Rainier Beach Station Area

Creating Jobs and Pathways for Economic Mobility

Partners

- Rainier Beach Moving Forward
- Seattle Tilth
- Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
- Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands

“MADE IN RB”
The Rainier Beach Innovation Zone (RBIZ) builds upon the community’s aspirations for a Great Place where “Made in RB” connects the community to the new economy emerging in Seattle:

- Major business/institution partners with City and community to help transform the station area into a 21st century innovation district.
- Other businesses attracted to district by major business/institution: Co-working, light manufacturing, artist/craft space, R&D labs, digital media, community workshop, family businesses, etc.
- SoundTransit, City of Seattle, King County METRO, property owners, cultural and non-profit organizations work together to develop area.
- School to workplace pipeline: community college programs prepare youth to work in industries located around light rail station. Industries support and advise educational programs in neighborhood.
- Innovation district draws upon the diverse cultural, business and community life of Rainier Beach.
- Non-profit, community-oriented services, cultural organizations and entrepreneurial businesses located together.
- Dense, human-scaled neighborhood encourages networking, collaboration and access between industries and community.
- Flexible zoning and code enables entrepreneurial businesses to become part of neighborhood.
- District built around Link light rail transit station, enabling quick access to downtown Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, SeaTac Airport and University of Washington.
- Close to regional markets, manufacturing and industrial centers, transportation infrastructure and city life.
- Wide range of work spaces to accommodate start-up and expanding businesses.
Rainier Beach Station Area - Existing Conditions

Rainier Beach Light Rail Station
S Henderson Street
City Light Transmission Corridor
Martin Luther King Jr. Way S

Martin Luther King Jr. Way S - Looking South
S Henderson Street - Looking West
Rainier Beach Food Innovation District

A new model for TOD

• A place where the community can access education, employment and entrepreneurship

• Strengthening the local economy through production rather than consumption

• A higher standard of living from the ground up

• Economic development based on RB’s unique cultural and social connections
RB Innovation District - Potential Use Categories

1. Businesses that require access to light manufacturing or warehouse space or proximity to the airport

2. Maker spaces geared toward sharing technical and intellectual resources

3. Educational/training institutions

4. Food oriented businesses
RB Food Innovation District - Uses

**Education**
- Community College
- Vocational training
- Financial Opportunity Center

**Business**
- Incubator
- Food aggregation
- Value-added food processing
- Food truck commissary
- Retail spaces

**Community**
- Gathering hall
- Community kitchen
- Maker space
- Food bank
- Daycare
Marketplace/Cafe
MicroRetail

RAINIER BEACH

food innovation district
What municipal policies, regulations, and actions can enable the community vision?

**Existing Station-Area Zoning**

**Proposed Station-Area Zoning**

At the south end of the SM zone, enable development that houses a major employer and/or contains uses consistent with the community’s vision, such as a community college facility.

---

**Legend**

- Light Rail
- Light Rail Station
- 1/4 Mile from Station
- Existing Building
- Existing Tree

**Legend**

- Light Rail
- Light Rail Station
- 1/4 Mile from Station
- Existing Building
- Existing Tree

**VIA**

**RAINIER BEACH**
How can infrastructure improvements enable the community vision?

Existing Rights-of-Way

Revised Circulation Concept

Legend:
- Station Area Overlay
- Existing Rights-of-Way
- Seattle City Light corridor
- Seattle Public Utility corridor
- Proposed circulation revisions

RAINIER BEACH
Healthy Neighborhood