

# APPENDIX J

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The La Center Junction Subarea Plan featured an extensive public involvement program to engage and inform business and property owners in the Junction area as well as other interested community members, jurisdictions, agencies, and service/utility providers.

The process began in April and May 2009, with stakeholder interviews. Stakeholders were selected to represent a cross-section of views and concerns regarding the project and project area. The 29 stakeholder interviews conducted for this project represented local residents, property owners, businesses, developers, utilities, and public/government agencies.

### Stakeholder Interviews

The questionnaire was designed to obtain feedback, gather unique or new information, identify community perceptions and issues, learn about the short and long term plans of the stakeholders, and learn as much as possible from people who live near, use, or have a particular interest in the La Center Junction. This input helped the project team better understand the nature of the junction subarea and the effects the project might have on the area around the junction and the communities connected to the junction.

### Public Meetings

Beginning with first event on May 6, 2009, five community meetings were held to update people about project developments and gather feedback. These meetings included:

- Public Workshop & Open House #1: May 6, 2009
- Public Workshop & Open House #2: June 23, 2009
- Public Workshop & Open House #3: August 11, 2009
- Public Workshop & Open House #4: December 2, 2009

Additionally, on May 26, 2009, a small group meeting was held with property owners of the Northeast Quadrant of the Junction to discuss specific land use concerns and suggestions.

### Informational Mailings

Each open house and workshop was preceded by a mailing to property owners and businesses in the Junction area. These mailings provided date, time, and location of the upcoming meeting as well as a brief update on the project. Copies of the mailer were also available at various City locations. The first mailer was also inserted into City sewer utility bills. As space allowed, information on upcoming meetings was also included in subsequent sewer bill mailings.

### MORE INFORMATION

The following pages include:

- **Appendix K** includes minutes of the four public workshop/open houses and small group meeting
- **Appendix L** includes the Stakeholder Interview Summary Report