

Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan

Summary of Primary Issues from January 30, 2006 Public Meeting and Revised at January 29, 2007 Steering Committee Meeting

URBAN DESIGN

- Appropriate height/scale/massing for new development and redevelopment should be determined.
- Need transitions and linkages between UW / high-density areas / low-density areas.
- Need sidewalk / streetscape improvements (e.g., crosswalk coloring, better lampposts, etc.).
- Terraces should be widened.
- Billboards are an eyesore.
- Utilities should be put under ground.
- Retain neighborhood's historic significance and historic buildings.

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LAND USE

- Development is raising housing costs and changing land economics.
- Balance efficient use of parking with business needs.
- Increases in student housing should be managed.
- Address the interface between the UW and the adjacent lower density residential neighborhoods (knitting).
- Keep area accessible for neighborhood-oriented businesses.
- Maintain institutional land uses.
- Some areas north of Regent St. lack street life.

ENVIRONMENT

- Area lacks green space.
- Street trees needed, especially on Regent Street.
- Lighting should be directed down - dark sky issues.
- Charter Street coal plant should be upgraded/replaced with cleaner technology.
- Need space for community gardens.
- Run-off from parking lots and ecology of Monona Bay

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TRAFFIC & CIRCULATION

- Poor bike circulation and accommodations on Mills Street and Regent Street; need more north-south bike connections.
- Need to plan for pedestrian use better, particularly on Regent Street and Park Street.
- New infill will cause more traffic/parking problems.
- Lack of parking north of Regent causes people to park south of Regent in neighborhoods.
- Dayton St. is a major east-west bike corridor that should be preserved.
- Regent St. is difficult to cross for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars.

OTHER COMMENTS

- Too many places serving/selling alcohol.
- Game-day issues: traffic, parking, tailgating, etc.