing for elderly with fixed incomes	DCHS	SWAP	High
Surplus County property in Skyway-West Hill should be prioritized for housing development and the County should consider conveying land to public or non profit housing developers and agencies below market cost	DCHS	SWAP	High
Major entrances to the Skyway-West Hill area and its neighborhoods could be identified and defined with signs, pavement markings and landscaping	DLS	SWAP	High
Honor the legacy and future of the community through murals, statutes and mosaics	4Culture	SWAP	High
Free orca cards for youth	METRO	SWAP	High
King County will evaluate the permit review public outreach processes and pilot new techniques for Skyway-West Hill that encourage greater public engagement in the permit review process by Skyway-West Hill residents.	DLS	SWH Land Use Strategy	High
King County will develop a small-scale commercial incentive program within the Skyway Business District to support opportunities for small-scale commercial development, locally owned and independent businesses, and adaptable business spaces such as incubators.	DLS	SWH Land Use Strategy	High
King County will develop a community amenity incentive program to support opportunities for voluntary preservation of cultural assets or provision of community amenities.	DLS	SWH Land Use Strategy	High
Sidewalks in Skyway-West Hill (see attachment for specific requests)	DLS	SWAP	High

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Comment 1: Provide actual physical services in the community, support (financially and other ways) community orgs that are providing health services now, invest in purchasing land and building a multi-service community center/hub where people can access health services and other human service, AND recreation/community gathering/programming. Invest financially to make this a reality. The reality is, you need to invest significant funding in Skyway. Invest in Skyway in this upcoming biennial budget. Comment 2: Provide services on the hill—a physical location where people can access DCH services. Invest in purchasing land (e.g. Roman Casino land) and building a multi-service community center that is managed by Black and people of color led organizations that provides a mix of human services, recreation and programming for youth and families and residents, space for community to gather. We need a physical location that can bring multiple services together in this community. Think outside the box in terms of a community center (as in not just a rec center—but multi-service.) The comments are clear and have been clear for many years! An innovative multi-service community center/hub could meet so many of the community's demands and needs at once. Comment 3: King County should consider purchasing the Roman Casino property on Renton Ave S, for eventual transfer to the community for a mixed use, multi-service community center that could serve as a community hub. It would help activate Skyway Park, with opportunities for programming for youth and families, it has plenty of space for building out an innovative community hub possibly even combined with some affordable housing units.

	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey	High
Evaluate pedestrian crossing needs for the 12 intersections listed in the 1994 Plan	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Work with Metro to identify the best stop locations and spacing for service route #107 to meet community needs, including: 1) Restore bus stop for S.bound 107 at 59th Ave. and Beacon Ave. S., 2) Add stop at Beacon Ave. S. and S. 124th St, and 3) Add stop at 74th Ave. S. and Renton Ave. S.	METRO	SWAP	Medium
Provide community healthcare screenings (i.e. breast cancer, diabetes, blood pressure, etc.)	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Provide/ expand community based services that are easily accessible to address drug and alcohol issues and anti-gang involvement	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Pursue businesses and uses to locate in the Skyway Business District including those that provide health and professional services to residents	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Identify location and funding for community health clinic	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Establish healthcare programs for youth with chemical dependency, mental health and domestic violence and other health issues	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Develop partnerships to increase resident healthcare services	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
Coordinate services to stabilize youth and their families impacted by loss of jobs, housing, or relocation from another state or country integrate into our community	PHSKC	SWAP	Medium
New redevelopment and in-fill in single-family neighborhoods should continue to be at the same size, scale and density as the traditional existing development 5 to 7 homes per acre on 3,000-5,000 square foot lots.	DLS	SWAP	Medium

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Continue to allow detached accessory dwelling units in residential zones on lots greater than 5,000 sq. feet	DLS	SWAP	Medium
New multi-family residential development is limited to 12 to 48 homes per acre, but a development should be allowed to exceed 48 homes per acre if the development provides public amenities and/or public infrastructure	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Change zoning in commercial areas to mixed-use to allow for commercial and multi-family residential development	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Abate and/or mitigate industrial uses that are not compatible and harmful to the surrounding residential uses	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Evaluate the drainage basin within the community for retention/detention facility needs, to correct existing and future storm-water run-off problems	DNRP	SWAP	Medium
Support the establishment of sports leagues by CBO's for all ages	DNRP	SWAP	Medium
Fund a community farm and learning lab	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Organize youth led activities and specific events that bring youth together	DNRP	SWAP	Medium
Strategic tutoring programs that focus on bilingual students	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Create an action group dedicated to working with King County Sheriff's Department and Prosecuting Office to pursue alternative community policing models.	KCSO	SWAP	Medium
Establish anti-gang activities that also help youth involved with gangs or at-risk of gang involvement (i.e. youth violence prevention, help w/ legal services, etc.)	KCSO	SWAP	Medium
Create a Skyway Youth Council to advocate for issues that impact youth	KCLS	SWAP	Medium
Develop the empty spaces between commercial buildings into mini-public plazas or green spaces that help increase cross cultural social and community connections	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Landscape the street and sidewalks	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Do a facelift of unattractive, old and plain building facades in Skyway Business District	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Purchase and maintain litter bins for the business district	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Launch a shop local campaign and create a space for home based businesses to visibly market their products or services	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Launch a local jobs campaign	DLS	SWAP	Medium
King County should pursue land use policies and regulations that result in lower development cost. i.e. expedited plan reviews for projects providing permanent affordable housing	DLS	SWAP	Medium
King County should partner with local community development association or nonprofit with public and private lending institutions that will reduce housing financing costs for both builders, buyers/renters	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Identify incentives and subsidy programs to preserve low income housing threatened by market forces and expiring federal subsidies.	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Preserve and improve existing housing in redeveloping areas with the use of transfer development rights, tax credits and tax abatements for low income housing.	DCHS	SWAP	Medium

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Work with financial institutions and other housing agencies to expand affordable housing options i.e. artist live/work lofts.	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Educate the community on housing issues and help people find or keep their homes, such as revolving loan fund, reverse mortgage program, community based repair program, foreclosure prevention, down payment assistance	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Develop land trusts that provide affordable ownership opportunities and protect land values from becoming unaffordable for moderate income households.	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Identify funding that would provide financial assistance for housing rehabilitation to home owners currently paying more than 30% of their income towards their mortgage, including mobile homeowners. Funding includes community based repair programs such as tool banks or painting programs.	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Support programs that help prevent homelessness such as emergency rental assistance or referrals to social service networks, landlord tenant disputes or fair rental contracts	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Identify housing policies that help people with multiple housing barriers (such as evictions, criminal histories, large families) to secure safe, affordable housing	DCHS	SWAP	Medium
Coordinate existing community associations, efforts and activities with each other	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Build kiosks and signage along Renton Ave. that promotes awareness of local businesses	DLS	SWAP	Medium
Establish music and art programs for youth	DLS	SWAP	Medium
King County will establish community design standards for commercial, multifamily and mixed use development in CB, NB and R-48 zones to establish a strong neighborhood identity.	DLS	SWH Land Use Strategy	Medium
Improve signage for reduced speed limit along Renton Ave. So. between 68th Ave. So. and 78th Ave. So. **Evaluate whether speed reductions are warranted based on engineering standards.	DLS	SWAP	
Develop better vehicle and pedestrian circulation, safer driveway entrances, and parking systems within the commercial properties located in the Skyway Business District	DLS	SWAP	
Define S. end, east and west entry points to West Hill community and Skyway Business District	DLS	SWAP	
Collaborate with the City of Seattle to connect the Chief Sealth Trail to King County's regional trails system. Comment 2: King County should create a walk/bike path that runs through the community and Skyway Park and connects to the Chief Sealth Trail. King County should also move on Skyway Park activation and improvements. Our community deserves a park and green space that compares to parks you invest in in other communities. No more delays. No more excuses!	DNRP	SWAP	
Install traffic signal and turn channels at intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way at 68th Ave. S.	WSDOT	SWAP	
Identify resources to operate a community mobile clinic	PHSKC	SWAP	
Fully Implement Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) in Skyway-West Hill	KCSO	SWAP	
Focus on increasing walking opportunities and other exercise programs, and access to healthy foods	DNRP	SWAP	
Implement connecting remaining septic systems to sewer.	DLS	SWAP	

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Skyway WH Parks (see attachment for specific requests)	DNRP	SWAP
Support efforts to establish cultural garden with tourism, education and youth activities representing the diversity of the community	DNRP	SWAP
Resource a tool library where residents can borrow tools and take classes to learn how to fix things	DLS	SWAP
Create an action group dedicated to increasing/coordinating neighborhood watch programs	KCSO	SWAP
Increase police presence and patrol cars from the King County Sheriff's Department	KCSO	SWAP
Increase safety infrastructure in key public and commercial areas including area lighting, police call boxes and security cameras	KCSO	SWAP
Create an action group dedicated to establishing programs for at risk youth and individuals as alternatives to criminal and gang activity	KCSO	SWAP
Ensure that future development or redevelopment of commercial buildings within the Skyway Business district will be built directly along sidewalks	DLS	SWAP
Hire a dedicated code enforcement officer for the Skyway-West Hill area	DLS	SWAP
Create an action group dedicated to working with local governments and other community groups to establish a Local Improvement District	DLS	SWAP
Develop private mixed-use housing with commercial and retail services	DLS	SWAP
King County should exempt payment of impact fees to promote development of affordable rental or ownership housing.	DLS	SWAP
Conduct a housing needs assessment of the physical housing stock in the Skyway West Hill community	DCHS	SWAP
Place kiosk or LED signs at critical intersections throughout West Hill to announce community events in multiple languages	DLS	SWAP
Create an action group dedicated to community beautification projects	DLS	SWAP
Host a yearly parade, carnival or festival	DLS	SWAP
Organize events that engage a broad range of community members i.e. jazz fest, art walk, multi-cultural gathering, community gardens, art projects throughout the year	DLS	SWAP
Host a cultural food festival and cultural food cooking class	DLS	SWAP
Create a studio for musicians to record (Overlaps with Economic Dev.)	DLS	SWAP
Form art, dance and theater group	DLS	SWAP
Increase patrols before/during July 4th and New Years.	KCSO	SWAP
Develop a second-run theater for an affordable entertainment source and community space.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Baseball fields are under utilized at Skyway Park. Keep the two fields in the north end and re-purpose the the ones in the south end. Perhaps more trees and a trail network.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey

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The Skyway Business Center (particularly the old grocery store) should be re-imagined as a modular business community in which food carts, popup retail, and other portable businesses can rent space rather than leasing a brick and mortar building. Build some permanent infrastructure to be shared and collectively maintained by tenants such as bathrooms and seating areas. This business model reduces risk for tenants while providing a culturally reflective community hub.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Build trails and access to Bryn Mawr Park	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
Comment 1: Housing needs to be more dense in the commercial business center near the Skyway Library, in order for businesses to succeed there. Comment 2: Would like to see dense, multi story apartments in the Skyway comercial district rather than major land swaths being used by churches. The massive concrete church next to the library could accommodate a 100-unit apartment with mixed use retail below all at curbside orientation to the street.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Provide more parking for the parks and regulate the existing parking to prevent overnight camping in parking lots.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
Roads Improvements (see attachment for specific requests)	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Sheriff needs to focus on violent crimes.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Improve transit service (see attachment for specific comments)	METRO	Fall 2020 Survey
The 107 cutting from 87th street to 74th street just seems odd and cuts through neighborhoods. Wondering if you can pick a better more useful route	METRO	Fall 2020 Survey
Comment 1: There are a lot of weeds in the area, so reduction in weeds would be great. An illegal dumping hotline would be great. Lots of people dump off of MLK and Renton Ave. Comment 2: It would be nice to address the illegal dumping in the area. I often see garbage and chemicals dumped in the empty lot near the fire station.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
We need COVID testing	PHSKC	Fall 2020 Survey
Traffic calming (See attachment for specific requests)	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
SR900 is unsafe. WSDOT has put in strips and moved lane over last year and already one of those have been ran over and completely knocked off the road. Residents who live along this road can't safely walk to the Eastern business district.	WSDOT	Fall 2020 Survey
Affordable housing in Lakeridge, Bryn Mawr neighborhoods.	DCHS	Fall 2020 Survey
Less patrol and policing on our streets and more wide spread information about who residents can call for services and assistance with out calling police.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
It would be great if we could have better business development to support the neighborhood with BIPOC businesses near the existing businesses like the library and post office who could use more foot traffic.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Recruit officers that are reflective of the population they are policing;	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Regular brush and litter clearing along power lines.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey

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Comment 1: More thorough and regular street cleaning as well as vegetation clearing in overgrown right-of-way areas. Comment 2: 68th is full of potholes and needs to be redone. The short street between 68th and mlk is also very bad and needs redone. Comment 3: Vegetation clearing along roads. It has become apparent how neglected this is with all the neighborhood walks happening during the pandemic. Potholes and road maintenance need to improve.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
The Sheriff's office need to host a meet and greet and provide space for the community to get to know them. Many of the police assigned to specific areas don't live in those areas and have no connection to the community.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Comment 1: Farmers Market. Comment 2: Skyway lacks outdoor landscaped and maintained green and recreational spaces for the community. Also a designated space for a skyway farmers market and local vendors to collect weekly will be huge. Thank you	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
we need to rethink public safety and not have king county sheriff police but a comprehensive group(s) that addresses issues in a safe, supportive, and knowledgeable manner - experts in their field. With their primary goal of equity and safety for the citizens.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Keep the ballot drop box at the library	Elections	Fall 2020 Survey
Work with the community to provide resources (educational and institutional) to grow food in their own lots will be great. Working simultaneously to making individual houses greener through rainwater harvesting, solar geothermal etc.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
Although I am not a resident of West Hill/ Skyway, these neighborhoods have been of interest to me for decades. Much of the community effort now seems to be focused on land-use, but I think equally, if not more important, would be getting the county to address the inadequate infrastructures, especially utility services of water, sewer and storm. These will be the most expensive and necessary improvements for the long term stability of these neighborhoods	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Above ground walkway from Creston Point Apartments to the north side of Martin Luther King Jr. Way S	WSDOT	Fall 2020 Survey
We need to be able to keep the Skyway KC Sheriffs storefront and Sheriff's presence in the West Hill community!! The KC Sheriff's office needs to be restructured (sooner rather than later) to work in conjunction with Social Services to cover the needs of West Hill and surrounding communities!	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Continue to expand on these services especially for Youth, BIPOC and non-english speaking community! Also, COVID-19 education/prevention/testing needs to be added to this list of health issues. in addition, I think Racism should be added to the list of health issues as a subject to concentrate services toward.	PHSKC	Fall 2020 Survey
Maintaining and on-purpose defined budget dollars for Youth and BIPOC social services and supporting programs to keep those sectors involved in community growth and vision. KC partnering with school district and local community organizations to ensure that those sectors are engaged and informed of services and KC informed of needs.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
More ballot drop boxes. What about one at Creston Point, one down on/near Rainier Ave?	Elections	Fall 2020 Survey

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Access to healthy and affordable food choices and restaurants.	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Removal or unlicensed, unregistered, broken, and abandoned vehicles	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Removal of trash along streets like 116th Place	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
Removal of RVs parked randomly taking up residence on county streets such as those on 116th Street.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Enforcing of proper parking procedures along all streets, instead of cars parked blocking lanes of traffic like those in front of the new apartment building on 116th Place.	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Removal of shipping containers and other large items that block the roadways like those on 116th street	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Having marijuana stores, casino's, pawn shops, liquor stores, and bars, and night clubs pay heavy taxes back into the area they reside in to help improve the overall community look and resources within the community	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Access to equitable education for early childhood, elementary, middle school, and high school students	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Enforce leash laws for dogs and enforce the proper containment of animals such as chickens and other livestock	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Enforce required trash service in Skyway so trash doesn't build up forcing other's to live in inhumane conditions	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Fix water pressure and move to build city lines to the water system for all homes, not just new structures. Homeowners that have been long-term residents in the area should be part of the city system, without having to pay for the construction themselves, and not still reliant on septic systems	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
Proper safety measures taken instead of removing funding to police and first responders after a certain time of the day. Increasing safety so children and families can grow and enjoy a place that allows for them to be happy, healthy, safe, and thriving	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Requiring new developers to allot over 50% of their units or structures to affordable housing opportunities for families in the area. And, require them to make sure the property is properly kept up, safe, clean, and amenities working properly. For example, many of the properties along 116th Place, Renton Avenue, and MLK/Sunset Blvd are unkept and unsafe for children and families	DCHS	Fall 2020 Survey
I'd love to see an off leash dog area in the park. It's an enormous space that is way under utilized. Maybe people already have dogs off leash so having a set area would increase safety and usability for many in the area.	DNRP	Fall 2020 Survey
We need more police! we love our Sheriff! and her deputies!	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
Host "office hours" at the skyway library to help those who need help with registering to vote, have questions about voting, and voting rights etc.	Elections	Fall 2020 Survey

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<p>Clinics for low incomes families. Raising awareness but holding public health sessions at the library or elsewhere. Health starts with prevention, and a healthy community is a foundation for a successful community.</p>	PHSKC	Fall 2020 Survey
<p>Few thoughts: 1) more community policing... say hello/wave when you see fellow community members, 2) hire form the community or provide mentorship, apprenticeship for people in this community so they can eventually become law enforcement.</p>	KCSO	Fall 2020 Survey
<p>This an outstanding initiative (a great start) to hear the community and plan accordingly. Not sure if this falls under the scope of king county, but the schools in our community are struggling and therefore our kids are not getting the education they deserve compared to their peers in other communities/schools districts (no need to go through the long term negative impact here, I'm sure you get the point). Have you given this a challenge a thought? What can we do as community members to help the advancement of our school district? Thanks!</p>	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
<p>Based on the demographics of the area, my biggest concern is the gentrification of the area in the next few year. I would hate to see the diverse community that calls Skyway home (and has for decades) pushed further south or displaced to accomodate gentrification in the area or high rent. More affordable housing should be built in the area.</p>	DLS	Fall 2020 Survey
<p>Unincorporated King County needs to have "tree maintenance" laws (like Seattle & Renton do) about not removing ancient trees just because you've bought a property. A developer recently bought a large tract in the Earlington area, and promptly denuded it of all of its trees. Research shows that low-income areas have less greenery than more affluent areas, and natural greenery in our environment contributes to the mental health of constituents, just as parks do. This is a climate change issue!</p>	DLS	Winter 2020 Survey

Skyway-West Hill Community Center Comments

The comments are clear - COMMUNITY SPACE for art, for theater, for gathering, for event rental, for a farmer's market, for sharing community info. (Fall 2020 Survey)

I would like to see a community center that hosts before and after school activities for children, as well as arts, music, and theatre opportunities for the community at large. (Fall 2020 Survey)

A good community center should be able to provide human services (mentioned above) and sporting activities for kids, youth, and adults. (Fall 2020 Survey)

Skyway-West Hill Transit Comments

CSA	Comment
SWH	There is no access to light-rail from skyway... facilitate connecting to light-rail from skyway. It is very difficult as is today to get to Rainer beach station from skyway (poor planning from predecessors, but... let's see if we can fix it)
SWH	Can we get Light Rail to run down Rainer and Renton? Why is it on MLK from rainerbeach to Tukwila? ST completely left out Skyway. There is no use for the light rail between rainer beach and Tukwila. Why is the Rainer Stop so far from the highschool and rainer ave. It is just another showing that ST and King County don't care about Skyway.
SWH	A light rail branch that runs through Skyway and down to Renton transit center would have been a good idea. But at least invest in rapid transit via buses through Skyway, and create options for people who don't live along the 106 or 107 lines (which are slow and meandering, by the way) to access public transit.
SWH	I really like the Seattle service that shuttles to and from the light rail. I walk to Seattle for pick ups but they drop me off in Skyway. Especially with the lack of sidewalks it is a lot safer at night.
SWH	We need a community connections shuttle that goes East/West and vice versa. How does someone from Creston Point get to the central biz district? How do they get to the biz district on Rainier Ave?
SWH	Expand VIA
SWH	Improved bus service...currently there is no bus services from one side of West Hill to the other without traveling to Seattle or Renton first. There needs to be a new routing plan to service the complete West Hill community. It would be nice to have Park-n-Ride to connect transportation services! It would also be great to expand VIA service to West Hill! Provide bus passes or transportation services for youth and elderly!
SWH	Transit is infrequent - it would be great to have more, and faster. I've used the transit "express" bus on MLK which is always full during commute hours and standing room only so very uncomfortable to use. Notably not at all like the nice commercials advertising it! I would love to see some routes moving north / south and better connecting us to more than just Seattle and Renton. What about Tukwila? I know this is something easy to grip about. In my dream we would have some light rail...maybe along MLK to Renton or Tukwila? These are tough and expensive choices. I want to add on a pitch for bike lanes - and ideally a bike trail not going with traffic - which is far safer. What about developing beneath the power lines running roughly east / west near Renton Ave S. ? I would love to see some greater corridors for more than just cars. We need to move away from being so car reliant. The easier / better we can make thisthe better we'll all be.

Skyway-West Hill Park Improvements Comments

CSA	Park	Comment
SWH	Skyway Park	I haven't seen anyone playing baseball in Skyway Park. In fact, one of the baseball fields has a volleyball court in it, so maybe make that permanent and rehab only one baseball field. A mini soccer arena sounds great - much more folks are playing soccer these days. The tennis courts could use some love, too.
SWH	Skyway Park	King County "recently" received a grant? That was like 3+ years ago. Take action now! That's what we want. Make the improvements you said you would with that grant. If you purchase more green space, like the one you recently purchased behind the casino, activate it. Invest in making it a usable space that benefits the community not that just sits there and grows weeds. We have heard there are some environmental challenges in that area, but I'm pretty sure they could be addressed with the right level of investment. Create a boardwalk or something that connects to a larger trail that connects to the Chief Sealth trail.
SWH	Skyway Park	Add more walking trails to the park.
SWH	Skyway Park	Create better access to KC Open Space for Renton Ave. Add more amenities in Skyway Park
SWH	Skyway Park	New public access to Skyway Park.
SWH	Skyway Park	Improve access, lighting and walkability of Skyway Park. C
SWH	Skyway Park	Develop play zones inside Skyway Park
SWH	Skyway Park	Add bike/skate ramps to Skyway Park.
SWH	Community-wide	1000% YES! We do need parks (renovate existing and build new) and trails in our community.
SWH	Community-wide	I would love to see more parks, even if small, within the urban residential area for people to use.
SWH	Community-wide	More community parks and trails developed with safe walkable access for children.
SWH	Community-wide	More of them are needed, water fountains should be available with clean drinking water, community garden actually taken care of, community gatherings (once possible again)
SWH	Community-wide	Protect existing parks and add, where feasible.
SWH	Lakeridge Park	Another direction to access Lakeridge Park from (ie the top of the hill)
SWH	Pizza Slice	I don't think the pizza slice should be a garden, or at least I would like to know that it is what the surrounding community is asking for. I will support it if it's what the majority of neighbors are asking for, or if there is a Skyway based community organization that is asking for it and wants to help manage it. And has research been done about growing food under power lines? Are there any health risks associated with that? Instead you could consider creating more of a passive park with a path running through it that connects to the new improved entrance of Skyway Park (if/when that happens—which hopefully will happen soon?). It could have some seating and landscaping, maybe a small natural-scape play space for kids (unless there are health hazards associated with power lines.)

Skyway-West Hill Park Improvements Comments

		<p>The park eats up a lot of resources - and I am always told you have the "Skyway Park" when I suggest we need more parks and green spaces. Gee - we just get one park? Really?? We should have more green spaces than just one park. Not all our eggs should be in this one basket. I want more parks - amenities - spread throughout Skyway, not just in this one spot. Even improving the area it is geographically out of sight, hard to access, and a very swampy/boggy whenever it rains because it is a drainage area which is why it was never developed for housing in the first place. I want to see more areas with pocket parks / playgrounds / green corridors / trees & plantings / green spaces, etc. We deserve far more than one single park. This is our last chance to set aside or conserve areas as the prices go through the roof on property and all the last areas you can set aside are being snatched up. Also, parks should be spread throughout Skyway, not just in one area. Every 10 blocks or less there should be some kind of space for folks to access so they have destinations on their walks and commutes. We need to think green and think ahead - density and more traffic are certain as the cities around Skyway continue to grow.</p>
SWH	Community-wide	
SWH	Community-wide	It would be great to have an indoor/out door off leash dog park, or if it is 100% outdoor then the ground should be turf and not just dirt to make the park more accommodating for the rainy months.
SWH	Skyway Park	Make the park entrance on Renton by the apartments clear, paved and well lit.
SWH	Skyway Park	If repurposing existing park space, consider covered recreational space where people in the community can safely use regardless of the weather, such as covered basketball courts, with roof top solar power system or green rooftop.

Skyway-West Hill Road Improvements Comments

CSA	Comment
SWH	I think the additional commercial near lakeshore retirement is good, but there should also be road improvements. That area is very busy with bikers and lakeshore residents and all the cannabis stores, so road improvement and parking would be appreciated.
SWH	Rainer Ave should be 4 lanes from Rainier and Seward park to the City of Renton.
SWH	I think Rainer Ave needs better through put. South of Rainer Ave and Seward Park Ave should be 4 lanes, not 2 lanes.
SWH	Rainer Ave should have more lanes. It doesn't make sense for it to be only two lanes.
SWH	Rainier Ave is listed at 35 mph and drops to 30 mph. As someone who lives only 1 block off the road drivers will go upwards of 60 mph on this road, even passing other cars in the turn lane which is extremely dangerous. I never see traffic support in the area and worry that the extreme speeding (upwards of twice the limit) is going to seriously injure someone, especially with the current construction on the retaining wall.
SWH	129th street feeding in MLK going to I5 is a mess. There are always trucks parked there which is dangerous. The feeding into MLK is so angled it is hard to see. Taking a left on 129 from MLK is very dangerous. A new neighborhood got place at Langston and Renton Ave. That huge new neighborhood is going to cause a lot of traffic on a road that everyone takes to get to MLK. They should have added another road to Langston. The above comment about additional parking and road improvement goes for the area near the library and post office. It would also be great if there was more direct access to that area from I-5 and not Rainer Ave. Rainer Ave is too congested as is.
SWH	Proper fixing of streets and roadways instead of botched jobs with different colors of concrete and potholes such as those on Renton Avenue after construction in front of the entrance to Skyway Park.
SWH	I would like safe access to community stores and resources that are less crowded and more bike paths.

Skyway-West Hill Sidewalk Comments

CSA	Comment
SWH	Sidewalks and improving walkability scores would do wonders, as would redeveloping the retail area. The empty parking lots do nothing to attract businesses. It ends up being wasted space which others utilize that don't benefit the community.
SWH	I like the current residential neighborhood feel - just wish we had more sidewalks!
SWH	Most simply, sidewalks. It's nearly impossible to safely walk around much of the neighborhood.
SWH	I would like to see more bike paths and sidewalks in the neighborhoods, and leading to main areas.
SWH	More sidewalks!
SWH	There are busses that drop off here and people that live in apartments nearby that have to walk without any side walks or lights on Martin Luther King Way. It is very dangerous. I think we should make a pedestrian walk way to service people in that area.
SWH	More lighting (downward lighting) on neighborhood streets that residents don't have to pay for. We had an additional one on 134th, but when the neighbor stopped paying, they took it out!
SWH	In Bryn Mar, adjacent on Dixon Dr. S. there have been problems with flooding, parking and safe walkways. Numerous requests have been made for sidewalks, to no avail and at the detriment to the neighborhood.

Skyway-West Hill Traffic Calming Comments

CSA	Comment
SWH	The lack of actual sidewalks in some neighborhoods is an issue. Also, the lack of cameras near the schools is an issue. For instance, Campbell Hill is considered a part of the Renton School District. There has been constant issues with the speed individuals exhibit in the school zone area (even when the lights are flashing). I have complained since there are a lot of younger children that was walking to school and crossing very dangerous streets. There is a camera near Renton High School but nothing around Campbell Hill which has a younger population of students?
SWH	Lakeridge & Campbell Elementary great candidates for 'safe routes to school' planning with semaphores, signage, sidewalks, lighting, etc.
SWH	Also, consider round-abouts in the area. Intersection of 64th/129th might work well.
SWH	We need speed bumps at all schools. Speeding is a HUGE issue in Skyway.
SWH	More crosswalks and signage about speed limit on main streets where cars are known to drive super fast.
SWH	Consider speed bumps at key residential areas where speeding is a problem.
SWH	I live just over the crest of 128th St S near the Skyway water tower. It's a bit of a blind hill, which means that walking to my mailbox or getting something out of my car on the street can be scary when drivers speed over the hill, which is frequently. A sign warning drivers "SLOW - HILL RESTRICTS VIEW" might help.