



DOWNTOWN RENTON

Update 2025

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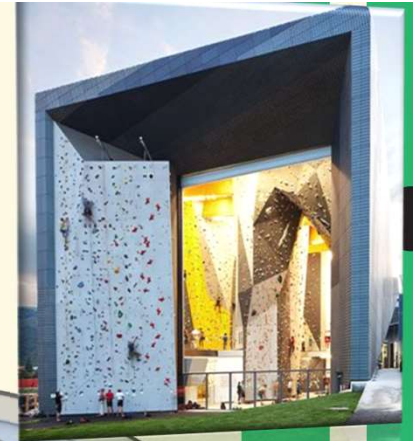
**Thank You –
An Interdepartmental Effort**

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Downtown's Heart Block

City-led efforts





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RENTON MARKET

Project Team: Facilities, Parks, and CED

- Project in for permit review
- Will be going out for bid in first quarter 2025
- Design includes:
 - 2 anchor tenants – currently anticipated to be a bakery and wine bar/restaurant
 - 12 kiosks at 10'x10' with a flexible design to combine
 - Kitchen Classroom with teaching space, appliances, and TVs for camera display
 - 2 long term kiosks designed and will be built at a later time
 - Creative branding that flows internally through the market and externally on the building and the signage
- **COMPLETION DATE END OF 2025;
TURNOVER TO OPERATOR**





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PIAZZA

Project Team: Facilities, Parks, and CED

- Project in for permit review
- Will be going out to bid with Pavilion project
- Design includes:
 - Building upon the existing amenities
 - Additional hardscape locations to increase flexible use of the space
 - Low maintenance landscaping
 - Stage platform that can be used for live performances
 - New lighting that will add functionality and fun
 - Reconfigured seating for those enjoying the Piazza and Market
- **COMPLETION DATE END OF 2025**





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LEGACY SQUARE

Project Team: CED, Public Works, Parks, and Facilities

- Project in for permit review
- Phase 1 will be going out to bid in March 31, 2025
- Phase 1 Design includes:
 - Underground utilities
 - Hardscape for seating, viewing, and ease of access
 - Preparing Gateway Park for new play structure
 - Prepping the site for Sounders Rave Futsal court installation
 - Adding landscaping to ensure time to establish before use
- Phase 2 under design:
 - Covered stage with media room and restroom
 - RFQ for artist/artist group for a cohesive design throughout the space and wall mural located on the adjacent building facade
 - And all the other pieces to bring this together
- PHASE 1 & 2 COMPLETION DATE – MAY 1, 2026.



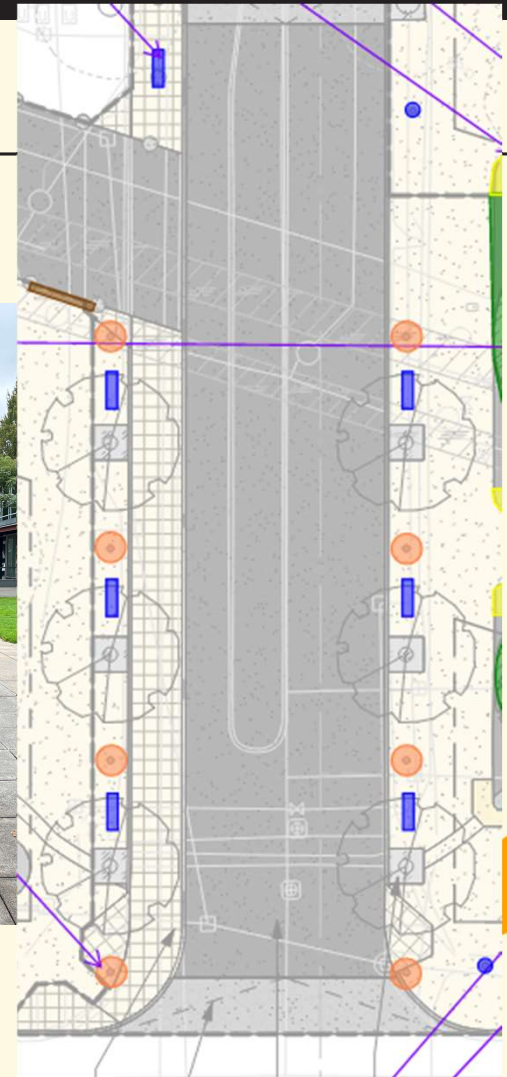


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LOGAN AVE

Project Team: Facilities, Public Works, Parks, and CED

- Project to be finalized as Pavilion, Piazza, and Legacy Square designs are approved
- City Public Works team to perform the roadway work
- Design includes:
 - Removing the median island and landscaping
 - Add catenary lighting across Logan Ave by poles installed for the Piazza
 - Low maintenance landscaping





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Timeline



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CREATIVE ECONOMY



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ARTS CENTER

Downtown Arts & Culture Space – 204 Logan Ave S

Bloom Studios - Arts & culture hub supporting artists, entrepreneurs, and underserved communities, with a focus on women.

- Creative & Collaborative Spaces: Studios, event spaces, and equipment for artistic innovation
- Learning & Development: Art education, entrepreneurship workshops, and mentorship
- Innovation & Networking: Cross-disciplinary collaboration and community events



Economic Impact:

- Attracts Talent & Innovation to downtown
- Capitalizes on Underutilized Spaces to foster growth
- Fosters Partnerships with local businesses and organizations



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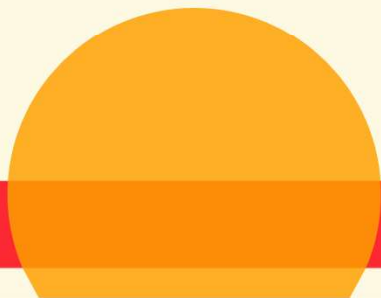
ARTS & CULTURE MASTER PLAN

A 5-Year Vision for Renton's Creative Future

Purpose: A strategic guide to grow, manage, and develop Renton's arts, culture, and creative economy.

Key Goals:

- **Integrate Public Art** in city projects and investments
- **Expand Private Funding** for public art through development incentives
- **Foster Innovation & Community Engagement** to enhance diversity and unity
- **Increase Arts Funding** through new revenue streams
- **Create implementation framework** with timelines and community input





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ART PROJECTS

Arts & Culture Initiatives (Outlined in the Plan)

Immediate Actions

- Paint with Purpose
- Dragon's Landing Community Event
- Monthly Renton Art Lounge

Short Term

- Legacy Square
- 405/NE 44th Gateway Signage

Sustainable initiatives

- Arts & Culture Grant Program
- Downtown Arts & Culture Center





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RCMC REBRAND

- Hiring Simpleview to provide a rebrand of the VisitRenton brand and website.
- Worked last year on consolidating the various websites and provide focused information for Economic Development and tourism-related visitors.
- Will be launching new website this year with highlights for tourism and the World Cup opportunities.



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DOWNTOWN INITIATIVES



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SAFE & CLEAN INITIATIVE

PROGRAM

- **Dedicated Crews:** 3 to 4 days per week with crew sizes of 1-2 workers for 4-8 hours per day.
- **Ongoing Maintenance:** Regular litter collection, monthly deep cleanings, & 6 annual pressure washings.
- **Comprehensive Services:** Includes sidewalk cleaning, pressure washing, trash removal, graffiti removal, and bio-waste cleanup.
- **Event & Routine Support:** Frequent cleanings in high-traffic areas and before/after events.
- **Quick Response time:** Response to immediate cleaning needs or issues.

PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT

RENTON RESPONDS REQUESTS

Community Benefits

- **Aesthetics:** Cleaner, more welcoming spaces.
- **Health:** Safer, healthier environments.
- **Business:** Attracts customers and supports local businesses.
- **Pride:** Builds community pride and connection.





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PARTNERSHIPS

- Chamber Board position
 - Amanda replaced Ed in October 2024
 - Jumped into networking events, ribbon cuttings, and board meetings
 - City staff involved in various committees
 - Looking forward to a collaborative partnership and more interaction with the Chamber and our businesses directly
- RDP Ex-officio position
 - Amanda added to the board in December 2024
 - Economic Development staff involved in the 4 committees
 - Supporting RDP with the new staff and continuing Main Street
 - Connecting RDP with appropriate staff to navigate needs



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VERTICAL WORLD

- Redevelopment of the existing transit station
- A draft of a Public Private Partnership is underway.
- The Planning Division held a design charette aimed to identify public benefit opportunities and public realm building design goals.
- **Next Steps:** Meet with Vertical World representatives to discuss viability of potential designs and public benefits.
- Share with City Council

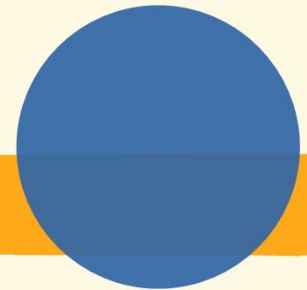
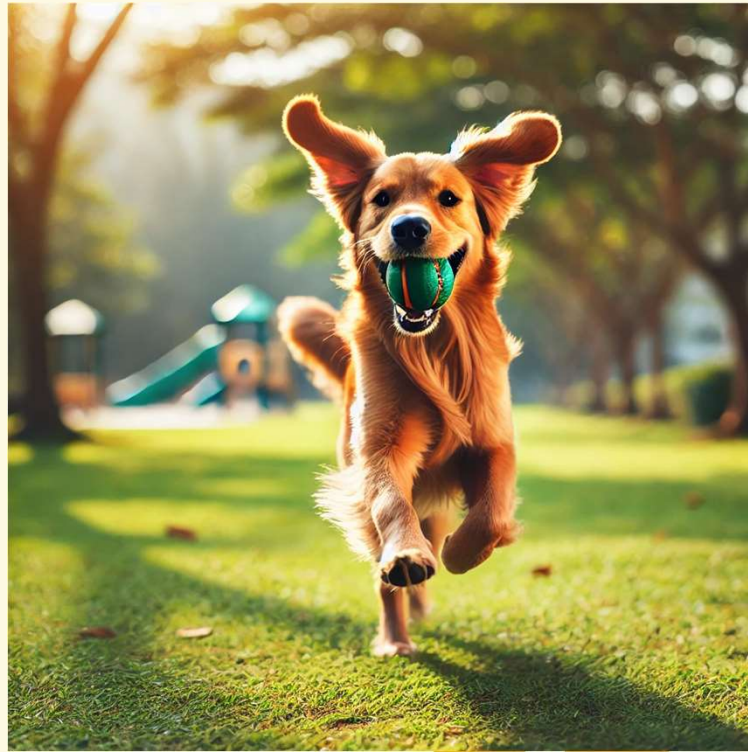




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Dog Park

- Purchase offer provided to First Financial
- **Next Steps:**
 - Confirm acceptance of offer
 - Environmental testing
 - Purchase property
 - Design a fun engaging dog park with creative art
 - And then build it!



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