GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

Eastgate Engagement Report

PHASE 1 - DISCOVER

CITY OF BELLEVUE WASHINGTON

Executive Summary

The **Great Neighborhoods** program supports the development of neighborhood area plans that reflect the community's values and vision for the future. The **Discover** phase, which took place between August and December of 2025, provided an opportunity to learn what core values should guide future changes, what makes Eastgate unique, opportunities for enhancing public spaces, and improving walking, biking and accessing transit. This input is used to identify both specific locations for improvement opportunities and for creating policies that will support the neighborhood's vision for the future.

The planning team created many opportunities for people to provide feedback including tabling at community events, presentations to various groups, neighborhood walks, a kickoff, and via an online engagement hub. During this phase, the team connected with 475 people across different outreach activities, met with 85 businesses through door-to-door visits, had 173 people respond to a questionnaire, and had 171 visitors use our online hub Engaging Bellevue.

The planning team learned that the community shares certain values for Eastgate – including **safety, natural beauty, diversity, and economic opportunity**. People pointed to the mature trees, nearby parks, proximity to both city amenities and wilderness, and friendly neighbors as defining neighborhood features.

The planning team also understands that there are challenges in Eastgate that put a strain on these values – including **traffic congestion, public safety, lack of gathering spaces, under-overgrown vegetation, and loss of tree canopy**.

This planning effort seeks to address these opportunities and challenges through the following sections in the neighborhood plan, which are described in greater detail in the report: 1) neighborhood identity, 2) mixed use and neighborhood centers, 3) community gathering spaces, 4) mobility and access, and 5) environment.

What's Next?

Community input is crucial to upcoming phases of neighborhood area planning, and the planning team is committed to continuous and consistent engagement. Key challenges, opportunities, and values identified through engagement activities during the **Discover Phase** will inform priority policy areas and draft neighborhood vision that will be explored during the **Define Phase**. These policy areas, and eventually the actual policies, will be shared with the community for their review and further input. The findings from this report will also be shared with decision makers and they will consider this input when providing direction to staff on the draft plan.

Introduction

Bellevue is known for its diverse, vibrant, and welcoming neighborhoods. The high quality of life that community members enjoy isn't an accident; it's a result of careful planning done with the input of the people who live, work, and play here.

The **Great Neighborhoods** program supports the development of neighborhood area plans that reflect the community's values and vision for the future. These provide guidance to the city, developers, and community partners about how people want to see the neighborhood evolve in the future.

Neighborhood area plans are part of the city's Comprehensive Plan (Volume 2). They help address the changing needs of specific areas while staying aligned with the city's overall vision and policies (Volume 1).

Project Scope

As part of the Great Neighborhoods program, City Council initiated updates to the neighborhood area plans for Eastgate and Factoria in August 2025. This process will repeat in cycles until all sixteen neighborhood area plans have been updated.

The goal is to adopt plans that are relevant to each neighborhood's unique identity, opportunities, and challenges as it grows. This planning effort seeks to enhance livability and includes the following sections:

Mixed Use and Neighborhood Centers

Mixed Use Centers are centers of economic and social activity anchored by major transportation hubs. They provide for a mix of housing, retail, employment, and services.

Neighborhood Centers are commercial and mixed use development located in areas that are otherwise primarily residential. These centers provide local retail offerings and gathering spaces that people can more easily walk to in their neighborhood.

- **Neighborhood Identity:** Identify and strengthen a neighborhood's unique elements
- **Mixed Use and Neighborhood Centers:** Strengthen centers that provide goods, services, cultural amenities, and housing for the community.
- **Community Gathering Spaces:** Strengthen indoor and outdoor spaces to foster a sense of belonging and support events and social interactions.
- **Mobility and Access:** Improve access to mobility options and local connections inside and outside the neighborhood.
- **Environment:** Improve qualities of features such as trees, streams, wetlands, nature trails, and other open spaces, to support human health and local wildlife.

Project Timeline

The planning process is rooted in extensive community engagement that seeks to involve the many diverse voices that make up each neighborhood. The work is broken down into four phases, with community engagement occurring throughout the process.

DISCOVER
Aug - Dec 2025

- Understand issues
- Identify values and priorities
- Report on existing conditions

DEFINE
Jan - Apr 2026

- Develop and affirm vision
- Explore big policy moves as building blocks of the draft plan

REFINE
May - Aug 2026

- Review draft plans with community and Planning Commission
- Incorporate feedback
- Address missing elements

ADOPT
Sep – Dec 2026

- Planning Commission holds public hearing and makes recommendation
- City Council reviews recommendation and adopts

Overview of Outreach Activities & Participation

The Discover phase began in August and went through December of 2025. As suggested by the name, engagement was focused on learning and discovery. Goals included setting expectations around the scope and timeline; understanding how the community sees itself; and identifying assets, challenges, and opportunities for improving public spaces, gathering places, and neighborhood connectivity.

During this phase, over the span of 5 months, the planning team connected with:

475 people engaged across 15 different outreach activities, including:

- in-person kick-off event
- neighborhood scan/walk
- business listening session
- pop-up tabling
- small-group meetings
- board presentations
- relationship-building meetings with faith congregations

85 businesses visited across 3 business walks (door-to-door canvassing)

173 people who responded to the mailed or online questionnaire

171 informed visitors who visited Engaging Bellevue and viewed project content

1 Student-focused event with Bellevue College

1 Student-focused event with Newport High School

Support for Equitable Engagement

Eastgate is a culturally diverse neighborhood and desired by families seeking to access Bellevue's top-rated schools nearby, such as Tyee Middle School and Newport High School. Eastgate is also home to Bellevue College, offering a range of degree programs and continuing education opportunities. Newport Way Library and South Bellevue Community Center are the neighborhood's primary destinations for connecting with community members, as they host community events and programs for people across Bellevue to enjoy.

Ensuring diverse voices are part of the neighborhood planning process is a priority for the City. Groups that are less likely to participate in neighborhood planning, including youth, businesses, communities of color, and renters, continue to be the focus of more targeted engagement to help bring diverse perspectives to the process. The planning team strived for tailored, in-person engagement with these groups to deliver content in ways that resonated more strongly with them. The following section details specific outreach strategies and lessons learned when engaging these groups.

Tabling at the Eastgate Annual Block Party

Going on a walk with participants in Eastgate

Youth

The planning team collaborated with Newport High School on providing students with civic engagement opportunities related to their coursework. Numerous students identified as either living in or visiting Eastgate. Teachers promoted student attendance at the Neighborhood Scans on October 4 in several ways, such as offering extra credit for participating. The Neighborhood Scans were also advertised through the Bellevue SchoolPool program, a partnership between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District, and King County Metro to promote sustainable commuting options to and from

Planning workshop with Newport High School students

school. This promotion resulted in over 25 students (and several parents) attending the event in Eastgate. Additionally, teachers at Newport High School invited the team to have an interactive discussion on neighborhood area planning with their classrooms, where opportunities and challenges for getting around Eastgate and Factoria were identified.

Businesses

The planning team collaborated with economic development staff on how to best engage businesses of different sizes in Eastgate. A business listening session was held on November 12 to connect businesses with resources and hear from them how to best support their success through neighborhood area planning. The business listening session was scheduled in the morning to minimize conflicts with business operating hours. To help promote the event, postcards were sent to over 900 businesses in both Eastgate and Factoria and the planning team conducted door-to-door visits to businesses to directly connect with employers and their staff, including small, minority-owned businesses. Approximately 85 businesses in Eastgate were reached through these walks, although only 5 businesses attended the business listening session. These attendees owned or operated businesses related to medical services, consulting services, manufacturing, and youth education.

One lesson learned is the need to tailor engagement methods to different business types, as some may prefer evening meetings while others may prefer online engagement. Another lesson learned is getting feedback from businesses when meeting them face-to-face, rather than having them attend a separate event.

The planning team will continue to improve outreach methods and relationships with businesses to encourage greater participation.

Communities of Color

The planning team partnered with Cultural Outreach Assistants to promote participation through other popular online message platforms, such as WeChat and KakaoTalk. Cultural Outreach Assistants also facilitated one-on-one conversations with community leaders and opportunities to table at community events. Several events were either hosted by the Asian community or had attendees that preferred to engage in Mandarin and/or Korean, such as the Bellevue Night Market at Bellevue College. Staff were available to have conversations in-language with participants, give presentations, and administer translated questionnaires. Approximately 60 participants were engaged through these more targeted strategies in Eastgate.

Renters

The planning team visited several multifamily properties (including senior and affordable housing) in both Eastgate and Factoria to get in touch with a property manager who could share information via community board or online newsletter. This type of outreach strategy was often challenging since many properties did not have a leasing office or had limited operating hours. Direct emails were sent out if contact information was made available online or on a business card.

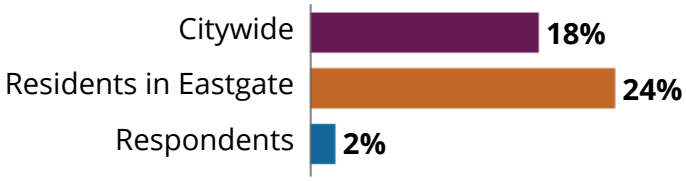
Demographics

Reporting on demographic information of participants can be challenging. There are some events, like a drop-in event, where the format doesn't allow for easy data collection. Additionally, demographic questions are always optional, and some people decline to share personal details.

The questionnaire provided the most structured opportunity for collecting demographic data, which allows staff to understand how participation aligns with both neighborhood-level and city-wide demographics. A mailed questionnaire was sent to every household, and an online version was also made available. Approximately 3% of Eastgate's 2,589 households returned the mailed questionnaire.

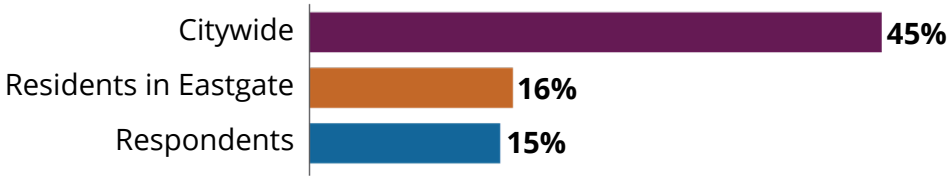
In Eastgate, 55% of residents are from communities of color, 24% are under 18, 42% are 45 or older, and 16% of residents are renters. The Asian population in particularly has grown, making up 38% of the neighborhood compared to 12% in 2000. There was a significant gap in questionnaire participation from people of colors, renters, and people ages 18 and under, and over-representation from people ages 45 and older.

People Ages 18 and Under



People Ages 45 and Over

People Who Rent



People of Color

Summary of Input

The primary purpose of the Discover phase is right in the name – it's a time for the planning team to learn how the community sees itself. Questions and topic areas that framed the conversation included:

- **What** are values and experiences that define your neighborhood?
- **Why** are certain places, businesses, or spaces in your neighborhood special?
  - What qualities are important to see carried forward or enhanced in the future?
  - Why do they hold significance to the community?
- **How** do people use and access public spaces?
  - Where are their pain points?
  - Where are their opportunities for improvement?
  - How can improved public spaces support a vibrant, safe, and unique business environment?
- **What** sets Eastgate apart from other neighborhoods?
  - What do you want Eastgate to be known for in the future?

> Eastgate is known for its **mature, majestic trees**. We pride ourselve on being a **welcoming** and **creative** neighborhood. Working together we can be a more **walkable community** that enhances **health** for future generations.
>
> *~ Participant Vision Statement*

During the Discover phase the planning team sought to identify key challenges and opportunities. This information is used to identify both specific locations for improvement opportunities and for creating policies that will support the neighborhood's vision for the future.

The photos in this section were uploaded by participants using the Neighborhood Identity tool on Engaging Bellevue. The tool provided an opportunity for people to share ideas of what makes Eastgate unique and what can be improved.

Values & Vision

Understanding community values is a key part of the planning process. Values are an expression of what is most important to the community – what they take pride in and what they aspire to be. Values lead to a vision of what the community wants to achieve in the future. The values and vision also serve as a touchstone in the development of policies reminding planners what actions and outcomes the policies should support.

During the Project Kickoff, participants were invited to share their values in a simple card sorting exercise. The planning team also used a Mad-Libs type exercise at various events to invite people to apply those values to a sample Vision Statement.

Community members in Eastgate frequently valued **safety, natural beauty, diversity, and economic opportunity** in their responses. Many participants noted the mature vegetation that comprise Eastgate's residential and natural areas, as well as the friendliness they experience while going on walks around the neighborhood. Changes in the neighborhood, such as loss of trees on private property and ongoing construction, have put stress on some of these values, but participants still see these values as integral to the neighborhood's future.

An example of loss of trees due to construction

Neighborhood Identity

Understanding how the neighborhood sees itself – what qualities make it unique – was a key question for this phase of engagement. The policies in the neighborhood area plan can strengthen and enhance things that make a neighborhood special and beloved by the people who live, work, play, and learn there.

An example of an overgrown sidewalk that could be beautified

Neglected, **beautiful**, and **congested** were the qualities that respondents to the questionnaire brought up most when asked to describe Eastgate today in three words. The sense of neglect stemmed from issues that people experienced while walking around the neighborhood, such as lack of sidewalks, overgrown vegetation, and litter. For neighborhood beauty, people often referenced the mature trees, nearby parks, and proximity to wilderness. Although traffic congestion was a common experience for many, people often cited the convenience of being located next to Interstate 90 and being able to access other parts of Bellevue and the larger area by car, bike, and transit.

> Formalize Eastgate's identity as a **verdant, leafy area** by investing in new plantings and care as development occurs.
>
> *~ Participant feedback*

Some ideas we heard for improving neighborhood identity include:

- Better maintenance of trails, vegetation, and sidewalks
- Enhancement of tree canopy

Mixed Use and Neighborhood Centers

Mixed use and neighborhood centers are often the heart of the neighborhood as places where people can easily access transit, housing, shopping, places to gather, and services. The cultural and retail offerings in these centers can make them a unique draw for both the local neighborhood and larger city. The policies in the neighborhood area plan can improve how people arrive at and experience these centers.

Eastgate's mixed use center is anchored by the Eastgate Park and Ride. Unique features that people mentioned in and around Eastgate's mixed use center include **Bellevue College, Plymouth Crossing**, and the **different food options at Sunset Village**, such as Last Frontier Coffee, Lil' Jon Restaurant, and Dairy Queen. Participants want to see more accessible, locally-serving small businesses in this area. There is also a desire for **convenient access to grocery stores and pharmacies**. Most of these amenities are located south of Interstate 90 at Eastgate Plaza, which is Eastgate's only designated neighborhood center. Participants noted the difficulty of getting to Eastgate Plaza due to the **lack of safe connections across the highway** for pedestrians and cyclists, as well traffic congestion for vehicles. Residents and businesses have expressed **public safety concerns** in Eastgate's more commercial areas due to poor pedestrian infrastructure, lack of street maintenance, and crime. Several businesses north of Interstate 90 cited the difficulties of maintaining a business community due to public safety.

Some ideas for improving Eastgate's commercial areas include:

- Better availability of retail and services, especially small businesses
- Increasing public safety

An example of a local coffee shop for meeting with friends

> [There is] a lot of **potential economic development** opportunities because of our special location **to the east** on I-90.
>
> *~ Participant feedback*

Community Gathering Places

Community gathering spaces, sometimes referred to as "third places", are places that people go outside of work or home. Having a variety of gathering places helps strengthen social connections by providing opportunity for recreation, celebration, pursuing hobbies, and meeting friends. They range from outdoor public spaces like parks and trails to indoor communal spaces like community centers, schools, libraries, and places of worship. While not always free to use, community members may view a coffee shop or restaurant as a community gathering space as well.

People value **Newport Way Library** because it is quiet, free for people to use, and hosts programs for all different ages. People also value the **South Bellevue Community Center**, which is just outside the neighborhood area boundary, but is easily accessible to nearby residents and offers different classes and activities. People see the variety of free and/or low-cost educational programs and recreational activities as key to their success as community gathering spaces. Similarly, several business owners also expressed wanted to better connect their services and programs to other families and young people.

There was also a noted **lack of dedicated community gathering spaces**. A number of people viewed their **houses** as the only option for gathering with friends and family. Several people also mentioned that they meet their neighbors by going on walks in the neighborhood or at their **church**. When asked what qualities people in Eastgate wanted to see more of in community gathering spaces, the top responses were **accessible, nature-oriented**, and **comfortable**.

Outside of the neighborhood, people mentioned visiting **Robinswood Park**, **Spiritridge Park**, and **Factoria Mall**.

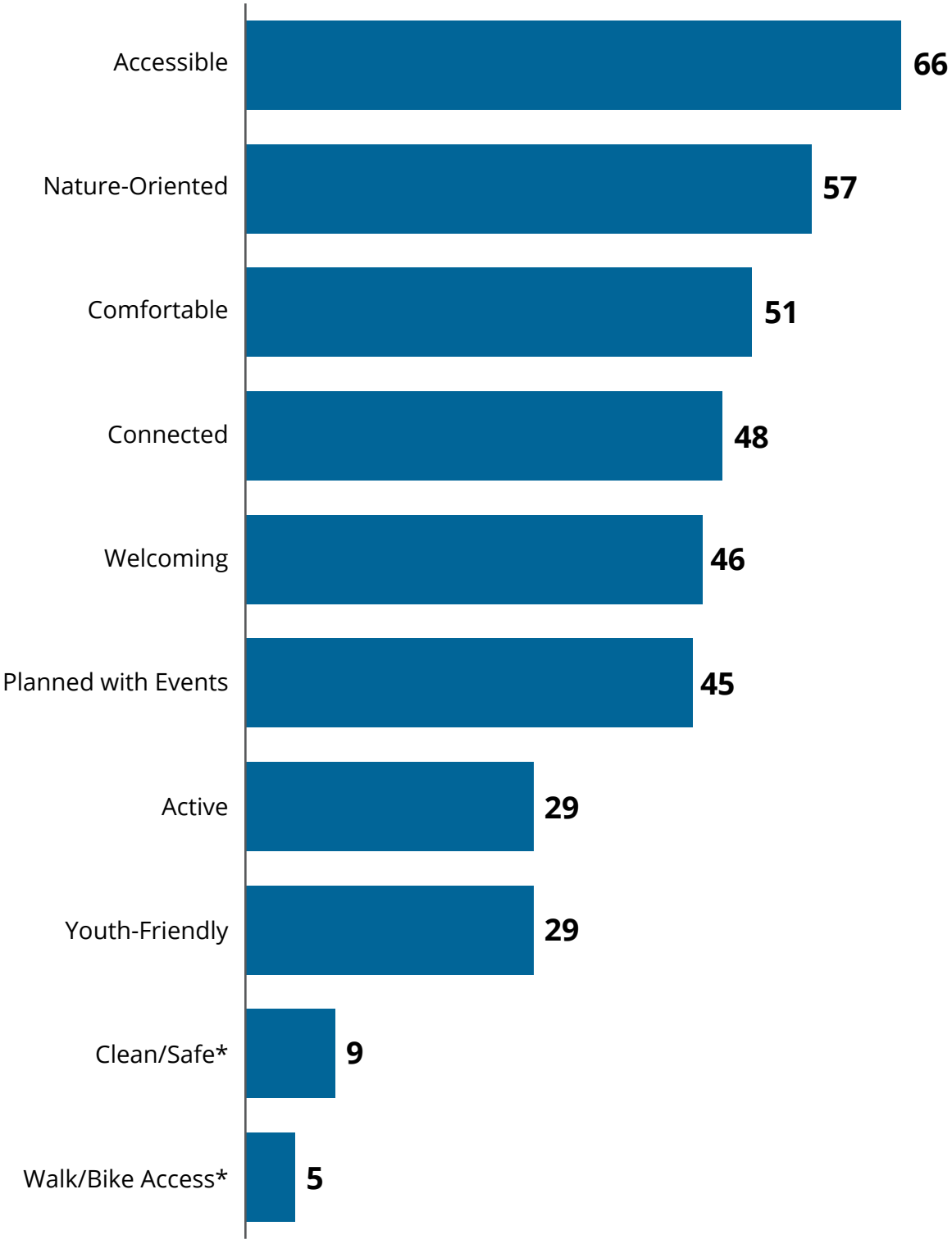
> We gather at church which serve a faith community as well as the larger community, choir groups, music lessons, scouts and campfire groups and many others. Many of the churches are closing and the groups that meet in the church are being displaced with no alternatives. **More flexible meeting venues are needed.**
>
> *~ Participant feedback*

An example of a future community gathering space

Some ideas we heard for improving community gathering spaces include:

- More places to gather and have events/ programs within the community
- Improving trails and connections between nearby parks

What Respondents Would Like More of in Community Gathering Spaces in Eastgate



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Mobility and Access

The transportation network in Eastgate serves many different travel modes. The policies in the neighborhood area plan can focus on improving walking, biking, and rolling in the neighborhood, as well as access to transit and connections inside and outside the neighborhood.

The most common way for people to access destinations within Eastgate is by **car**. Participants noted several challenges being able to get around the neighborhoods by other transportation modes, including the lack of **sidewalks** and **lighting** on residential streets, **steep hills**, **bus service reductions** over the years, and **speeding cars**. **SE Newport Way** was cited as a difficult street for pedestrians and cyclists due to traffic, while **SE Allen St** was cited as having sidewalk gaps.

People pointed out that local destinations such as Newport Way Library, Eastgate Park, Lattawood Park, and Robinswood Park are within walking distance, but felt **isolated due to lack of signage and safe sidewalks**.

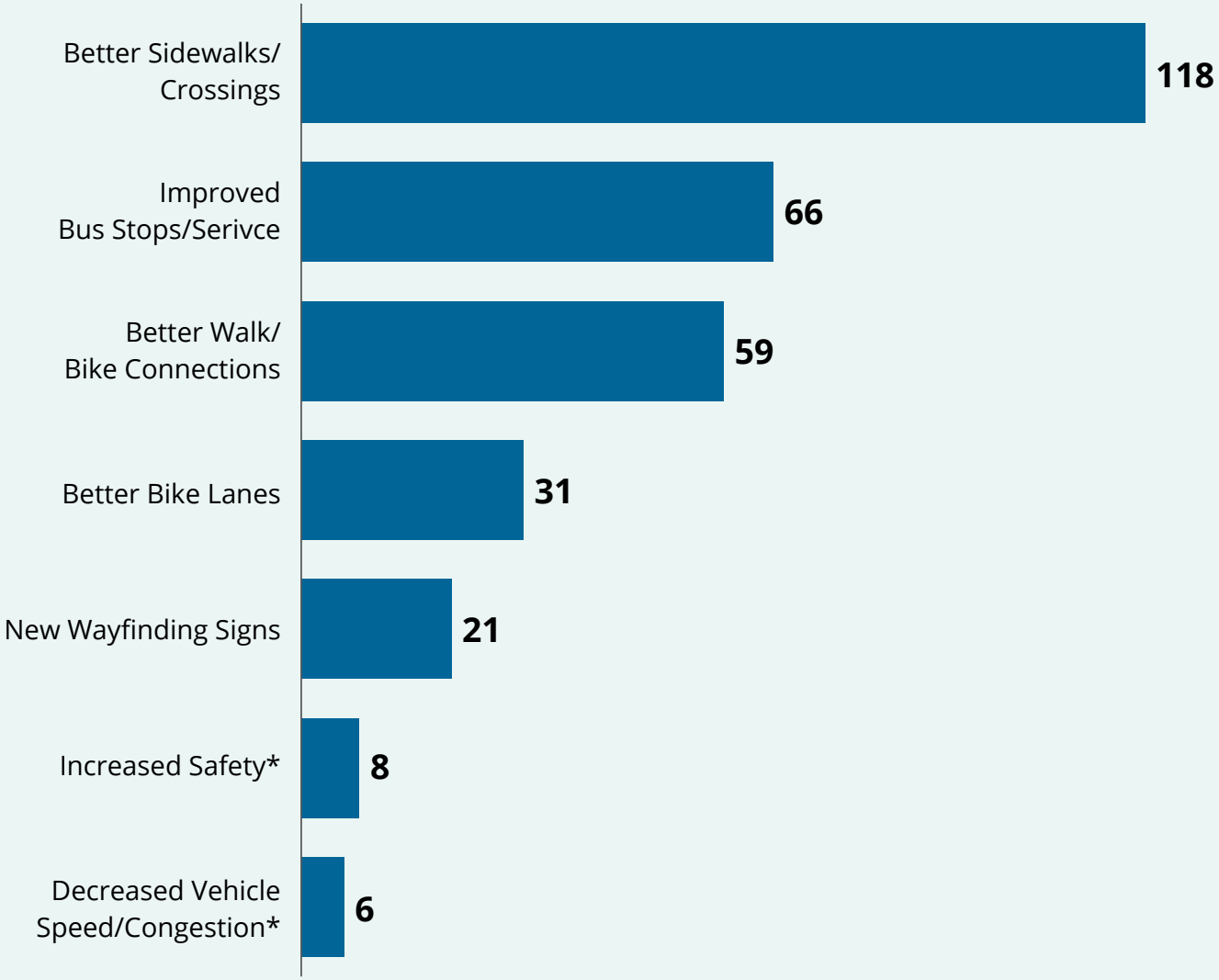
Some ideas we heard for improving mobility and access include:

- Improving gaps in walkability on key streets such as SE Newport Way and SE Allen Rd
- Improving access to bus stops and reliable bus service

An example of a missing sidewalk

> I would say that I am impressed to cross paths with so many walkers early in the morning as well as night time. **Walking is popular, but can be dangerous.**
>
> *~ Participant feedback*

What Would Help Respondents Get Around More Easily in Eastgate



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Environment

Natural features within the neighborhood, such as trees, streams, wetlands, trails, and other open spaces, foster people's connection to nature and support local wildlife. The policies in the neighborhood area plan can focus on protecting and enhancing these valuable resources for current and future generations.

The most frequent environmental challenge people have cited is the **loss of old, mature trees** as redevelopment occurs, and the subsequent **lack of new tree plantings and tree replacements**. People view this as a conflict to Eastgate's reputation as a green and tree-canopied neighborhood. People value the trails and access to nearby wilderness areas like Cougar Mountain, but would like to see **more trail maintenance and enhancement** opportunities.

Some ideas we heard for improving the environment include:

- Maintaining and enhancing Eastgate's greenbelts
- Increasing provision of and access to hiking trails in the neighborhood

An example of foliage and views across Interstate 90

> Green space and parks efforts are sincere but I sense that [the City] **barely keeps up with best practices** in terms of a good blend of large, rich areas of **accessible green space** and a generally widespread sense of **natural elements**.
>
> *~ Participant feedback*

Project kick-off at South Bellevue Community Center

How this input will be used

Key challenges, opportunities, and values identified by the community through engagement activities during the **Discover Phase** will inform priority policy areas and draft neighborhood vision that will be developed during the **Define Phase**. These policy areas, and eventually the actual policies, will be shared with the community for their review and further input.

Ideas from the **Discover Phase** will also be explored through interactive urban design workshops during the **Define Phase**. In these workshops, participants will have an opportunity to write, draw, and imagine the types of public spaces they want to see in their neighborhood. Through this process, concept maps and policies will be developed that identify at a high-level where these opportunities may exist, such as new and enhanced opportunities for gathering spaces and neighborhood connectivity. The findings from this report will also be shared with decision makers and they will consider this input when providing direction to staff on the draft plan.

Appendix

Eastgate Open-Ended Questionaire Responses

What is something special about Eastgate that sets it apart from other parts of the city?	An important place for meeting other people in Eastgate is...	because...	Is there anything else you'd like to share about Eastgate?
Quiet within an established city	Easy to access	It is near a major freeway and shopping area, and library but terrible bus services on certain road	Keep the neighborhood as it is. Prefer no multiple-unit complexes
	Parks		
It's one of only three areas divided by a freeway-separating Eastgate into 2 separate areas (north & south) with two separate "business" districts	Non-existent	Other than one's home	Progressive mansion building is removing options for first-time homebuyers, rather than adding housing
It's on a hill	Somerset Elementary	There is no other parks in this area as big as the elemtary school	Lots of roads don't have sidewalks
Older small affordable homes for families of all ages	Library	Multi use, multi age, civic	Needs better bus access to the (hopefully soon) light rail station. Consistency in buses
A complete lack of sidewalks and bus access	Dairy Queen	Everyone sits outside in the parking lot eating Blizzards. My kids love it!	
			At 13910 SE Newport Way, this residence is a hazard, garbage all over. Found dead rat. Health dept needs to be notified.
Accessible to Seattle and other parts of Bellevue	SBCC	The South Bellevue Community Center is topen to all and is well run by the staff	Concerned about graffiti and corner pan handling

What is something special about Eastgate that sets it apart from other parts of the city?	An important place for meeting other people in Eastgate is...	because...	Is there anything else you'd like to share about Eastgate?
I-90. It's also independent as it was unincorporated for years	Factoria	Of all the services it offers close by. We have our own but everything is in reach	The tall beautiful trees! Our neighborhoods are being torn down into multi-family homes --> less parking
Easy to meet people while walking dogs	On a walk		Good location to shopping and freeways
Good access to freeway (I-90) (I-405)	Bars/restaurants	Good food	1) More street sweeper to clean roads. 2) Get rid of homeless people
Easy access for freeways N, S, E, and W	Little Johns	It has been there for years and has always been a meeting place	It isn't as nice as it was prior years. Huge homes and expensive property, homeless shelter people all over, high property tax, all take away nice comfortable, friendly place it was
The smell of failing septic systems	SBCC & the library	They are nice affordable facilities	We need investments in sewer lines & reliable power
Diversity and the views are outstanding	Factoria	Diverse range of shopping	Safety and graffiti are becoming a concern
Easy access to I-90 and 405	South Bellevue Community Center	It is low cost and has activities for all ages	Would love to see an independent bookstore and theater (playhouse) in Eastgate
It's location is easily accessible to so many other locations due to proximity of I-90 and 405	Issaquah	More retail and commercial options, including cafes & restaurants	There is no sidewalk on SE Newport Way near the old Eastgate elementary. This is very unsafe for kids walking to/from this bus stop
Calm yet positioned right near major freeway	SBCC	It is a wonderful community center. The exercise classes and community feeling and low cost are amazing	My 15-year old son is an avid biker yet cars come within inches of him on Newport. Out family needs better bike lanes. Thank you!
Nature left intact	Church	Not much else to do as in meet up places	More activities are needed

What is something special about Eastgate that sets it apart from other parts of the city?	An important place for meeting other people in Eastgate is...	because...	Is there anything else you'd like to share about Eastgate?
It's close to the I-90 and 405. All major stores are relatively closeby, along with transit. It's a more livable part of Bellevue		Unsure, I'd say maybe Newport Way Library, if not local Starbucks/Last Frontier	I'd love to be able to walk more but there aren't any sidewalks nearbny. Otherwise, very cozy & love where I live
The diversity of our neighborhoods. Different languages, foods, cultures.	The mall	It is a great community gathering space. BUT - stores are empty. Make it like Crossroads Mall with local food places, music places to gather	People drive through here to get somewhere else. When people want to stay - Factoria becomes a destination - through traffic will go elsewhere
	Parks	Great mixing pot	Got to make Newport Way between 152nd and SE 42nd Pl safer & more walkable
No	The library	It's quiet and for all to access / free	
I love our quiet neighborhood streets and walking around to visit neighbors	Home	There isn't a great place to meet people other than our home	I love the acces to I-90 for the mountains and look forward to the light rail to Seattle
It's a safer community, all houses have a decent space, public transportation used to be convenient (when bus 241, 246, and 245 were around)	Convenient	It's safe, in proximity to Issaquah, BC, Factoria, etc.	We are concerned about the safety and accessibility (Metro removed so many bus stops in Sept)
Easy to access library & SBCC	SBCC	of activities	Recommend signs "welcome" in major languages; Arabic, Spanish, etc.
Very family oriented	South Center Community Center		
Proximity to everything	The neighborhood	People go on walks and are friendly	We need more art / artists expression
None	We don't need one		Nothing. Stay away.

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Close proximity to Bellevue Downtown, Issaquah, Seattle Fwy access, easy to drive the streets to any of those city options	The shopping center	It is central, has various restaurants, drugstore, etc.	Trail by 90 feels sketchy. Wall doesn't expose trail, feels hidden and unsafe. More crime and bodily expposure, drug paraphernalia since Porchlight opened, Polaris has a children's bus stop which is next to the #1 drug infested struture (PorchLight). Also too many rentals. No sense of community
Easy access to everywhere	None	Because it became very unsafe to walk around, thus it made hard for residents to meet anyone within Eastgate	It used to be a lot cleaner and safer for family to walk. Now, I need a companion to feel safe to just take a walk.
Trees - cherry, pine, spruce	Safeway	People go there	It's home
Lots of trees	Starbucks	There are not other unique coffee shops	More bike lanes, less car dealerships and chain restaurants
Location, proximity to 405-90	Walking	My neighbors are always going on walks, that's how we meet most people	There has been an increase in crime, panhandling, and trash since the shelters opened, plus a murder at the shelter. It will get worse once light rail connects to Seattle. People are worried.
Easy access & shopping malls and transportation	Eastgate Plaza	There is a good Japanese restaurant	Growth of homeless people around Eastgate Plaza Park & Ride and nearby, they look drunk or drugged
Close to everything	Lil Jon's	It's a local place and has been around since 1967	NA
The Horizon Heights Greenbelt trail. It's a beautiful place right in our backyard with the experience of hiking in the mountains. Would be nice to extend it!		I don't really use community gathering spaces, but really appreciate the very nice S. Bellevue Community Center. The Newport Library is nice for gathering also, with its large meeting room	I always feel unsafe walking in my neighborhood because of lack of sidewalks

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Top tier education. Convenient location. Mature trees.	Newport Library	South Bellevue Community Center and "East Gate Park" are really part of Somerset subarea. The new trail project benefits Somerset. We really don't have a meeting place or picnic spot.	There are lots of one-story homes suitable for older people with mobility issues. Middle housing destroys that.
Space! We still have homes with YARDS and the area has lots of mature trees.	Library, Community Center, Safeway Shopping Center		It is the classic old neighborhood feel here that is a treasure. No big apts, etc.
Nothing. Well yes there is something - no elementary school		No place to meet people. No local feel.	Any more school rezoning will make property values go down and Eastgate will be less desirable to live in. My taxes are going up but I don't get anything for it.
Unfinished projects - like road resurfacing and landscaping	Nowhere	There aren't pedestrian friendly spaces at Eastgate. It's a big parking lot.	I'd like to see the "investment per capita" in Eastgate vs 98004. This area is largely an afterthought.
	South Center		
Close proximity/access to Seattle Core	Eastgate Community Center/Newport Library	Centrally located and convenient	Crime is on the rise, more beautification (too much trash)
More suburban	South Bellevue Community Center	Great classes and activities	It is a diverse community
I think there seems to be more single family homes compared to some areas there wioll be a mix of single-family homes and apartments. I lke the more neighborhood community feel more	Dog parks	Seems to be the place where we have met others and had conversations. I am not aware of any good places to meet people. I would like to get to know more people in the area.	I would like to see more of those pedestrian crosswalk light flashing thig everywhere there is a crossing for walkers. I have kids so to me safety is important
It is cleaner on the streets and sidewalks			I don't think so

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			Better roads - repave residential roads esp. along 42nd Place where there's a bunch of patchwork done during the new pipe install recently
	South Bellevue Community Center		Disappointed with lack of yard care in our neighborhood. Once family homes seem to be turning into rentals
Has everything - restaurants, retail, auto repair, hotels, a college, access to I-90, parks, walking trails, churches, schools, high-end homes, cheaper homes	A church	Religions bring together like-minded people. Robinswood - soccer is for everyone. BCC isn't much of a gathering place	No more big residential development
Eastgate used to be more "small" / neighborly feeling			I bought in Eastgate 51 years ago (Sept. 1974). At that time, it was a "comfortable" small-town area. Unfortunately, through growth, it has become too "big city" feeling for my pleasure
Easy access, variety of businesses close together, convenient	A casual sit down restaurant	There are none	Wish there was a Panera or Dollar Tree, Ross, Trader Joe's
The amount of trees	Robinswood Park		
			Newport is a very scary street to walk on and no one obeys speed limits
It's so close to Downtown (Bellevue and Seattle), but also a lot of greens	Newport Neighborhood Library	Love this libraery. Small and comfortable	I worry about the traffic after Big Picture moves in Eastgate Elementary used to be
Crime is high due to the "Porchlight Effect"	Library	It's safe	
	Library/Community Center		

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It used to be the lovely old large evergreen trees and affordability! Not so much anymore sadly.	My neighborhood	We can cosmiserate about the awful development happening. It isn't about density, it's about greed. I love my neighbors and neighborhood - but it's changing at a drastic pace	Please, please, please stop developers from taking down large mature evergreen trees. It has to stop!
Close to everything. Has all you need within 5-10 mins. We love that the fire dept. is right around the corner. Police dept too!	Robinswood Park	It has all you need to enjoy a day outdoors. Playground, dog park, soccer fields, walking trails, etc.	We don't always feel safe when we leave our apartment. We live close to the Porchlight property and have seen a lot of drug use right out on the sidewalk
Easy access to Mercer Island and Seattle; good Park-n-Ride		There is no place to meet people and make friends. No one is friendly, neighbors don't say hello, librarians and clerks don't smile, no one wants to talk	Shoplifting, property crime, and theft has pretty much ruined Eastgate. People feel hopeless and helpless
Ideally located for arterials	Newport Way Library	Where else is there? South Bellevue Community Center feels like a concrete prison! Bad energy there	Eastgate and Bellevue has lost its lovely arbored appeal for people and animals. Builders need to leave the big trees or be very heavily fined
It is a close knit area. Easy to get around with many amenities (grocery stores to walking areas)	Factoria	Easy access. Area has many options and opportunities	
Small town feel although in a big city			The 20 mph signs are not deterring speeders. Painted walking areas help a bit where no sidewalks exist
I-90 divides the Eastgate neighborhood. City needs to do a better job at keeping streets clean		There is no community meeting space for residents on the north side of I-90	SE Eastgate Way is unsafe and undesirable with all the trash on the side of the road and homeless men loitering and sleeping on the sidewalk, etc.

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The trees and neighborhood feeling	Lattawood Park	of the outdoors and people generally gather there	
Homeless area	Bellevue Badminton Club	Community of diverse members with a common interest	A lot more criminal activity at Park-n-Rides. Needs more police presence
Really, after living here for over 35 years, the only positive thing I would say its very accessible for cars to get to a lot of places - Seattle Bellevue, Issaquah, and north and south	Lil Jons	It is easy to get to and decent food. Also the South Bellevue Community Center for physical activities	The Eastgate Shopping Center needs help. The parking is terrible and the stores are marginal. I hope CVS will do better than Rite Aid
Still has a good number of older homes - not fancy with REAL yards. Disappearing fast	My yard	The sidewalk passes in front of my house and I have many admirers of my flowers	
Multicultural. Location, perfect to commute to Redmond, Seattle, Issaquah, etc.	Bellevue Community Center	BCC is very accessible and offer lots of options. Is close to my house.	Would love to see less powerlines and poles. Need to take better care of vegetation, trees, trim bushes, landscape in general
Proximity to I-90 and 405. Library and Comm. Center are good	Community Center	Activities there	All the mega mansions being built are an eyesore as are untended yards
Transit and convenience accessibility	Neighborhood Park	Families and kids gather. Swimming, tennis/pickleball courts	It would be great to have more retail businesses but not car shops
Quiet from the usual hustle and bustle	SE Newport Way & 150th Ave SE	It's a major crossroad	Shields on the street lights would be nice to reduce light into my apartment at night
The oneness with nature that you get in Eastgate	Safeway	It's convenient and neighborly	Need a sidewalk on Newport Way going east

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It's a quiet and safe neighborhood, yet very convenient for shopping, eating out, etc. Both Bellevue and Issaquah is a easy drive away	Starbucks	I do some business meeting there since I don't have an office	Public transit is a challenge. I wish more buses go to airport and downtown.
Location I-90 and 405	Homes and restaurants - Lil John and Last Frontier Coffee	Traffic - getting a small park yeah cost	Keep plants, trees, bushes, more solar. Greater variety of prices of homes/ rentals
I've lived here for 50 years. I haven't seen much improvement. It's discouraging to see other parts of Bellevue with beautiful plants and no trash on streets. Come to Eastgate and it's a different story!	Community Center	Activities offered. However, I think the cost should come down	Trash along roads needs to be cleaned up! More plants in and along public areas. Better lighting in streets. Cut back overgrwoth of trees and weeds
Eastgate has unique balance of natural beauty & accessibility. It's close to trails, parks, and mountains while still being near shopping, schools & freeways.	Eastgate parks & community center	Its safe, welcoming environment where families, seniors & youth can gather for activities, recreation & social events.	Eastgate would benefit from even greater safety measures, 1. better lighting, 2. safe pedestrian crossings, 3. traffic calming on busy streets, 4. preserving green spaces, 5. improving walkability, 6. creating more safe community spaces
Very good location-easy to get anywhere quickly			One of few neighborhoods in Bellevue WITHOUT playground park to walk to!
It's closet to the 90+405. Bellevue College	Robinswood Park	It is large+walkable	Concerned about inhabitants of the men's shelter in our greenspaces
It's very easy to get anywhere from here. Getting home is another matter.		There is no such place.	
Tucked on little hills, long term owners.	Comm center	It brings the neighborhood together	We need better street lights + sidewalks in the residntial areas.

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The connectivity with highways and the expansive shopping/services options along Factoria Blvd.	Library	it brings out the best in people when they all seeking knowledge/learning new things.	The overgrowth along the road dividers across 136th Ave is an eye sore.
It's an older home community that is being taken over by the big McMansion builds and that's hard to watch having lived here for over 50 years.	Library	it hosts meetings of all sorts for adults and kids alike.	We need a sign identifying the community...
It is a door to the mountains & woods, and still close to city center & Seattle	Library	you can meet young children & old people, it is a welcoming place.	Is there a group of people (Eastgate committee) who live here and gather as a committee representing the Eastgate residents? (Connecting Bellevue city & Eastgate)
Had our first murder by the Homeless shelter			It was great when I moved in 9 years ago, but since the homeless/transition and low income housing was completed the crime is constant along with questionable activities along eastgate way
It's flat enough to each kids to ride bikes right here, and hilled enough to be interesting	Last Frontier Café	great solar exposure, outdoor space with sun + shade (adjacent business), welcoming, great coffee + snacks	Cut through traffic is a continuing problem-I would greatly prefer vegitative traffic calming (not speed bumps)
Post WWII Housing architecture		Need neighborhood parks to facilitate community gathering	
Easy access to I-90 a+405 if you drive	Robinswood	It's the only park nearby (dogs, kids, sports, trails)	People who have been here for decades are being pushed out by taxes and developers and they aren't allowed to renovate easily because permits

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It has a small town feel, I describe it to people as "almost Issaquah" and I like that	the Starbucks by the Jack in the Box	It's close to my house. Quiet. Roomy. Nice outdoors seating.	It used to feel really safe and now, not so much. It's not because of Porchlight. It's because of what happens at Chevron, in the parking lots at Safeway/ CVS, cars get stolen in broad daylight
Strategic location for homeowners who want ready access to Seattle, Issaquah, and Downtown Bellevue	Lattawood Park	It's the only park of any size where community frequents or passes through on walks	Half is very hilly, half fairly flat. Walking in southern/hilly half is difficult as sidewalks are not contiguous. Difficult to access public transit.
Congestion at freeway crossing. Strip mall rather than neighborhood shops. Lack of parks/playgrounds. Lack of safe walking on main streets.	Limited	No small parks or playgrounds in either the "flat" areas or the bottom part of the hill. The demo of Eastgate Elem destroyed a playground and undercover basketball area	Pedestrian safety on 150th Ave SE is lacking! Limited safe crossing and sidewalks
The diversity of the people here, and the amount of mature trees (left). Songbirds and wildlife due to the trees	Walking in the streets	People are friendly here. Many walk the safe streets of our neighborhood	The blend of older and newer homes is nice, with new homes comes the loss of trees.
Unpretentious	Old Eastgate Elementary	Centrally located. Newport Way Library	
Convenience. Schools	Tyee	It's a place to walk to with family	Sidewalks on blind corners would be great (i.e. 139th Ave SE & 139th Pl SE. Buried electrical wires would be nice
Close to bus park & ride	Coffee shops and places with out door seating; public parks		Porchlight Shelter has added a lot of trash, dumping, littering, and weird behavior
The former Bellevue airport and associated greenspaces	Spiritridge Park	It is convenient and offers nice outdoor areas to gather	Need to do something about litter and better monitoring of the homeless population

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No crimes	Factoria Mall		
No one seemed to know about Eastgate until recently when the price of original homes skyrocketed, old homes were demolished and huge homes replaced them with a huge price tag	Their home	That's what normal healthy people do	I know how to knock on a neighbor's door and say welcome. Some of us still exist here.
Cougar Mountain	Parks, Factoria		Not enoug green space in lower Cougar Mountain
Great for one thing! Outskirts of Bellevue is great to live! It stays clean!	The Mall	It's not as busy as Downtown Bellevue and Safeway area	Catch the speeders! Running stop signs!
It used to be affordable - easy access to I-90	South Bellevue Community Center		Do not add landscaping if it will not be maintained. SE 36th St is a disaster. The weeds in the median are taller than the cars. This would not happen in 98004
Clean	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church	Friendly + Robinswood Park	Dangerous dead tall trees in front of multi-senior independent living a little east of south of Newport Way + past the old Eastgate Elementary School
Quiet - except the crazy car racing every night on Newport Way SE + screaming day care at Community Center			We need traffic cops on Newport Way SE. People are going 55 mph on a 25 and nightly racing

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well-connected location with large, quiet neighborhood areas	nearby local businesses with social gathering spots, especially with the opportunity to hear curated ideas that foster community building and equity.	we need to restore personal engagement, get people out of their houses, elevate the notion of community through human connection and having stakes in those relationships (rather than isolating with digital content meant to separate us)	I've lived here and nearby since early childhood in 1968 and have seen dramatic changes during that time. Green space and parks efforts are sincere but I sense that they barely keep up with best practices in terms of a good blend of large rich areas of accessible green space and a generally widespread sense of natural elements; a younger city without mature trees generally has that problem but I know green space is difficult with such land use pressure. I'm sad to see much of the original post-war character disappear and be completely erased by modern residential and business construction. I'd like to see more acknowledgement of history and past communities at parks, in public art/historical markers, etc. (immigrant farmers, indigenous communities, major land modifications that changed the character for better or worse, etc.) Europe and Asia have a sense of permanent history--Eastgate definitely (and much of Bellevue) doesn't. A visitor would see a city "in the now" but a friend once said to me in my 20s that Bellevue is vogue on the outside and vague on the inside and even at that age I had to agree. It's a comfortable place to live but has a sense of superficiality. My other comments about community gathering places that build connection are also meant to heal some of the evaporation of that history. Those of us who've been here for a long time found an organic sense of place; those who exist in the new Bellevue/ Eastgate don't even have much of a chance to build the deepest kind of awareness-nourished roots.

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It has one of the best locations in Bellevue, quiet living area but also accessible to major highway like I90 and I405.			
Rural living with great convenience (shopping, commute , entertainment)	Parks	Relaxing and enjoyable	"Concrete sound barrier along I90 similar to what's been done in Issaquah. Clear boundary between residential and business (car dealers, shelters, office buildings)"
Location and proximity to major highways and cougar mountain	Eastgate shopping area	It is the only space where people come to gather and ahop	Eastgate needs better parks and shopping areas in and around to feel more community and connections . The car dealerships and large business buildings for example do not contribute to a cohesive community feeling.

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Bellevue College could identify itself better as being an "anchor neighbor" to the community. Also, I think the growing Asian community could help build something better.	"The important thing about Eastgate is knowing that it exists. It isn't identifiable with a hill or geographic feature. If it becomes synonymous with the college, perhaps that would help (name all the stops, exits, park & ride, etc. "Eastgate-Bellevue College"). Focus on education, workforce and economic development, etc. for meeting spaces. It helps there are two hotels in Eastgate where people can meet, but they're hard to get to, both with parking lots/curb cuts, road speeds and no dedicated turn lane, and issues with bus congestion. Also, the lack of coffee shops that are closer to I-90 is a problem. Why hasn't anything been built next to Dairy Queen for 40 years? Why hasn't anything been built around the old Baskin Robbins parking lot? Why is the Toyota dealership still there, and not condos or apartments? Does Eastgate want to be in service to I-90, or does it want to be in service to students, residents, and small business? Either one is fine, but the traffic patterns need to funnel people according to which focus is chosen. Overall, it is hard to make a ""neighborhood"" with a massive, high-speed interstate that cannot be crossed on bike or foot."	"Sorry, rambled above. Important place for meeting people could be at a Bellevue College - adjacent "college district" if we can create one together. Being on a hill is hard, and being in the trees is invisible (for the college that is), but there must be a way to build a college district part of the neighborhood.	Looking at Eastgate from the Bellevue College perspective, with 15,000 students per quarter and 2,000 employees, there are some valuable things we can do together. Looking forward to it.

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We have no sidewalks and lots of abandoned, run-down houses. It's dangerous to try to get around on foot or by bike. There's not a lot for young people to do and no bus for them to get up and down the Lakemont/Cougar Mountain hill (Lakemont or 164th).	The coffee shop by the car dealership.	There is a lot of room, it's friendly, and they have good coffee and lots of parking.	A Futsal court, pickleball courts and a skatepark would be really awesome for our younger residents in Eastgate.
Lots of trees and easy access to transportation and food	Bellevue College	education and lots of meeting spaces for the public	please ease up on all the construction projects, its making major traffic issues and not easy to get around eastgate
Still space, quiet areas, very commuter friendly	South Bellevue community center	Not a lot of places where large groups of people gather	Better housing opportunities for mid income families
The trees and the green	SBCC	it's free and welcoming.	
It's ignored.	Nowhere	It is a traffic pass-through and the city prioritizes that over connectivity.	For the city to treat it as an actual neighborhood and to listen when contacted and given feedback.

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Bellevue Collage	Bellevue Collage	There are some events, also some walking neighbors	"I'm becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of our community. There was a murder near Porchlight on August 1st, and then a body was found on the Bellevue College campus on August 15th - both incidents happened in the Eastgate area. It also feels like Eastgate has been selected to host many city facilities such as a low-barrier shelter, affordable housing, an animal shelter, and a garbage station. This gives the impression that the area is being overlooked in terms of balance and long-term planning. Many of us in the community are starting to feel that Eastgate and Factoria are becoming less safe. We would really appreciate it if the city could take more steps to improve safety and cleanliness in our neighborhood."
close access to Cougar and Squak mountains.	Bellevue College	of the many different offerings: classes and education, spaces, showcasing sustainability options, the diversity of students and employees	The noise here is just insane. Whenever I am on campus (where I work), all I hear is I-90. Why aren't there noise-trapping walls along the freeway?

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Divided by I-90	Bellevue College	there is a high number of people from all over the world congregated in one location.	Eastgate is a neighborhood that is difficult to unite since it is divided by I-90. It is also harder to unite now that BSD has closed Eastgate Elementary. Except by car, Eastgate is difficult to navigate since it is comprised primarily of very steep hills. The north side of I-90 (currently under construction and closed to buses) on Eastgate Way only has two dedicated stops. One of those stops is at Richards Road (#65300) and the other is at 139th Ave SE (#65402). At a minimum, there needs to be a stop near Polaris, Plymouth Crossing, and Porchlight. These three places, with hundreds of people, are very difficult to reach due to the steep hill.
I enjoy all the original smaller homes that have been in the neighborhood instead of seeing only revamped mcMansions.	Starbucks		
Affordable housing (which will be gone if the City continues to allow re-development)	Safeway	Everyone goes there	The streets will need to be widened if the City continues to encourage housing that is more dense.

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"the fact that I-90 bisects it! That the Neighborhood Area boundaries are so illogical that many people who live in the Neighborhood Area do not consider that they live in Eastgate. Neighborhood cohesion is very difficult. That Porchlight and Polaris at Eastgate were ill-advisedly sited in Eastgate and the negative resulting problems were all pretty much predicted, except worse than anticipated. The fact that there is so much non-leased office space sitting empty, when it could be productively contributing to vibrancy and the local economy. That car dealerships took away much-used and needed and varied retail. That the city doesn't pay much attention to Eastgate -- I say we're like an unwanted stepdaughter.	Frankly, there is only one true 3rd place: Last Frontier Coffee which opened earlier 2025. This location has always been a coffee shop, until Lithia, which owns the parcel, wanted to raze it to build yet another car dealership. The prior coffee shop was closed for more than a year until Last Frontier opened. So Eastgate had zero 3rd places to gather. There is no park within Eastgate proper. (Eastgate Park is not a "real" neighborhood park.) Only Newport Way Library has a free meeting room, which is really booked up, especially since post-pandemic, it's open till 8pm only on Tuesday and Wednesday. FYI, the reason that the Eastgate Community Association annual Block Party was named that, is because the first two years we held it literally on my dead-end block!	it's the only one we have	Not something the city can do anything about -- except be vigilant about how many trees developers are cutting down to build McMansions, and now Middle Housing. One of the things I loved about Eastgate is how lush and treed and quiet it was. Construction of SO MANY McMansions (which began in Eastgate in 2015 or 2016) has caused a lot of noise. And since that began, I've thought Bellevue's moniker City in a Park was a joke, at least in Eastgate, because of all the large, old trees, especially Doug Firs, that were being cut down to build McMansions. And if the city really cared about preserving relatively affordable housing, where have they been when so many owners sell their 1950s-era Eastgate ramblers to developers to build behemoths, because the developers are so high-pressure? Why didn't the city buy those homes and fix them up? SO MANY Eastgate residents lament that all of the above has occurred. "lush and treed and quiet" is what those of us who bought here love(d).
	Community Center @ old Eastgate park		
Views	SBCC and library	Beautiful, public, well located	

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	Newport Way Library	It's free	I am disappointed that so much construction is being done to build giant homes rather than smaller, more dense houses that would be more affordable.
Spread out and divided by I90	no real place	Costly	Local blocks friendly but don't get to meet and know others
Location	None! Perhaps the library?	No central walk to location	Save the trees from these mega house developers
The Porchlight/Plymouth Crossings create a dangerous climate. No peace.	None	I don't know of any	Relocate these low barrier housing units to a less populated area in the state.
Fast access to Seattle, Bellevue downtown, close to Issaquah	South Bellevue Community Center	Have meetings room	Too much traffic
			Need to get parking permits. Street parking is getting worse
Convenience	None		Need more sidewalks
It's a neighborhood, not a city!	coffee shop (not-starbucks), barber shop, small stores, restaurants, etc.	Those places are where people come together, talk, and do things together without regard for politics, race, etc. They don't do that at a mega-car sales place.	I've lived in the area a long time, and it seems that it's slowly changing with the spread of michaels, at the loss of small independent businesses. This is making it a less attractive place to live, shop and spend time.
Convenient location to go to multiple locations such as Bellevue, Seattle, Southcenter and Issaquah.	Park & Ride	its convenient for going multiple places.	After the homeless shelter & low income housing opening, some issues are introduced such as trash on sidewalk, homeless staying and drug abuse in the park.
Close to freeway while we have close to so many amenities such as library, supermarkets, community center, parks.	Newport Library	Its easy for people to remember the location, enough parking, can spend short or long time there.	An increased amount of homelessness around the neighborhood

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Eastgate is a convenient location for gas, shopping and services but the rise in homeless and the lack of vibrancy in the safeway/riteaid area has made it feel unsafe. And this is coming from a person whose dentist is in eastgate, my prescriptions, gas and shopping (although recently I have not gone to that Safeway) and when my kids were little we used the SBCC and Eastgate libraby often. I have a daughter and she does not feel safe getting gas there alone (even in the day time). I have also felt that way. The pagliaci was a great addition, as was the starbucks, I think more brands like this in the stripmall could make it a great little hub.	when kids were little SBCC (if that is considered eastgate?), and I know my sister and her family go to lil' john every Friday. a few times a summer we meet friends at DQ.		Safety is an issue. I would love to feel safe going down to Eastgate even at night be myself.
Diverse families in a mature neighborhood of houses and landscape.	Lacking. Right now schools, church, and grocery store. Definitely an area of opportunity.	Best commercial space is taken up by car dealerships. They are important, but we either need to offer new locations for them or re-invent the Safeway commercial area.	Need to keep a close eye on crime and be prepared to ramp up police service when it is needed. Our proximity to I405 and I90 opens up many doors for criminals and people with bad intentions. I'm already not comfortable letting my teenage kids be at the Eastgate Park & Ride alone.
No	Ok		
The diversity	The parks	Its a important part of the community	None

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there's a lot more construction	cafes and restaurants	that's where most people are here in eastgate	No
The community	Bellevue college	People are very friendly	
Very clean, no garbage in roads	Factorial marketplace	Fun	I wish they bring back the bus routes at Northup way 164th AVE NE and 10th st

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Many of us who have lived in Eastgate for 10 or more yrs, will tell you that we moved to Eastgate because of all the mature trees and lush shrubbery. Personally, I was kind of dithering on purchasing my house, when I 1st looked at it, but I walked out onto my back patio, took 1 look at my 2 huge Maple trees & said, "I'll take it!" Because of the park-like atmosphere that exists on private property through-out the neighberhood, due to King County neglecting us for so many yrs & failing to put such conditions into parks, designated green spaces, and along the the roadways & freeway. Being a mature neighborhood, it also means the trees planted in our little Eastgate Plaza Shopping Center have matured and become beautiful! And thank you to the Transp. Dept. & WSDOT for retaining the trees along SE 37th St (in front of Safeway), even with all the construction happening!	The library, our local stores, & even as we pass on our walks throughout the neighborhood.	we have very little in the way of meeting places in Eastgate. But we do have a lot of walkers in my part of Eastgate! Lots of families/ friends walking together and lots of people walking their dogs.	It both breaks my heart & pisses me off to see how disrespectful the McMansion developers have been to our neighborhood! I cringe every time I hear a chainsaw! In 2019, Micki Larimer, Leslie Geller, & I did an in-depth evaluation of the negative impacts these McMansions were having on our neighborhood. This is no fault of the current owners, but the developers have carelessly cut down & bulldozed every tree & shrub they could get away with removing, whether it was in the way or not. By my calculations, these McMansions had replaced 20% of our neighborhood by 2019. So 6 yrs later it's even worse! Each and every 1 of those McMansions has removed one of the most affordable market-rate homes in Bellevue, so has had a huge impact on the affordability of Bellevue & the Affordable Housing Crisis. If the City Council would just have the courage to stand up to the McMansion builders & find a way to make it less profitable to build a McMansion in the traditionally modestly priced neighborhoods such as Lake Hills/ Crossroads, Robinswood, Eastgate, & Newport Hills (a tax or some extra fee on new construction & re-models of homes that are MORE THAN 2,800 sq ft in these specific neighborhoods, might convince these builders to build more modestly priced homes here.). Or better yet, to leave the existing ramblers in place & go build McMansions elsewhere. It's not that we necessarily want to drive these McMansion developers completely out of Bellevue. We just want to guide them to the appropriate neighborhoods & areas. Think of it like a zoning issue. As many of my friends & neighbors have said, these McMansions are out of place in Eastgate, tho' many would be quite beautiful in a neighborhood of comparably sized homes. And this would allow the retention of the modest homes, which can then be short-platted or have a cottage or ADU be built on the property.

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It has a lot of trees and natural habitats	Newport Library		
All the amenities are close by without it feeling too urban	SBCC	Lots of activities	
Proximity to I-90.	South bellevue CC	There are many programs there	
	WEI	after school program	
Access to major shopping	Coffee shops	Meeting friends	

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This area has a great deal of accessibility for those looking to go in any direction. It is significantly easier by car, though, as transit access is no longer safe at the park and ride, or actually running through most of the neighborhood.	This does not exist here.		This area is obviously not high on the city council's priority list. You spent money to "improve" roads with dividers and medians, but don't maintain them. You are well aware there are very few roads from Eastgate to Factoria, but approve construction projects that take all of them out of commission at nearly the exact same times, and don't adjust the lights for increased traffic, making it impossible for people to get out of their immediate neighborhood. This area needs less bribes being taken by city hall, and more thoughtful consideration as to what actually makes a neighborhood successful. You have deliberately allowed MN Custom to skirt or blatantly ignore code because they're a "good builder" instead of a "bad builder" and as a result, our neighborhoods are significantly worse in all aspects; nature/trees, heat reflection, neighborly interactions, and more. These "improvements" need to be sustainable, community building, security enforcing, and make sense for the people that live here now.
Proximity to expressway			
Nothing	None	There are no areas set up for that	

What is something special about Eastgate that sets it apart from other parts of the city?	An important place for meeting other people in Eastgate is...	because...	Is there anything else you'd like to share about Eastgate?
Still growing - new businesses coming in all the time			Needs a good coffee shop to replace Tully's
Its east	Community park	It cool	Nah
unsafe	Kentucky Fried Chicken	it's safe	

Neighborhood Scan

Responses from the neighborhood scan are paraphrased from participant worksheets that document experiences and observations and are organized into thematic categories for clarity.

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
			Speeding vehicles, some good bike lanes & safety	Better signage, community events
Safe & Fun & Intresting	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks	Overgrown shrubs, lack of bus stops, dead trees, sidewalks blocked by electrical boxes	Sidewalk maintainance, flashing yellow lights at ped crossings, long-term goal: Eastrail over I-90
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Lack of street amenities like lighting, signage, benches, etc.	Greenery makes area calm and pretty, good entrances for cars @ EG Plaza, lots of greenery	safer sidewalks, install crosswalk signals/lights, more parks
			Bike path shared with road, lack of sidewalk	Dedicated bike path
			underutilized lots, lots of greenery, dilapidated houses	better land utilization, more stores & houses, less gress and trees
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery		parts w/ great sidewalks, trash on lawns & sidewalks, walk & bike lanes, dangerous to cross street, frequent the area, keep trees, no bus stops	safer sidewalks/barriers. Adding raised reflective markers, slow crosswalk countdown
Safe & Fun	Open spaces and Greenery & comfortable streets		abundance of vegetation, isolated, dark at night, sidewalk ends abruptly, no bike lanes, youth friendly, trash on street, not ADA accessable , kid friendly signs	more street lighting, community events, more sidewalks, more bike lanes

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
Safe & Fun	Open spaces and Greenery & comfortable streets	Poor sidewalks & Lack of street lighting...	sidewalks missing, quiet neighborhood, lots of greenery, walk uphill needs maintainence	additional sidewalks, additional small businesses, additonal security (cameras), additional access for disabled
			lots of greenery, quiet & safe, no sidewalks, not ADA compliant	more houses, less trees, more shops,
			lots of trees, quiet, speeding vehicles, walking/biking lanes can be ran over by cars, lots of traffic, hard to cross streets, hard to access via walking	more lights, more events, more bus stops, better sidewalks, lifted/ blocked off sidewallk/bike lanes,
Safe	Intresting places to see & comfortable streets	Vehicular Traffic	lots of trees, great sense of place,	more sidewalks, more crosswalks, more trees & nature areas, make Newport way library bigger
Fun	Open spaces and Greenery	Vehicular Traffic & Poor sidewalks	lots of trees, lots of cars, lots of trash	less leaves on street, less weeds on road, less trash, more walkways
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks	lots of trees and leaves, cracks in the street, lots of leaves, some litter	less leaves on street, less cracks in streets, more trees around sidewalk, less litter, at path - more accssibility, more sidewalks
Safe	Intresting places to see	Vehicular Traffic	lots of trees	more sidewalks, more pedestrian safety, better middle border on road
Fun	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks	many trees, walk and bike lines,	more sidewalks, increase crosswalk timing,

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
			lots of trees, dark because shading from trees, no sidewalks	more sidewalks instead of designated parking spots, more obvious trails/better signage, more places to chill outside of library
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Lack of street amenities like lighting, signage, benches, etc.	lots of nature, good sidewalks @ Newport Library, not enough places to hangout/ parks, cheap sidewalks, stop signs covered by vegitation, @shopping plaza - repairs needed in some places, sidewalks obstructed by forestation, lots of construction, plants in sidewalks, pathways hard to find	open spaces, bus stops, parking, sidewalks, more grass fields to play, chairs/seating, places for biking/skate, more garbage disposals
			trees, good sidewalks, steep hills, partly cracked roads	parks, playgrounds, benches, bus stops, more sidewalks
			isolated, lots of nature, very dark during night, little sidewalk, no street lights, overgrown vegitation, trash, deep slope, no disability access	more lights, more events, more transportation access, additional bus stops, upright trail signs, better wayfinding, more garbage disposlas

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
			lots of trees, isolated library, run out of sidewalk/no sidewalk, no bus stops, not much parking, large highway next to plaza, trash on parking lot, two sidewalks @I-90 sidewalk on one side of main road @ EG Park, no sidewalks in neighborhoods	more sidewalks, more bus stops, cleaner parking lots, more nature, more visable wayfinding, less trash on grass access, more accessibility on large slope trails
			lots of trees, shaded areas, lots of nature, ran out of sidewalk, trash in parking lots, crossing the street is dangerous, steep sidewalk - not accessible for everyone	more events, more bus stops, more parks, more sidewalks, safer road crossings, clean up parking lots, more green grass/vegitation @ I-90, nicer crosswalk bridge, better signage,
			mostly nature, feels dangerous to cross the sky bridge	more lights in intersections, make crossbridge safer
			not consistent sidewalks, speedings vehicles, lots of painted on sidewalks, did not realize there was bride crosswalk,	more painted on sidewalks, build up minipark, Collins park needs a revamp & maintenance, more kid-friendly places
			tree coverage, enjoys the street side sidewalks, parking lot by Safeway has no good walkways, love the skybridge,	more parks/public spaces, more sidewalks, more bus stops
			not enough walking space, lots of green,	more sidewalks, did not know the I-90 bridge was there, riskey, rusted, sketch

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks & Lack of street lighting...	not very good sidewalks, messy and visable trash near the Safeway, lots of cracked roads	more sidewalks, cleaner powerlines, more benches, improvements to railing @bridge, no lamps of bridge, more greenery
			Lots of parking, limited sidewalks, wide streets, clearly marked pedestrian walkway, tree branches on powerlines @Safeway plaza, did not know there was a bridge, nice trail	more sidewalks, prefer raised sidewalks, need more lights, more trash cans, nice playground for kids, easy parking
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Vehicular Traffic	lots of trees, lots of cars, nice crosswalks @shopping center,	more sidewalks, extensions on the garden, more communal space, more prominat signage, maintained storm drains, more parks, more benches, fix the existing signage, more foresty & plant diveristy
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks	nice sidewalk and shaded path @ library,	longer sidewalk @ library, more sidewalks, more street art, better wayfinding
			noise from traffic, beautiful views up hill	more grenery, more benches, more sidewalks
Safe	Intresting places to see	Poor sidewalks		more sidewalks, crosswalk lights, a park, less trees
			lots of nature, lots of traffic, sidewalk @EG plaza are dirty, lots of trees, not many parks	cleaner sidewalks, more trees, more stops when walking, more lighting, more sidewalks
Safe	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks		more trees, more sidewalks, parks, public attractions

Route feeling overall	What made your walk enjoyable	The biggest challenge while walking	Observation / Issue	Future
Fun	Open spaces and Greenery		sidewalks abruptly stop, dangerous to walk on street, little graffiti,	sidewalk connectivity, parks, flatter land, improve mailboxes, better streetlights, better bridge (bit decayed), more buildings (taller) more apartments/less SF
			very steep hills, trees, very few parks	small community park spaces, benches, stairs, green open spaces, more shade
			rural spaces,	More buses, more walkability, imporvements to trail network, street lights, ADA compliance
			a trail system	more parking, shops/resturants, gathering spaces, pool
			some walking paths, beautifulness, trials, dealerships, bus stops, affordable housing, parking	mini transportation on campus, more pedestrian walkways, light rail, transit oriented
Uncomfortable	Open spaces and Greenery	Poor sidewalks & Lack of street lighting...	trees, parking, path from 1 to 2 was not clear, risky crosswalk, lots of nature, unfinished sidewalks, no pedestrian amenities	better signage, gas station, coffee shops, clean walking trails, trail needs lighting, outdoor seating, outdoor amenities like workout items, signage about the local flora and fauna

Kick-Off Responses

Eastgate is known for its...

1. elegance
2. convenience, low barrier shelter
3. Family vibes, quiet spaces.
4. Great location
5. natural beauty
6. being neglected by CoB
7. tall trees + lush vegitation
8. greenery, central location
9. Treed lots, good schools, diversity
10. grocery +
11. convenience
12. neighborhoods
13. Former affordability
14. deen? to the wild, the forest, the mountains
15. diverse community
16. friendliness
17. diversity and nature.
18. safety & legacy neighborhood
19. commuter role/being a travel hub
20. easy access
21. safety & legacy neighborhoods
22. Diversity and family feel
23. affordable single family home
24. Nice and convenience in the region
25. central location-easy to get to Issaquah, downton Bvue, Newcastle
26. peace
27. commercial car dealerships, parks, office space, shopping, a few restaurants
28. New construction
29. Working and living in this neighborhood

We pride ourselves on being a ___ and ___ neighborhood.

1. diverse, inviting
2. respectful; safe
3. established; chill
4. safe; welcoming
5. having quiet neighborhoods and until McMansions devoured Eastgate, lots of wonderful old trees.
6. creative; friendly
7. walkable; bikeable
8. diverse; safe

9. working; playing
10. safe; fam oriented
11. inclusive; friendly
12. lively; diverse welcoming
13. welcoming; inviting
14. small; helpful
15. supportive; inclusive
16. welcoming; established
17. supportive; active
18. diverse; inclusive
19. clean; accessible
20. welcoming; established
21. fun; vibrant
22. independent; convenient
23. Safe; attractive
24. peaceful; kind

Working together, we can be a more ___ community that enhances ___ for future generations.

1. united; our spaces & qualities
2. integrated; prosperity & fulfilment
3. connected; our environment
4. cohesive; has many more gathering places for a wide variety of uses
5. family friendly; peace
6. acessible; opportunities
7. walkable
8. inclusive; belonginess
9. environmentally friendly; the earth, tree canopy, community gardens, env education
10. resilient; connectivity between residents
11. vibrant; diversity
12. safe; environment
13. safe, convenient; education, opportunities, environment
14. tight knit; embracing diversity
15. connected; liveability
16. well rounded; economic growth
17. intentional; beauty + safety
18. tight knit; community
19. intentional; diversity
20. uniform; affordable homes
21. Safe; mobility, and accessibility
22. vibrant; engagements
23. welcoming; connections
24. convenient; happiness

What is an example of a unique business or service in Eastgate today?

1. Plymouth Crossing
2. Mission Gathering Christian Church (Diversity inclusive), Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ, Eastgate Coop Preschool (engaging, local, affordable for families)
3. Many great Asian stores & restaurants, St. Margarot's Thrift shop
4. We don't have any. Seattle Humane is unique but draws from a broad region. Porchlight (and Plymouth Xing) is unique but definitely is NOT a welcome addition to Eastgate.
5. Last Frontier Coffee!! <3
6. Library + surrounding green space can bike to both Lake WA and Lake Sammamish!!
7. Bellevue college, newport way library
8. Higher leaf
9. Dairy Queen, Lil John's
10. South Bellevue Community Center, Plant a tee
11. Plymouth housing
12. Lil Johns, Last Frontier Coffee, DQ
13. Retail & car dealership
14. Castle nail
15. NONE, need something
16. Grocery stores, pharmacy stores
17. churches, car dealers
18. Lil John's - local breakfast spot, Newcastle library, South Bellevue community center w/ zipline + ropes course
19. safeway
20. BC College & many businesses

What qualities do you want Eastgate's commercial districts to be known for? Select up to two boxes.

1. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
2. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient; Essential & Convenient
3. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient; Cultural & Active; Useful & Relaxed; Vibrant & Fun
4. Busy & Attractive
5. Accessible & Local; Useful & Relaxed
6. Accessible & Local; Professional & Convenient
7. Accessible & Local; Useful & Relaxed
8. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
9. Useful & Relaxed; Vibrant & Fun
10. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
11. Accessible & Local; Cultural & Active
12. Accessible & Local; Useful & Relaxed
13. Essential & Convenient; Cultural & Active
14. Accessible & Local; Useful & Relaxed
15. Cultural & Active; Vibrant & Fun
16. Accessible & Local; Professional & Convenient
17. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient; Professional & Convenient

18. Useful & Relaxed; Vibrant & Fun
19. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
20. Essential & Convenient; Useful & Relaxed
21. Cultural & Active; Vibrant & Fun
22. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
23. Professional & Convenient; Cultural & Active
24. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient; Useful & Relaxed; Vibrant & Fun
25. Accessible & Local; Essential & Convenient
26. Accessible & Local; Busy & Attractive; Professional & Convenient; Useful & Relaxed; Cultural & Active; Vibrant & Fun

What is an example of a place you gather with others in Eastgate today?

1. New castle park, cougar mountain zoo.
2. Last Frontier Coffee
3. Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ (Spiritist study group of Seattle specifically), Newport way library
4. Used to go to top of park & ride but now it is closed. Tyee school area, coffee shop in Eastgate
5. Lattawood park
6. There is ONLY ONE! Last Frontier Coffee
7. Last Frontier Coffee, Newport Way Library
8. Last Frontier Coffee
9. S. Bellevue comm center, Newport way library, Bellevue College
10. none
11. Starbucks
12. My backyard
13. Bellevue community center
14. We gather at church which serve a faith community as well as the larger community, choir groups, music lessons, scouts and campfire groups and many others. Many of the church's are closing and the groups that meet in the church are being displaced with no alternatives. More flexible meeting venues are needed.
15. Eastgate Park
16. Lil Johns, Last Frontier Coffee
17. I like diversity in Eastgate. My parents are from China. They are easy to make friends at Lattawood park.
18. Outback
19. Starbucks on north side of I-90
20. Outback, yarel @ neighbors
21. safeway
22. front yards
23. Outback & our yards
24. Little Jon's
25. Starbucks, parks
26. El Tapatio-Factoria, Somerset Elementary School Playground, Edgebrook Tennis Club, Lil Jon's, Eastgate park

27. nothing
28. starbucks
29. Restaurants, my CPA office

What can make this place a more welcoming and inviting place for people to gather?

1. If the city made more effort to include plymouth crossing in community outtings.
2. No more low barrier shelters.
3. More green spaces we don't have easy access (walking distance/safe sidewalks/or even side spaces on streets/pedestrian crossings) to local parks, specially EAST of Future Big Picture School.
4. Not sure
5. The park has seen a huge increase in use over the past five years. I think it could use more attention to upkeep and maintenance. I think community members would be willing to volunteer to help.
6. We need MORE gathering spaces.
7. Last Frontier Coffee: Maintain this area as sothern community businesses + keep light exposure; Newport Way Library: put a park across/diagonal the street if property(s) sell.
8. Walking path from sidewalk on Eastgate Wy
9. Transit-the loss of the metro 246 cuts a blow. Improve trails for walkability(?)
10. make community center offer more for seniors, walking tracks
11. More small biz
12. Expand the current footprint for the emerging Eastgate park.
13. Organize more of this kind of event so we can meet our neighbors
14. Fun community events
15. Safe-seating weather protected, inexpensive friendly food.
16. Have more events like block party. Free class in the community center, especially about Chinese cultural events and classes.
17. Better accessibility via transit
18. Close by national food grocer instead of fast food
19. more services, bars & restaurants
20. keep theft down
21. outside gathering w/ firepits and cover from the rain
22. More bans with ability to host events & outside music & etc.
23. Community lounge, open space.
24. More sidewalks, dog park near Eastgate park
25. We need community gathering spaces
26. Need more affordable housing for restaurant employees

What travel mode do you use most regularly to visit destinations within your neighborhood? Select one.

1. Bus; Car
2. Car
3. Bike/Scoot; Car

4. Walk/Roll
5. Car; Walk/Roll
6. Car
7. Walk/Roll; Car
8. Bike/Scoot
9. Walk/Roll; Bus; Car
10. Car
11. Walk/Roll; Car
12. Car
13. Walk/Roll; Car
14. Car
15. Car
16. Walk/Roll; Car
17. Car
18. Car
19. Car
20. Car
21. Car
22. Car
23. Car
24. Car
25. Car
26. Car
27. Car
28. Walk/Roll
29. Walk/Roll; Car

What Eastgate destinations are hard to visit, that you would like better access to in the future?

1. Bus stop shelters & seats for commuters
2. Need better handicap public transportation. Access is a mess. Would love Circut to come to area.
3. Access to bus stops. Some stretches of SE Newport way don't even have space on the street for people to walk. I don't feel comfortable letting my kids walk by themselves to the school bus stop because of that. Access to PARKS/Green areas/Playgrounds. We have to drive to all of them. We are on SE Newport Way. Bike lanes/signs for better access to the transfer station.
4. Top of Eastgate park and ride, top of Somerset
5. Eastgate shopping center
6. none
7. Complete the small missing sidewalk gap on Allan, near Newport Way/Tyee MS. It's doable and the current situation is dangerous.
8. Robinswood Park, distance is bikeable/walkable, access is poor.
9. I had good access on the Metro 246. Now I will drive to most destinations.
10. They seem accessible as is but sidewalks would help.

11. Would love to bike/scoot but too dangerous! Eastgate park difficult to access because of lack of sidewalks from my house to the park and the heave car traffic.
12. Eastgate is not multimodal. Bus service has been reduced over the years and there are so many hills it is difficult to navigate by bike or on foot. Increase bus service is a must if we are to make an increase in density work.
13. Eastgate way (bus stop closure)
14. 1. We often visit Newport way Library and community center by car. But we would love to walk. Unfortunately, from SE Newport way and 150th Ave SE along 148th Pl SE, and SE 45th Pl, there is no sidewalk. The streets are super busy and we don't feel safe to walk along it. Wish have side walk in the future.
    2. Add more street lights. We live on SE 45th Pl. It is very dark on the street during the night time.
15. Around I-90 off ramp to Eastgate
16. Need convenient shuttle/bus service
17. All are pretty accessible IMHO
18. Newport way needs to be more pedestrian/bike friendly/too dangerous
19. Both sides of I-90 with sidewalks along Newport way
20. School area. Newport way access
21. My son is having a hard time getting home from Newport Highschool with the 246 line being cancelled.
22. It's really hard to use metro in Eastgate.
23. Traffic is busy, safety.

Bellevue is known as a "City in a Park" because of its park-like setting. How can Eastgate's natural environment be enhanced to contribute to this identity?

24. Eastgate is a green neighborhood. One of the most green in Bellevue as far as I can see. Donation trees/other plants program (increase outreach).
25. Designate non-park city forest areas as protected green belt.
26. One big issue for me is to eliminate invasive weeds especially Boston Ivy from parks & green spaces. This is critical to protect the beautiful old trees we have.
27. STOP cutting down so many old trees to build McMansions and now Middle Housing units.
28. Street Trees, vegetation (sm loudy? trees) in traffic circles, manage HBB on sidewalks + on Right-of-ways and along bike paths.
29. Preserve the large trees!
30. Improve tree replacement, encourage tree planting. Too many old trees are being cut down and not replaced.
31. I love cougar Mtn Wildland? Park for hiking, would like to use Newport HS Track for walking as was available 30 years ago.
32. Great tree canopy. Keep construction components, like M&N from de-foresting the neighbor as they build
33. Help each other to maintain private gardens (mainly for older residents). Have access to environment specialist a dear and tricks to appreciate and protect? natural environment (maybe through Bellevue city). Make all parks accessible for everyone (older).

34. The open space in Eastgate is disconnected and often hidden or hard to find. Better wayfinding and coordination connecting spaces would be helpful.
35. Nature walks, nature learning sessions
36. More trees, less cutting down of trees unless absolutely necessary/safety
37. This is why we moved here from Seattle during the Covid time. Our family like to go to the parks. Hope can build more parks and trails in our neighborhood.
38. Maintain & enhance green areas
39. Continued trail maintenance
40. Keep they clean & maintained
41. Maintain plantings, clean intersections & keep grass mowed, finish the construction, tio? graffiti, paint pedestrian bridge to enhance beauty
42. more hiking paths
43. More connectivity through neighborhoods other than streets. Trails vs sidewalks
44. No longer a city in a park--totally sold out to commercial & downtown developers!
45. Community parks very convenience for neighborhood access.
46. Continue to keep the tree canopy in neighborhoods, keep the trails through Eastgate Park.
47. Need more parks
48. Preservation of parks and open spaces and maintenance
49. More like crossroad mall area

Take a moment to reflect on your observations for each section. What do you see as the biggest opportunity for this plan to address?

1. Gathering spaces and mobility
2. I live right on boarder of Eastgate/Cougar Mt. neighborhood. We need better transportation (public) for handicap individuals. Metro Access is not a great option. Would love something with same day service like Metro Flex in Sammamish or Circut. Also, please do not rezone homes now zoned for Newport (?) to Sammamish (this is a concern due to Eastgate elementary kids going to Spiritridge.
3. Mobility & access! Health & safety (we've noticed more events recently at areas like the safeway mall & Factoria).
4. The worst part or aspect of Eastgate is the maintenance yard. They are poor neighbors, make noise during quiet hours and those are scores of big trucks often speeding through the area near Tyee School.
5. Larger w/ more retail services. The city should invest in Eastgate. The retail is run down. There isn't enough of it. The office vacancy rate is appalling--because businesses don't want lease even at lower rents. Lack of services for employees. Eastgate has felt to residents as CoB's ugly, ok-to-ignore stepchild. Except Council dumped Porchlight + Plymouth in my neighborhood, which has absolutely added insult to injury. We're angry!
6. Formalize Eastgate's identity as a verdant, leafy area by investing in new plantings + care as development occurs.
7. Improve walkability along Allen Rd.
8. Integrate and improve walking trails between facilities. Walking trails appear to be fragmented. Restore service similar to the metro 246 that was just eliminated. Certain bike lane expansion, pathway(?) to connect facilities.
9. 1) walking tract 2) senior activities here in comm center

10. Creating spaces for small business.
11. Safety and mobility for everyone is our neighborhood our needs are used to people in car trying to reach another neighborhood, or Tyee middle school and do not pay attention to the people who walk. I would say that Jam? impressed? to cross path with so many walkers early in the morning as well as at night time. Walking is popular, but can be dangerous.
12. The accessability of Eastgate! Thank you for holding this space for growth!
13. Incentives to keep foliage trees bushes, plants, flowers. Get to know neighbors.
14. Mobility & Access. Complete and connected sidewalks exist on both sides of every arterial.
15. Thank you!
16. Factoria becoming a new Asian district. With intension so it is not just organic of sprawling
17. The north side car deal area could be some nice development together with Bellevue College growing. New Bellevue swimming pool (near future). Plus traffic condition is better comparing with Factoria. A lot of potential economic development opportunities because of our special location to east on I-90. A lot of growing at near east push Eastgate area to the hotest spot before going west to Seattle.
18. Making it easier to get around Eastgate + Factoria, especially during peak travel times-like when school is starting and ending, and work rush hour. Having more places to visit with friends within walking distance-parks, cafes, etc.

Vision Statements

1. Eastgate is known for its green / environmental forward growth. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and open / accepting neighborhood. Working together we can be a more connective community that enhances shelter / community gathering areas for future generations.
2. Eastgate is known for its beauty. We pride ourselves on being a safe and pretty neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safe community that enhances safety for future generations.
3. Eastgate is known for its old trees / greenery. We pride ourselves on being a safe, quiet, friendly, mellow and family-oriented, diverse, ethnically and economically & family formations neighborhood. Working together we can be a more housing affordable community that enhances pride living in eastgate / reduced negative impact of homeless shelter for future generations.
4. Eastgate is known for its trees & family life. We pride ourselves on being a family & affordable neighborhood and inclusive & affordable neighborhood. Working together we can be a more inclusiveness & diversity community that enhances <blank> for future generations.
5. Eastgate is known for its trees, shrubs, park-like conditions on private property. We pride ourselves on being a traditional and beautiful, peaceful neighborhood. Working together we can be a more <blank> community that enhances <blank> for future generations.
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8. Eastgate is known for its greenspace. We pride ourselves on being a clean and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more friendly community that enhances quality of life for future generations.
9. Eastgate is known for its diversity. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and beautiful, peaceful neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safe community that enhances safety for future generations.
10. Eastgate is known for its diverse population. We pride ourselves on being a inclusive and quiet neighborhood. Working together we can be a more connected and friendly for families community that enhances neighborliness & safety & affordability for future generations.
11. Eastgate is known for its changing apperance. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safe, walkable community that enhances community for future generations.

12. Eastgate is known for its friendly neighbors. We pride ourselves on being a helpful to each other and walkable neighborhood. Working together we can be a more aware community that enhances community for future generations.
13. Eastgate is known for its rapid redevelopment. We pride ourselves on being a diverse and peaceful neighborhood. Working together we can be a more housing diversified community that enhances affordability for future generations.
14. Eastgate is known for its diversity. We pride ourselves on being a diverse and affordable and inclusive neighborhood. Working together we can be a more economically diverse community that enhances reclaims what we used to be for future generations.
15. Eastgate is known for its trees and diversity. We pride ourselves on being a close-in community to economic opportunity and conveniently located neighborhood. Working together we can be a more walkable and bikeable community that enhances community for future generations.
16. Eastgate is known for its housing. We pride ourselves on being a calm and equality neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safe community that enhances living for future generations.
17. Eastgate is known for its <blank>. We pride ourselves on being a clean and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more <blank> community that enhances <blank> for future generations.
18. Eastgate is known for its greenspace. We pride ourselves on being a community and friendly neighborhood. Working together we can be a more oustanding community that enhances productive for future generations.
19. Eastgate is known for its convenience. We pride ourselves on being a diverse and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more welcoming community that enhances play/creativity for future generations.
20. Eastgate is known for its diversity. We pride ourselves on being a diverse and safety neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safer community that enhances equity for future generations.
21. Eastgate is known for its safe neighborhoods. We pride ourselves on being a diverse and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more engaging community that enhances locations of interest for future generations.
22. Eastgate is known for its shopping/mall. We pride ourselves on being a economic opportunity and affordable neighborhood. Working together we can be a more fun community that enhances productive for future generations.
23. Eastgate is known for its communities. We pride ourselves on being a inclusive and sustainability neighborhood. Working together we can be a more positive community that enhances the places around us for future generations.
24. Eastgate is known for its togetherness. We pride ourselves on being a inclusive and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more spatial community that enhances relationships for future generations.

25. Eastgate is known for its housing. We pride ourselves on being a kind and responsible neighborhood. Working together we can be a more positive community that enhances positivity for future generations.
26. Eastgate is known for its price. We pride ourselves on being a near Safeway and being a neighborhood. Working together we can be a more clean, less loose dogs community that enhances less people offer vapes to middle schoolers, less coyotes, less rats for future generations.
27. Eastgate is known for its safety. We pride ourselves on being a nice and cool neighborhood. Working together we can be a more safe community that enhances safety for future generations.
28. Eastgate is known for its children. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more connected community that enhances transportation for future generations.
29. Eastgate is known for its convenience. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more connected community that enhances convenience for future generations.
30. Eastgate is known for its diversity. We pride ourselves on being a safe and inclusive neighborhood. Working together we can be a more equal community that enhances the sense of belonging for future generations.
31. Eastgate is known for its elders. We pride ourselves on being a safe and rich neighborhood. Working together we can be a more diverse community that enhances community for future generations.
32. Eastgate is known for its good housing. We pride ourselves on being a safe and convenient neighborhood. Working together we can be a more livable community that enhances the quality of life for future generations.
33. Eastgate is known for its greenspace. We pride ourselves on being a safe and pretty neighborhood. Working together we can be a more diverse community that enhances more perspectives for future generations.
34. Eastgate is known for its homes. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more mobile community that enhances transportation for future generations.
35. Eastgate is known for its housing. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more involved community that enhances equality for future generations.
36. Eastgate is known for its nature. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more happy community that enhances community for future generations.
37. Eastgate is known for its safety. We pride ourselves on being a safe and diverse neighborhood. Working together we can be a more fun community that enhances play and creativity for future generations.

38. Eastgate is known for its housing. We pride ourselves on being a scenic and calm neighborhood. Working together we can be a more natural community that enhances parks and trails for future generations.
39. Eastgate is known for its beauty. We pride ourselves on being a sustainable and safe neighborhood. Working together we can be a more <blank> community that enhances <blank> for future generations.
40. Eastgate is known for its greenery/vegetation. We pride ourselves on being a thoughtful and beautiful neighborhood. Working together we can be a more diverse/healthy/safe community that enhances inclusivity/safety for future generations.
41. Eastgate is known for its diverse community. We pride ourselves on being a tight community and welcoming neighborhood. Working together we can be a more powerful & centripedal community that enhances livability for future generations.
42. Eastgate is known for its access to urban amenities. We pride ourselves on being a and economic/monetary value neighborhood. Working together we can be a more diverse community that enhances changing the community together for future generations.

Survey Analysis

The following pages provide more detailed analysis and demographic information of respondents to the mailed and online questionnaire.

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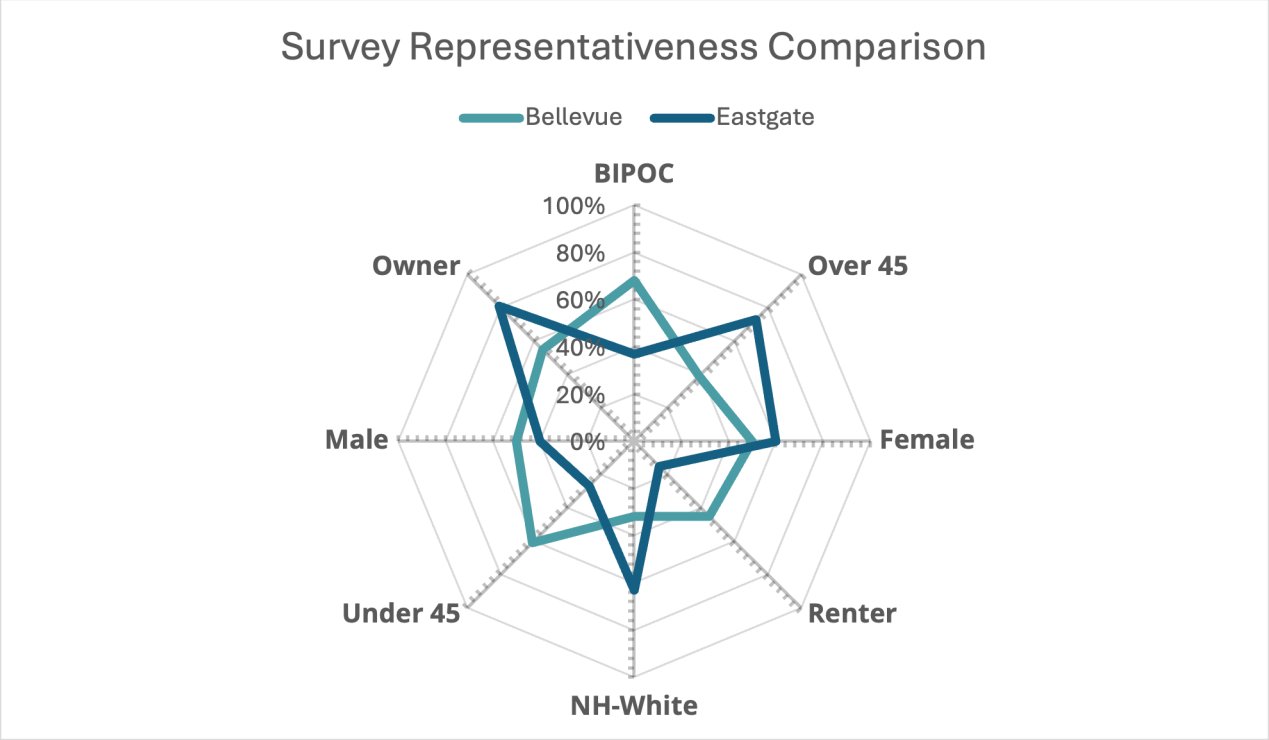

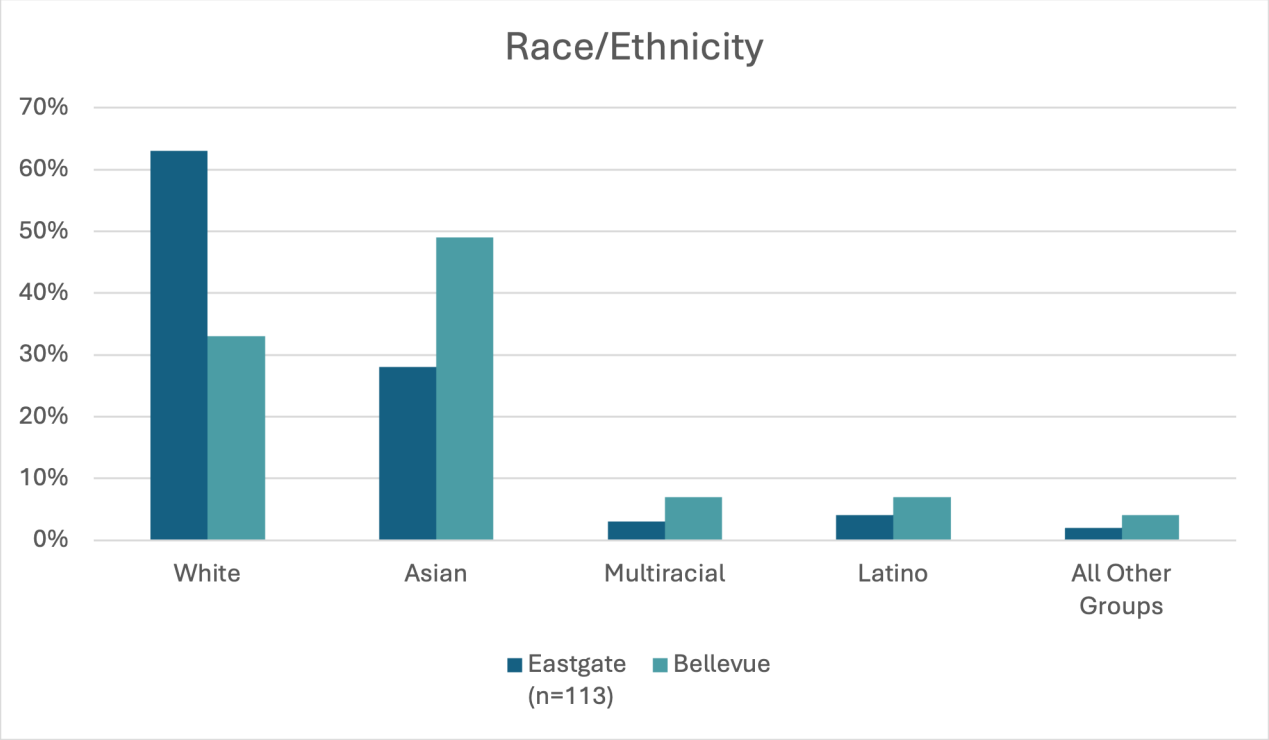

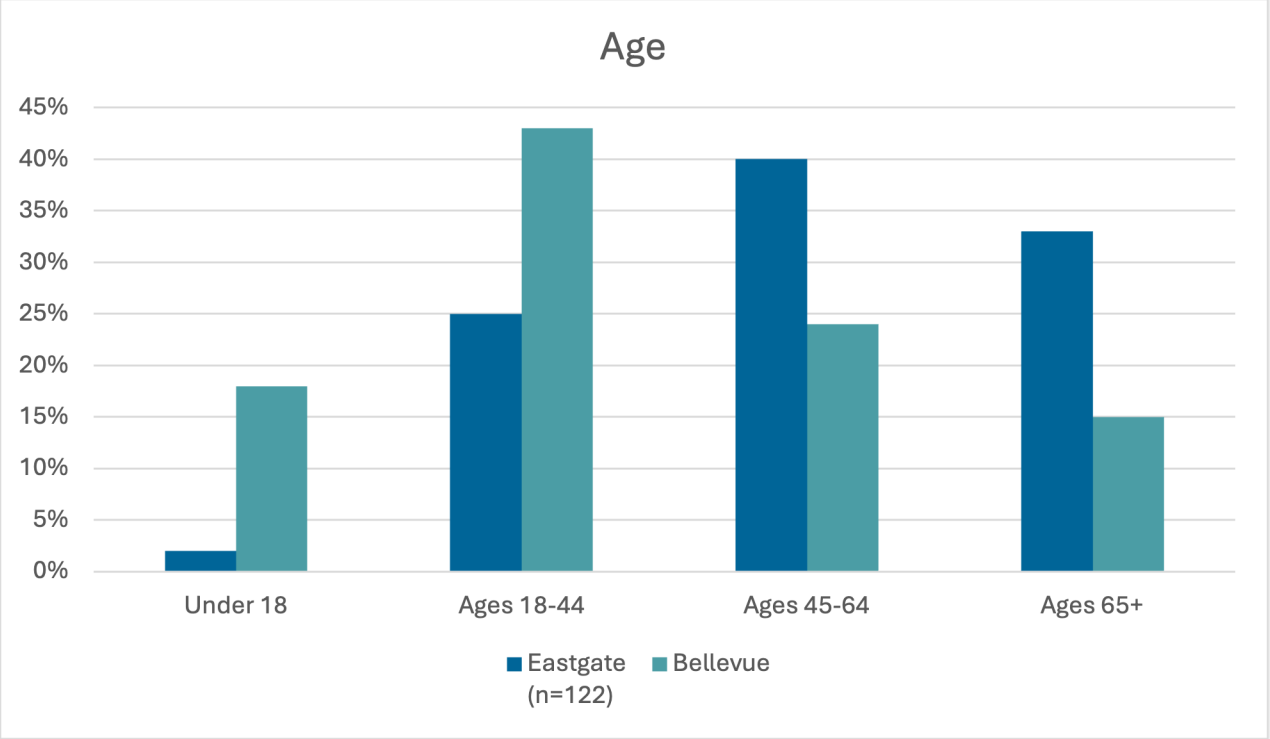
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Bellevue
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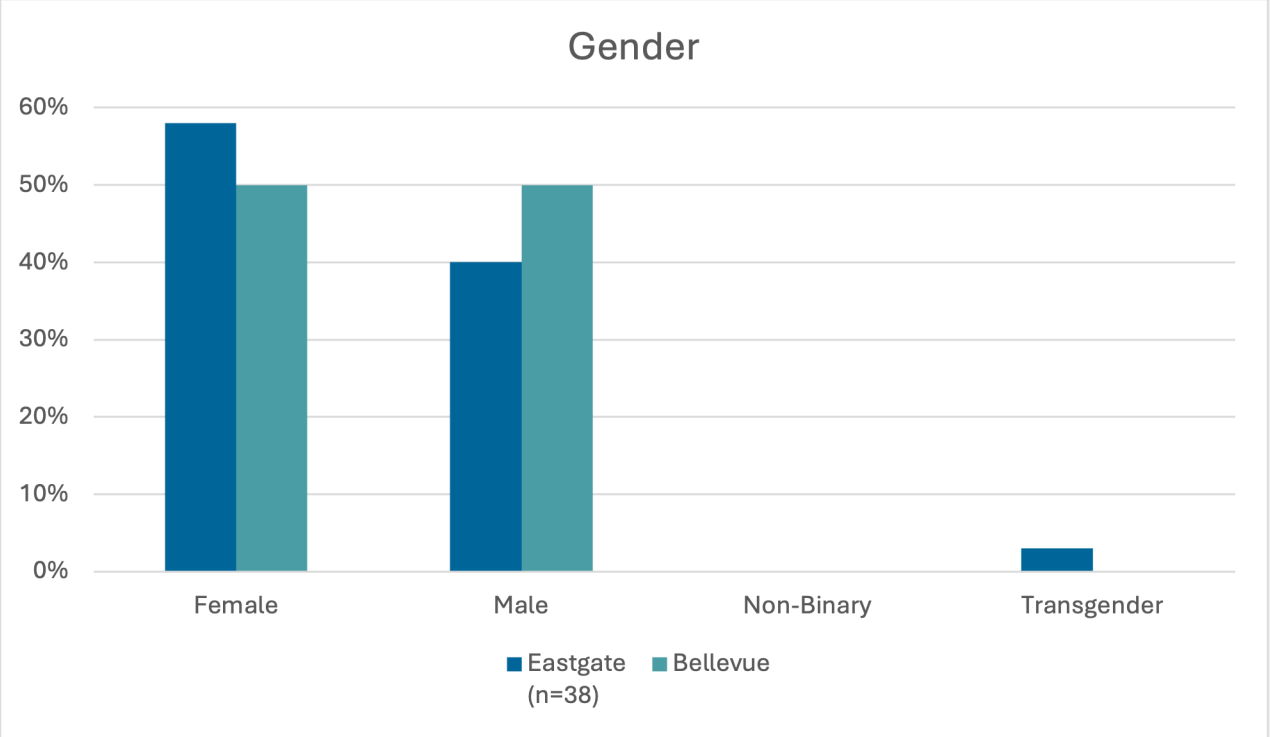
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Male
Non-Binary
Transgender
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Bellevue
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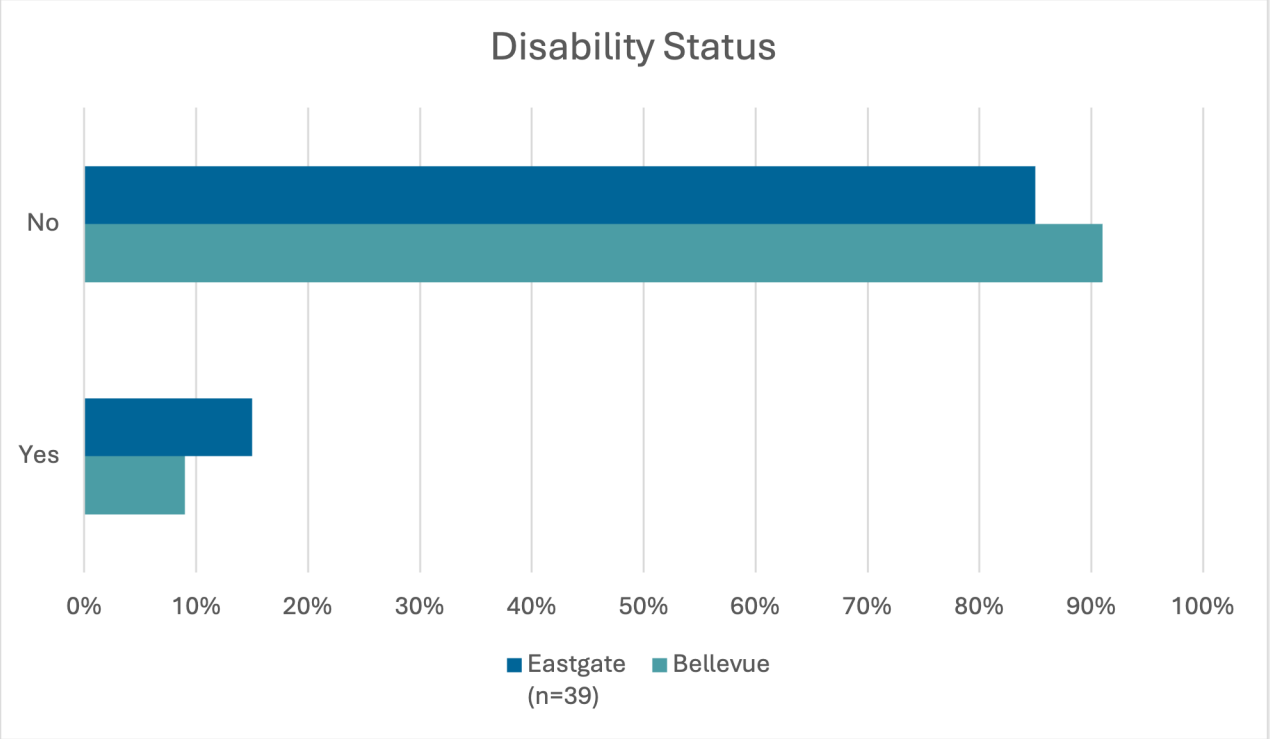
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Bellevue
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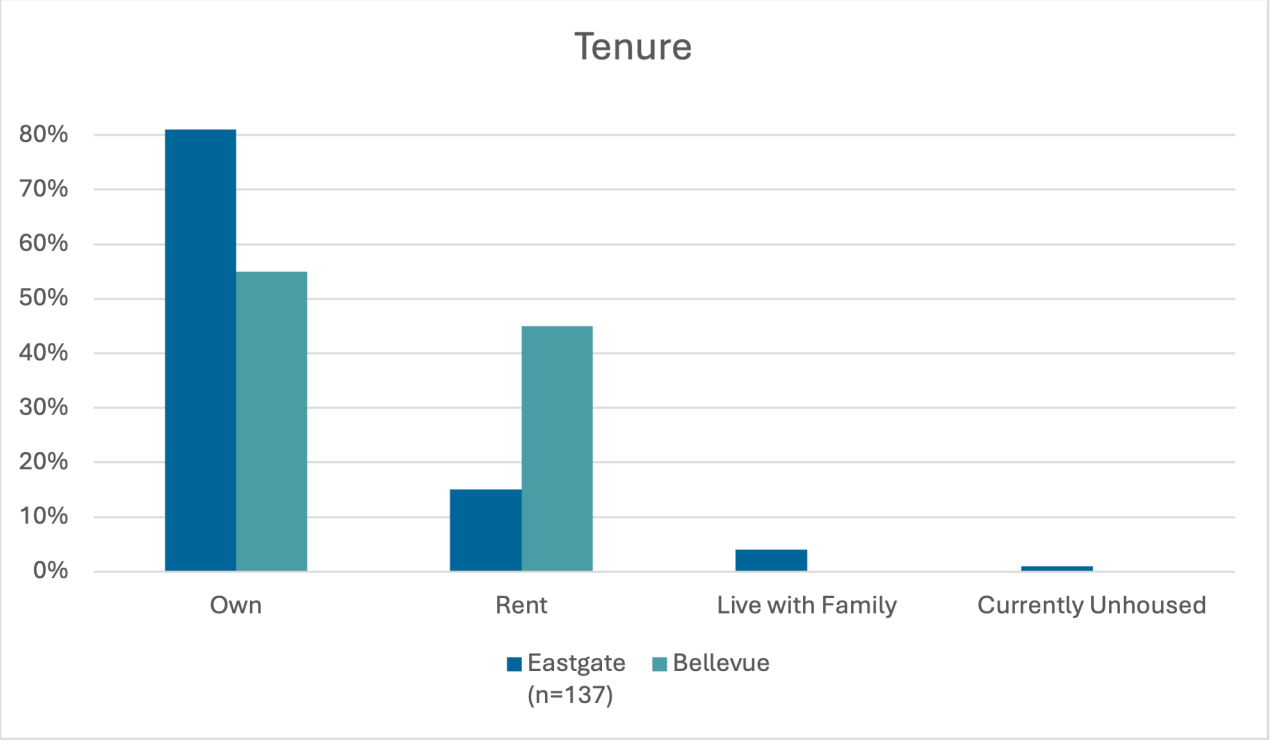
Tenure
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60%
50%
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30%
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Own
Rent
Live with Family
Currently Unhoused
Eastgate
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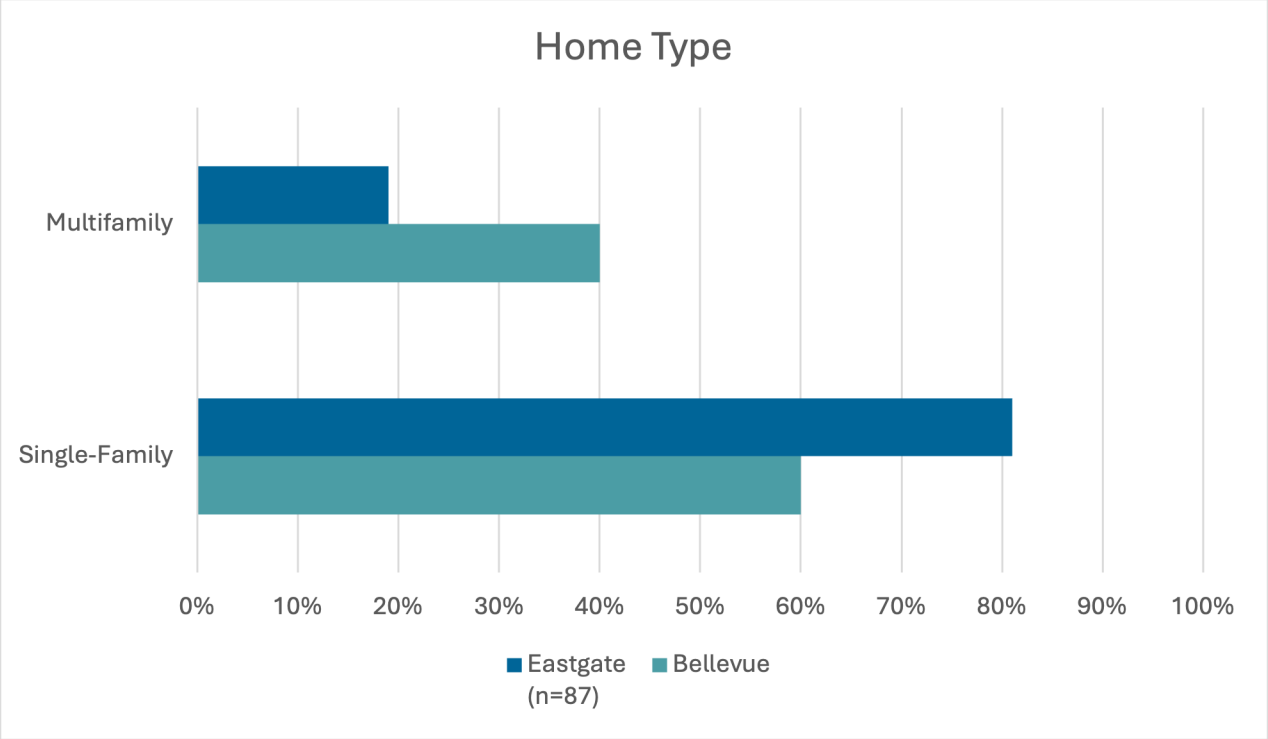

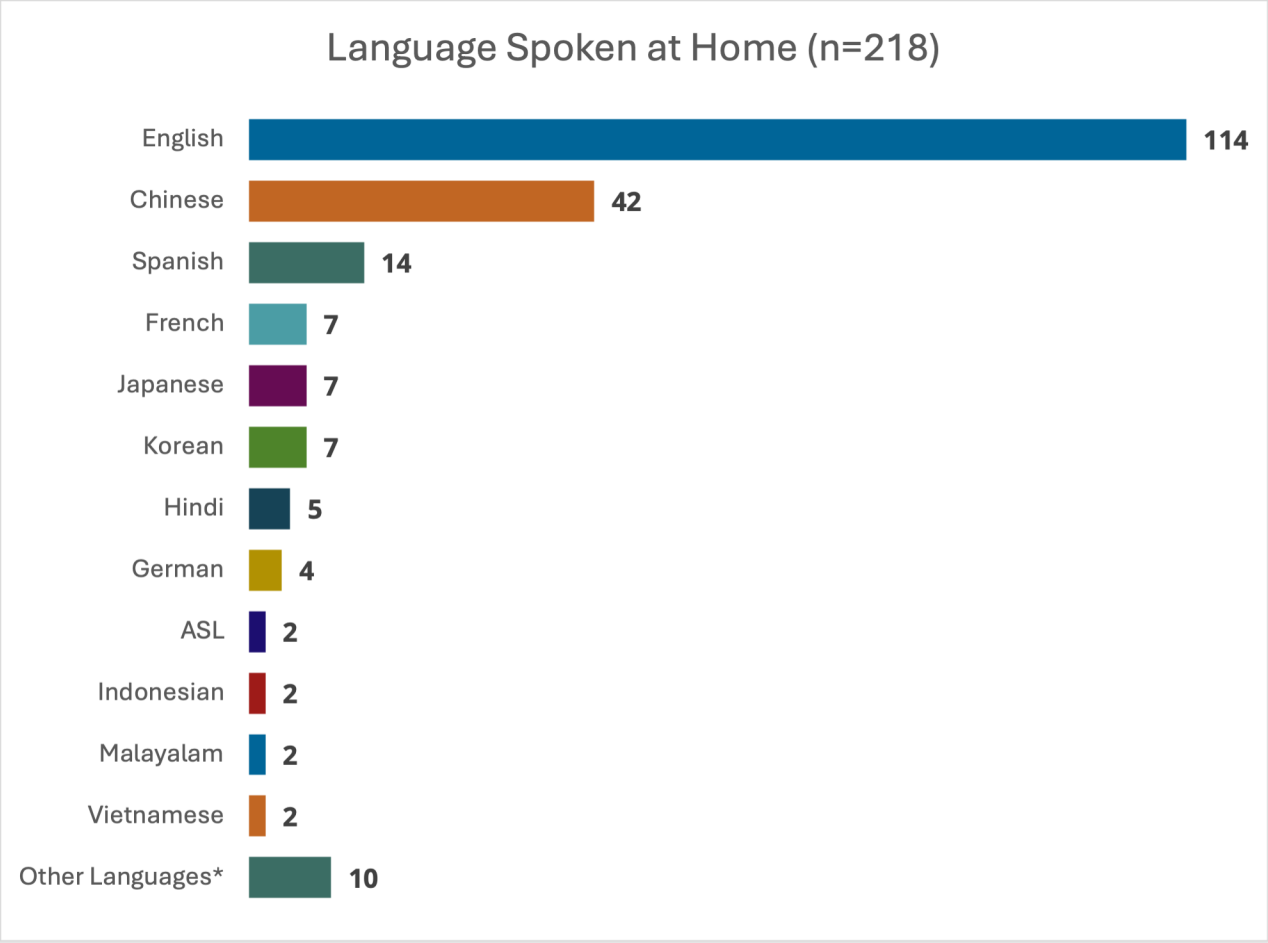

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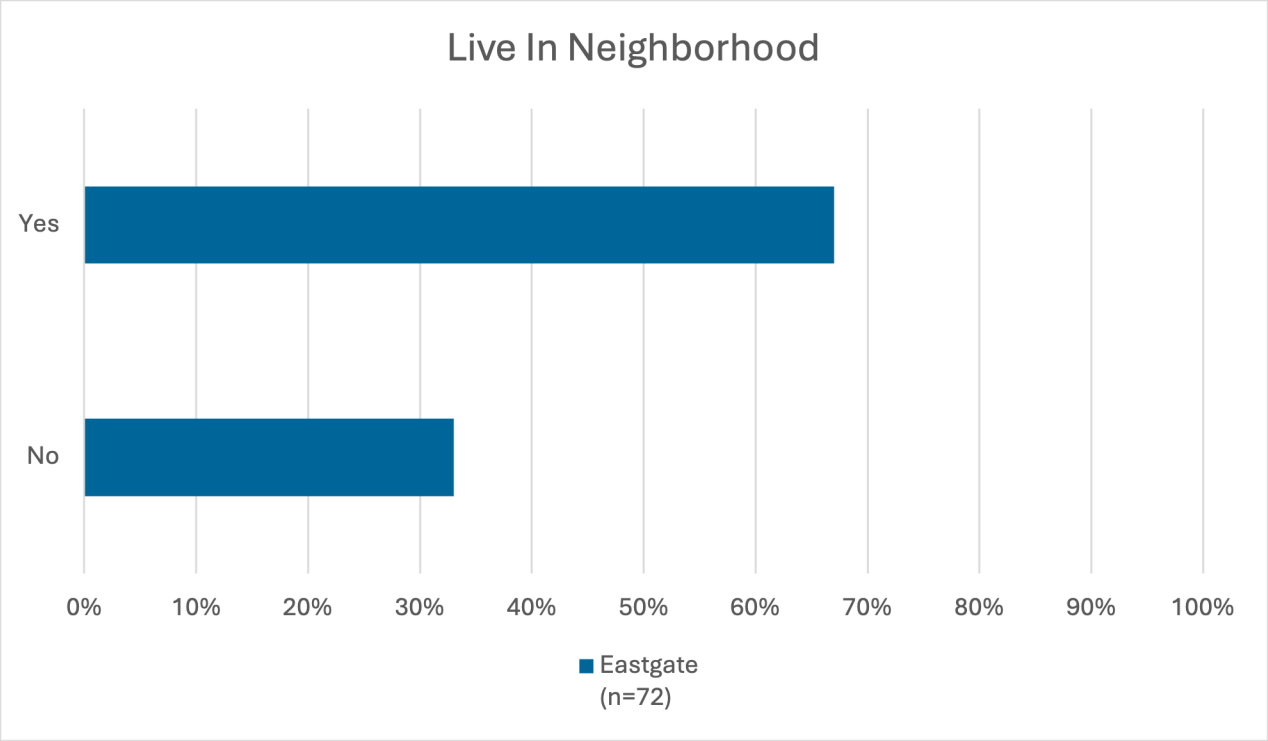
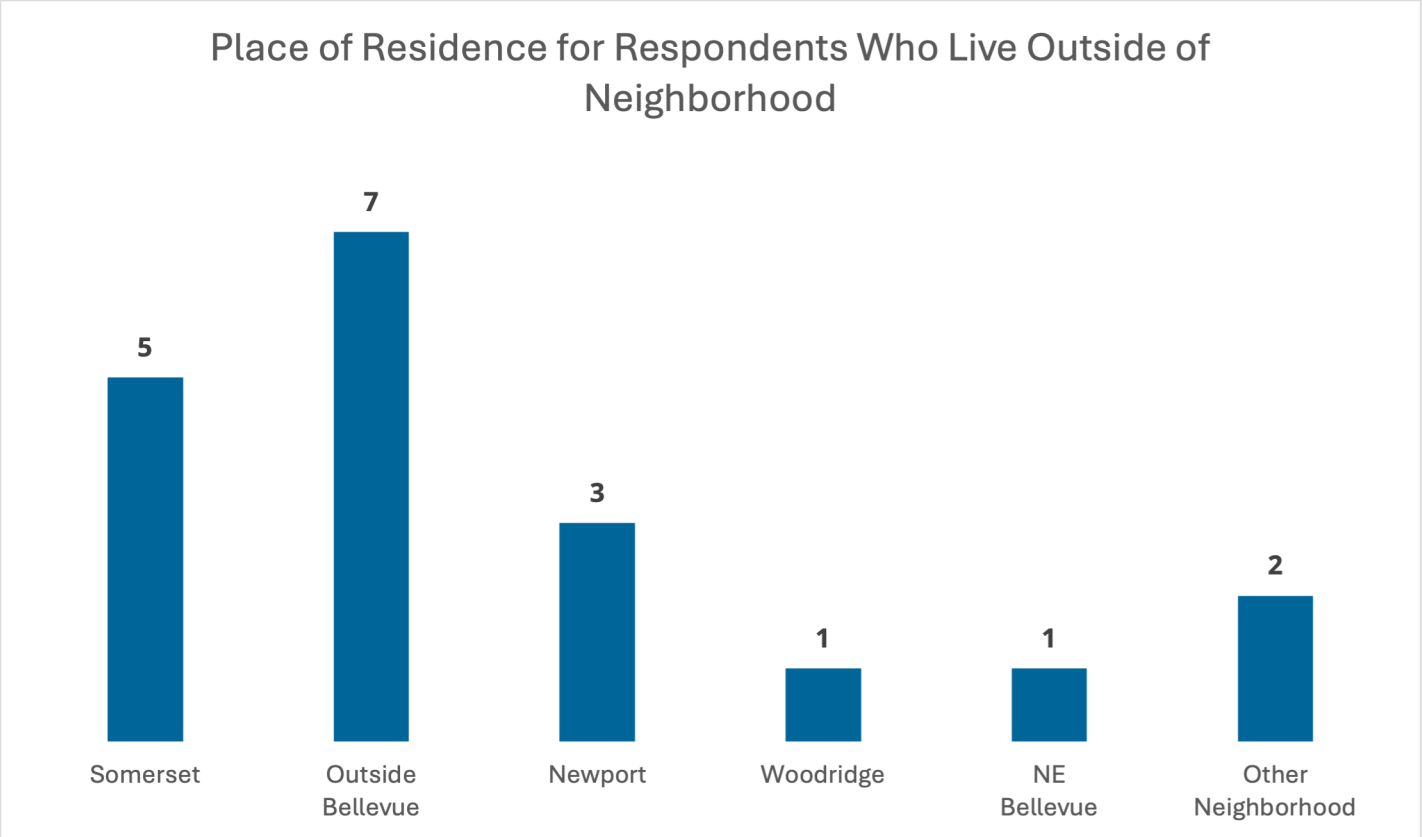
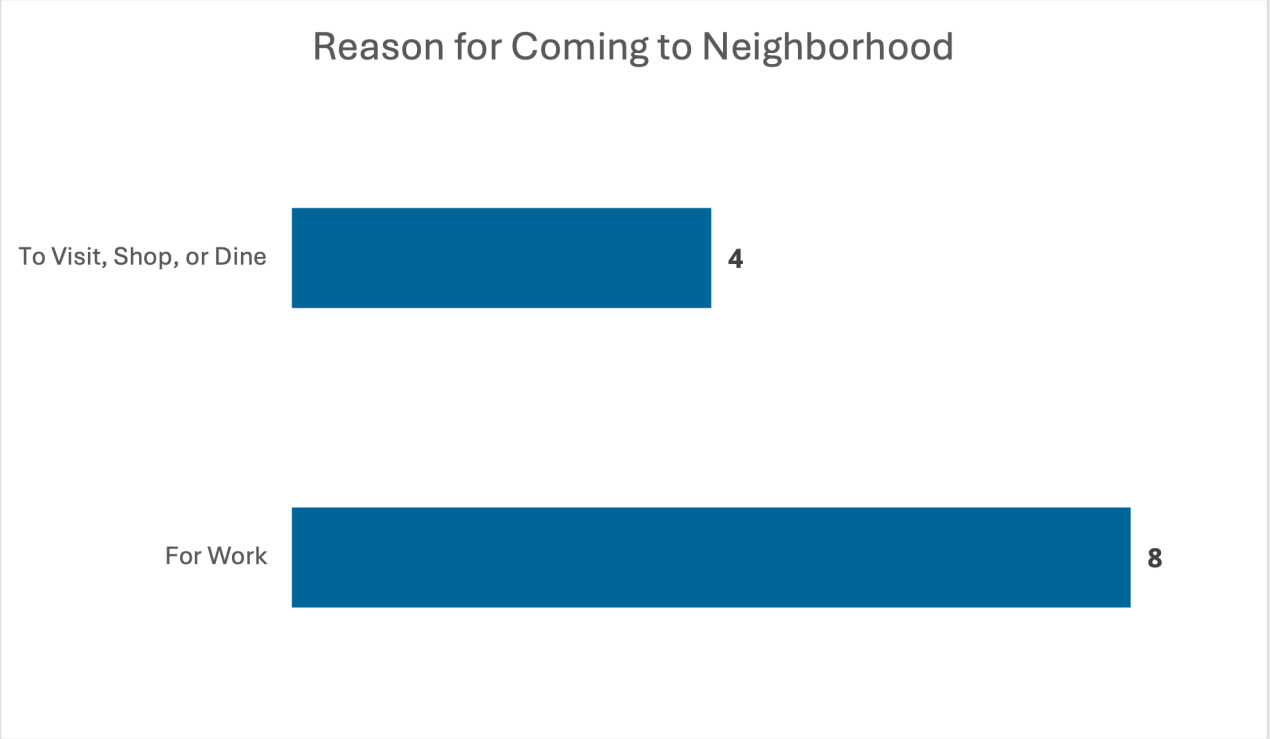
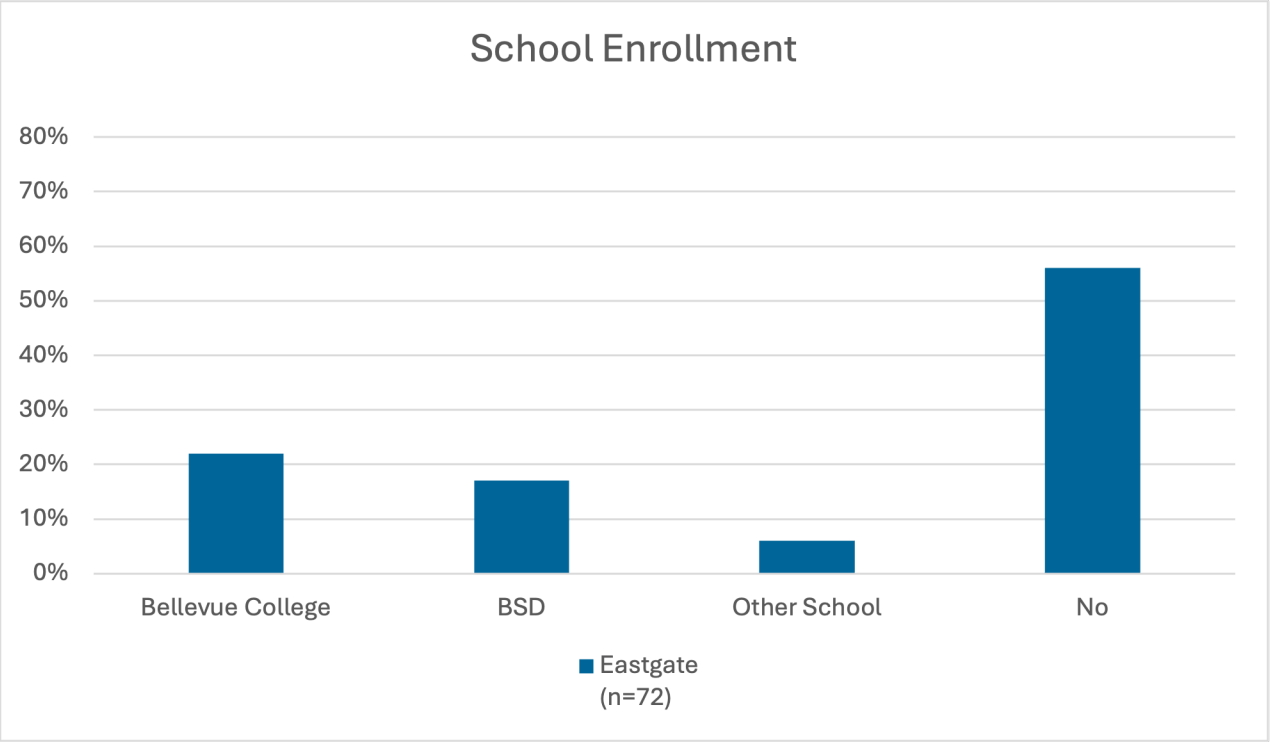
Relationship to Neighborhood:






Reason for Coming to Neighborhood
To Visit, Shop, or Dine
4
For Work
8


School Enrollment
80%
70%
60%
50%
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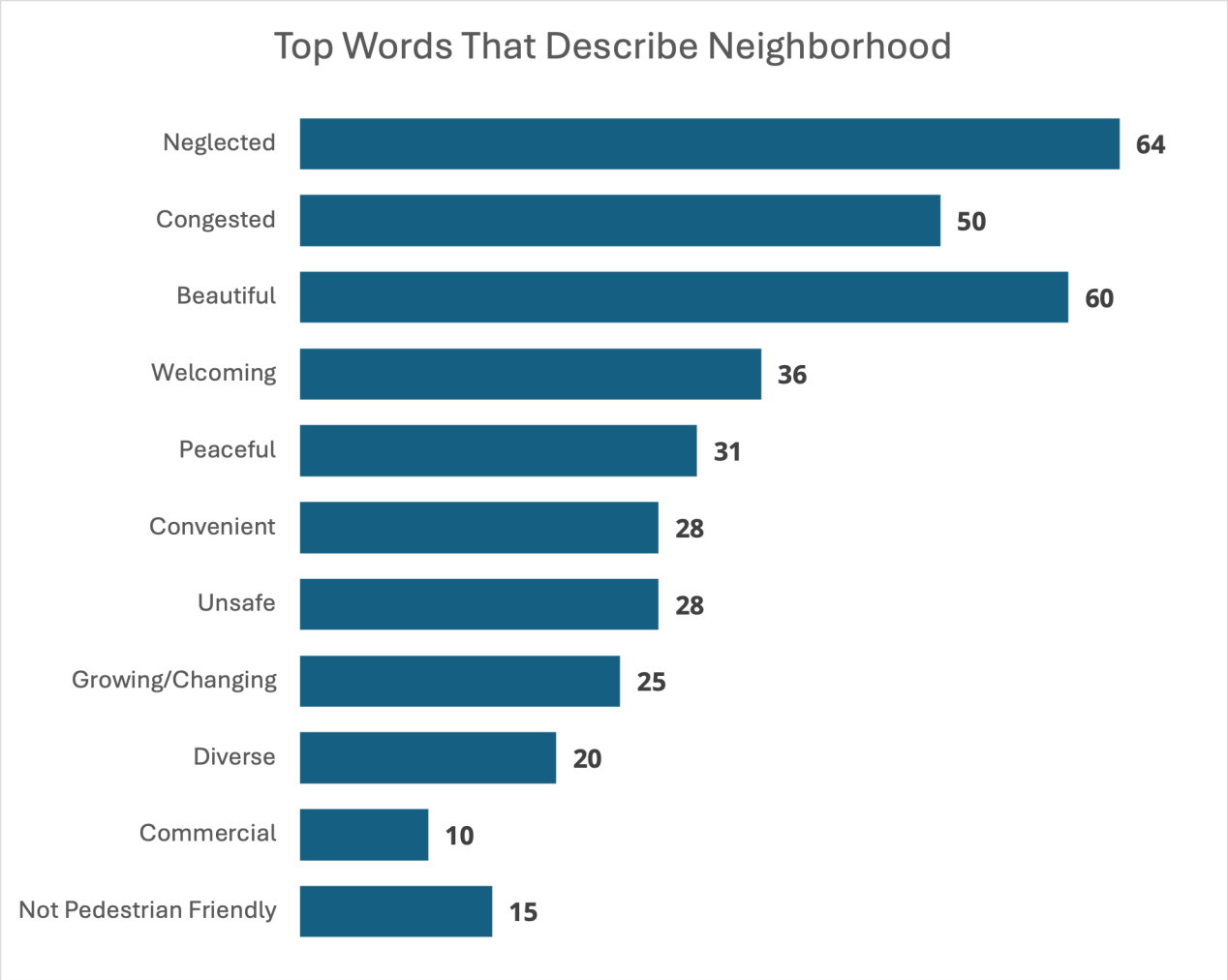
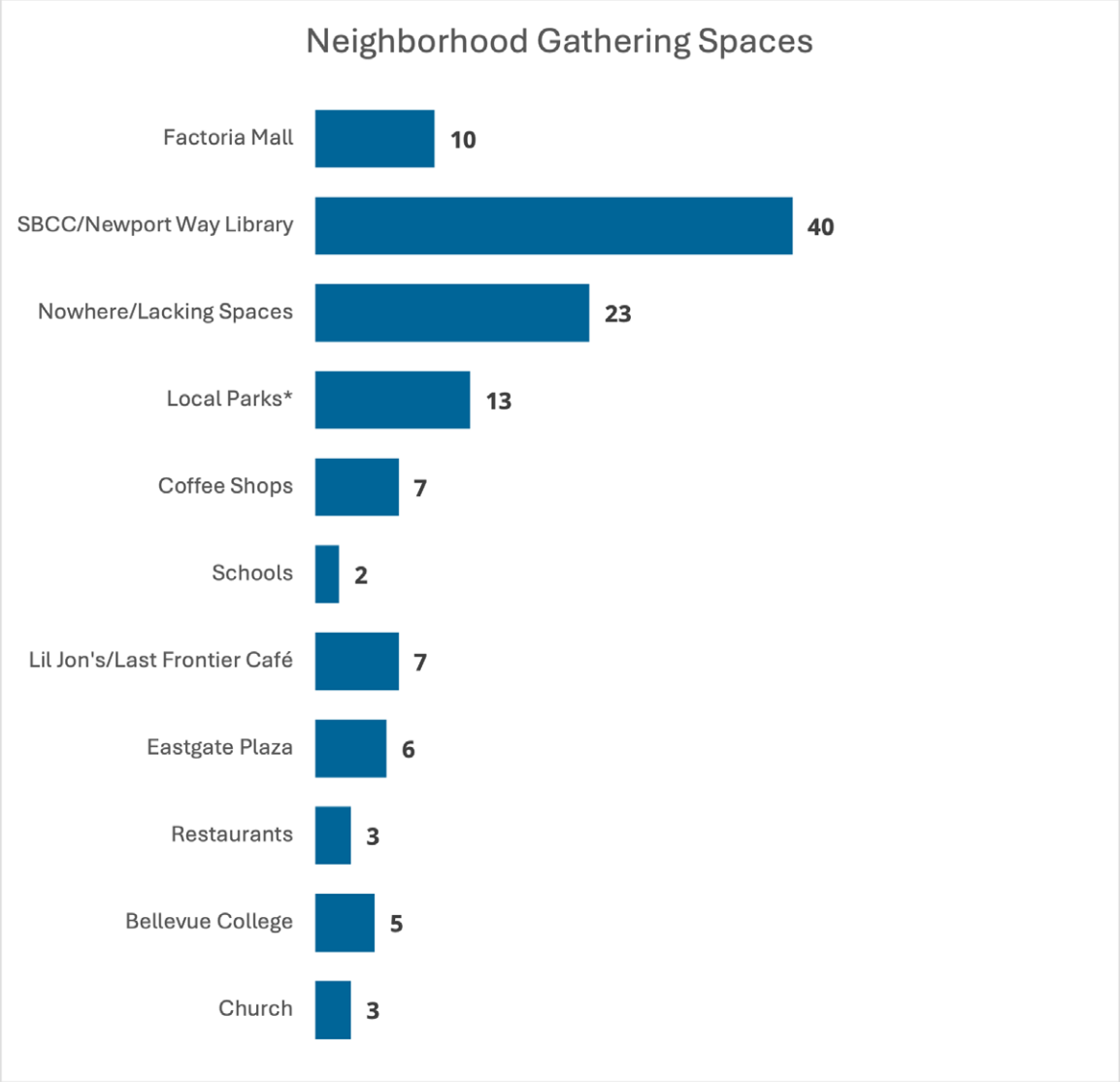
30%
20%
10%
0%
Bellevue College
BSD
Other School
No
Eastgate
(n=72)

Neighborhood Perceptions:





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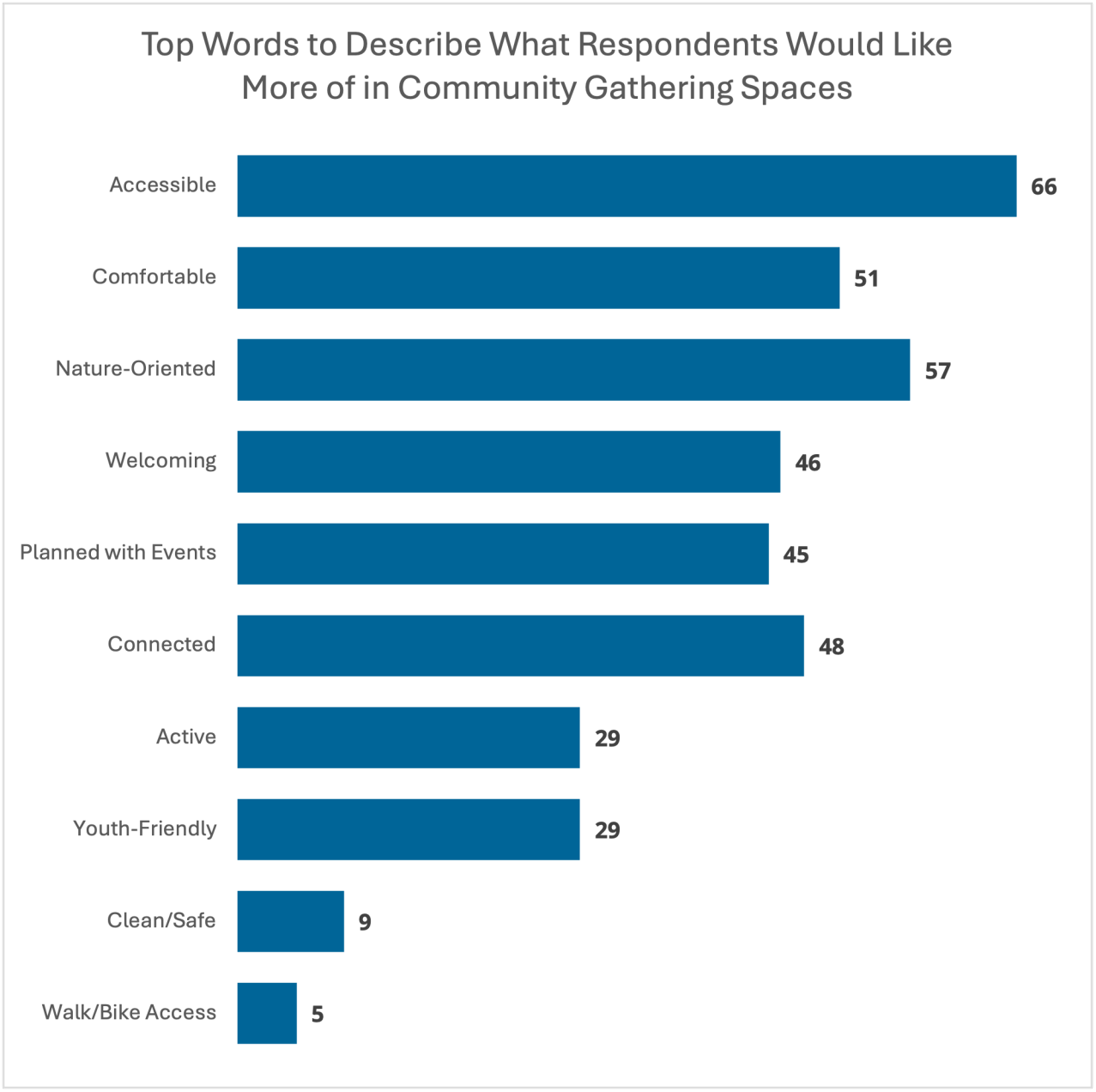
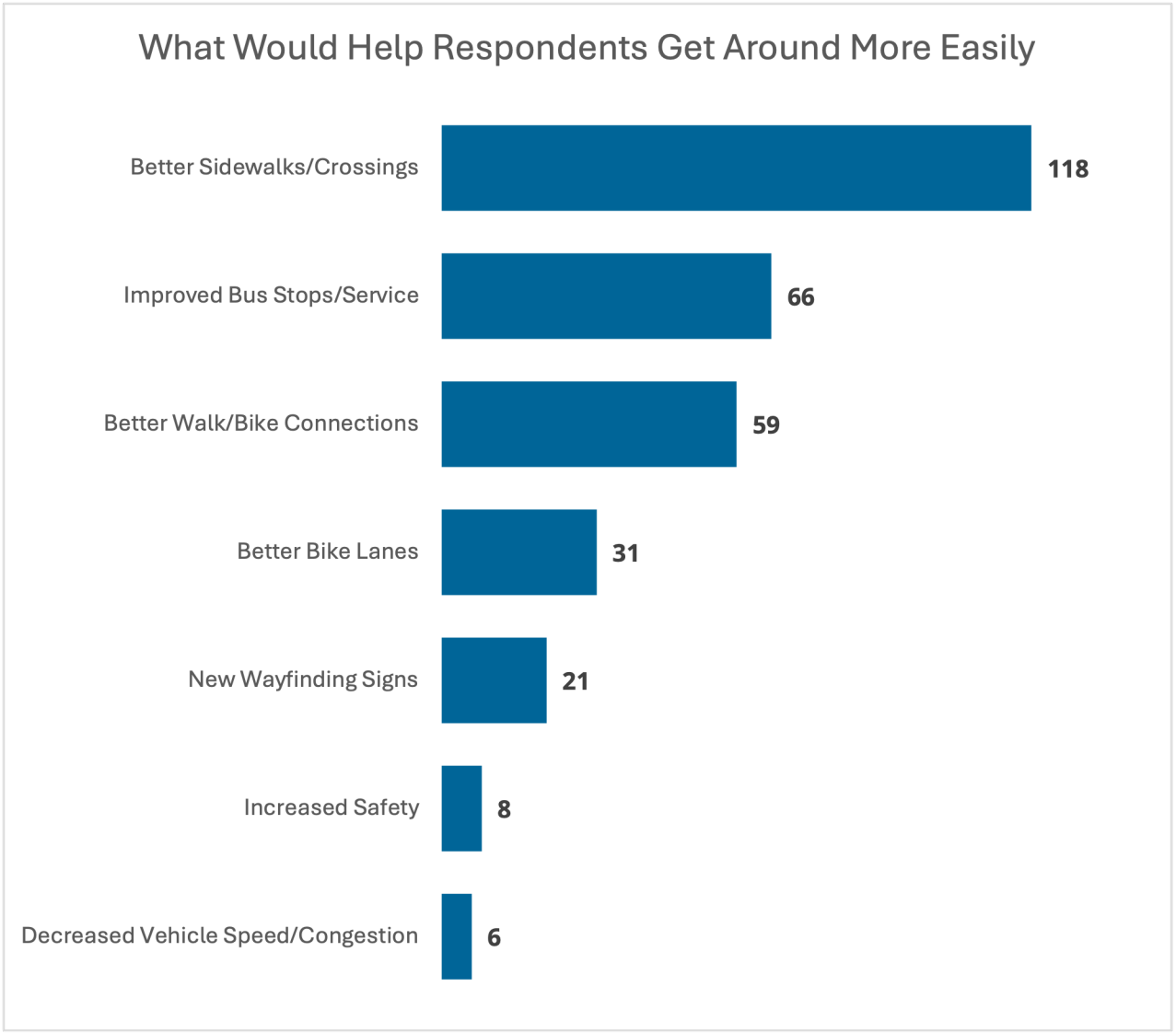

Top Words to Describe What Respondents Would Like More of in Community Gathering Spaces
Accessible
66
Comfortable
51
Nature-Oriented
57
Welcoming
46
Planned with Events
45
Connected
48
Active
29
Youth-Friendly
29
Clean/Safe
9
Walk/Bike Access
5


What Would Help Respondents Get Around More Easily
Better Sidewalks/Crossings
118
Improved Bus Stops/Service
66
Better Walk/Bike Connections
59
Better Bike Lanes
31
New Wayfinding Signs
21
Increased Safety
8
Decreased Vehicle Speed/Congestion
6

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