

7. CONCLUSION

This Subarea Plan contains the long-term vision for the area. There are several actions within this plan that may help expedite the redevelopment of the area and implement the goals of the plan. Community involvement and interest in the project lead to the initiation of the City's master planning effort. This energy should continue through the promotion of the projects in this planning document.

7.1 IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

- The abutting neighborhood associations should prioritize which projects should be included in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), identified for grant opportunities, and promoted for volunteer activities.
- Public/Private partnerships should be explored with WTA, WWU, WSDOT, Bellingham Housing Authority, and the Bellingham School District, along with private developers, to further the goals of the Subarea Plan.
- A Samish Business Association should be established to represent the goals of the business community by creating an organized forum for discussion and pooling of resources.
- A Local Improvement District should be established as a method for achieving the desired infrastructure improvements in the Subarea Plan.
- Design and development of public amenities such as wayfinding signs, public plazas,

artwork selection and street design details should include a public process.

- Public plazas and other park amenities should be adopted into the Parks Capital Facilities Plan to make these improvements eligible for Park Impact Fee funds.



- Street improvements and other capital facility goals within this document should be prioritized and adopted into the Public Works Capital Facilities Plan to make these improvements eligible for Transportation Impact Fee funds.
- A Parking Benefit District should be explored to funnel meter revenue into local improvements for the Subarea.
- Issuance of a Planned Action Ordinance should be explored as resources become available to streamline the SEPA environmental review process for site-specific developments.
- Study the feasibility of moving utilities underground on new and existing streets to enhance the aesthetic of the area and protect future cutting of large, native trees.