

## Camera Instructions

We will be using the images you give us to help figure out what Bellingham should look like in the next 50 years. Here's what we want you to do:

- Form a group of four or five
- Think about each of the categories below and about other places you've seen you think we should know about
- Take pictures, with about 80% showing what you like and 20% showing what you don't
- Return your pictures to the Drop-In Center before August 31 or to the planning fair (at BHS) on September 21.

You are not limited to taking photos of Bellingham. We will accept other photos you might have from other places you've visited. Just make sure they fit into the categories described here. You can also give us captions to explain the photos, if you wish. E-mail? Sure, we can take e-mailed images as long as they are less than 1 MB in size.

**Public Spaces** – These are areas where people are welcome to gather. They can be parks, squares, courtyards, public patios, “pedestrianized” streets, public markets, fairs or just about any other place like that. They can even be accidental, like the vacant lot across the street. Try to capture who uses the space and what makes it so attractive to them.

**Neighborhoods** – What makes a nice neighborhood? Trees? Front porches? People strolling? Be sure to include more than just single-family houses, too. There are nice examples of duplexes and apartments, and these should appear in your photos, as well. **Streets** – Part of our work will be to make sure street designs are compatible with the areas they serve. Show us where the street design hits the mark, and show us where it misses it. Think about the reasons behind your conclusions.

**Shopping areas** – Show us what you think Bellingham's shopping areas should look like. You can also think about what shopping areas are most adaptable to change in the next 50 years. Think about the future price of gasoline and what that might do to our shopping patterns.

**Mixed uses** – There are some examples of mixed residential and retail in Bellingham, typically where people live above street-level commercial space. In some areas the apartments or condominiums on the upper floors are almost invisible. Use a few photos to show us what you think.

**Miscellaneous** – Is there a view you really like? A wonderful trail? Nice public art? Something that works really well, like a specific parking lot or building design? This is category gives you some freedom, but please explain to us what you're after.

We will display your photos in the Drop-In Center and at the September planning workshop series. This is an opportunity for you to tell us what you want to see Bellingham become.

