Lynnwood City Center TOD Surplus, suitability for housing, and offering strategy

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Why we are here

Seeking actions that would guide the redevelopment of property at Lynnwood City Center Station

- Confirm CEO surplus declaration
- Declare the property as suitable for the development of housing
- Direct staff to first offer the property to qualified entities for affordable housing
- Direct staff to consider discounting the property to facilitate the affordable housing components



Lynnwood City Center TOD

Sound Transit's first TOD in Snohomish County

- 93,000 square feet
- Adjacent to Lynnwood City Center Station
- Opportunity for affordable housing steps from light rail and future BRT





Onsite Stream

Tributary to Scriber Creek

- Currently piped
 underground
- Contiguous upstream reach of daylit stream in station plaza
- Stream must be restored to support fish passage





Community Engagement

How we listened

- Local and regional stakeholder conversations
- Preferences/interests survey
- Online developer open houses

What we heard

- Support for affordable housing
- Support for retail and other amenities
- Interest in open space





Action 1 – Declare conditionally surplus

Confirm CEO's declaration that property will be surplus

- Site was used for temporary parking
- No future transit purpose upon completion of Lynnwood Link



Action 2 – Suitability for housing

Sites are suitable for the development of housing

- Legally permissible to build housing
- Physically possible to build housing
- Economically reasonable to construct housing
- Environmental conditions don't preclude housing
- City and community support for housing



Actions 3 – Offering strategy

Offer the surplus property at LCCS to Qualified Entities for development as affordable housing

- Site could support a fully affordable outcome
- City of Lynnwood and community support affordable outcomes
- Projects including a market-rate component would be accepted if project demonstrably maximizes affordable housing



Actions 4 – Pricing approach

Authorize staff to consider discounting the site to facilitate affordable housing outcomes

- Estimated land value: \$4.8MM
- Land costs are a financial barrier to affordable housing creation
- Discount will allow more/deeper affordability
- Amount of discount subject to board approval
- Financial plan does not assume fair market value from all surplus property transactions



Next steps

- Issue request for proposals for site (anticipated Q2/Q3 2023)
- Return to Board with development proposal and key business terms (anticipated 2024)









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