

## REVISED DRAFT EASTSIDE VISION & GOALS

A Vision describes an ideal snapshot of how an area might evolve in the future. A certain degree of change is inevitable over time and a vision can guide and shape that change for the benefit of the community.

During the first three Planning Team meetings, and two community meetings, community members articulated important values and identified the Eastside Community Area's strengths, challenges to overcome, and opportunities. This feedback became the basis for the emerging Eastside vision and goals described below. Once reviewed and refined, the vision and goals are intended to guide planning, future development, and investment decisions in the Eastside Community Area.

### EMERGING VISION FOR THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY AREA

*Diverse communities of people will live, participate, and thrive together in Eastside neighborhoods. Places of historical and cultural heritage will be preserved and valued. More employment opportunities will be located in the area and available for local residents. Neighbors will feel comfortable, safe, and secure spending time outside, getting exercise, traveling, walking, and engaging with neighbors.*

### EMERGING GOALS FOR THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY AREA

#### **Community Stability and Inclusion**

- Diverse housing options will be available for current and future generations.
- Residents will feel comfortable and able to afford to remain in their neighborhoods throughout all stages of life.
- Residents and businesses will maintain and enhance neighborhood character in order to provide stability to the area.
- Neighbors will feel safe and secure in their homes and out in the community.

#### **Employment and Opportunity**

- There will be more employment and entrepreneurial opportunities easily accessible by local residents in the Eastside Community area.
- Negative side effects of economic growth, such as rental housing affordability issues will be proactively minimized and mitigated.

#### **History, Culture, and Art**

- The cultural landscape, comprised of buildings, business, public spaces, and natural features will be valued and preserved.

**Gathering Places**

- Public places will support interaction among people from diverse backgrounds.
- A complete and maintained network of sidewalks will provide easy access to public places.
- Diverse retail establishments and services will be available, including familiar and traditional businesses that are relevant to existing residents.

**Connected Neighborhoods**

- Basic infrastructure for walking, such as sidewalks, lighting, and trees will be complete and maintained.
- Additional infrastructure improvements will be of exemplary quality, supporting multiple community goals, including social interaction and health, complementing cultural assets, and enhancing transportation choices.
- Complete streets will make walking, bicycling, and riding transit safe, convenient, and comfortable.

**Healthy Green Neighborhoods**

- Residents will be connected to trails, parks, and other green spaces.
- Large canopy trees and green stormwater infrastructure will reduce the urban heat island, improve air and water quality, and enhance the health of the community.

