BACKGROUNDER
and Early Directions

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RUPERT + RENFREW
Station Area Plan

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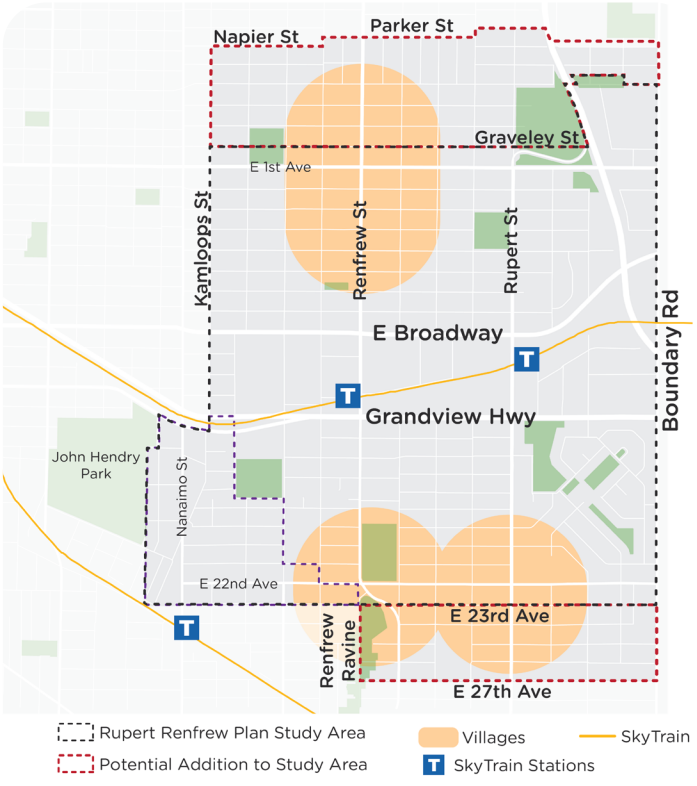
We are creating an area plan around the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations

The Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations were completed in 2002 as part of the Millennium Line. We are now creating an area plan to allow more people to live and work near these important assets.

What is an area plan?

Area plans are policy documents that shape the short and long-term growth of an area. They provide guidance and direction on a variety of topics like land use, building height and scale, housing, transportation and community facilities.

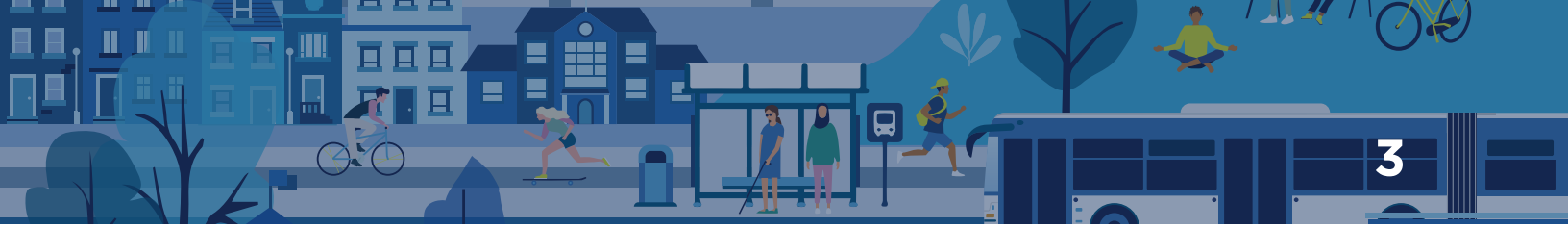
Rupert + Renfrew Plan study area map



Why is it important?

This is a chance to identify priorities and opportunities in the community, explore solutions, and preserve what is valued. In this neighbourhood, there's potential to add new housing options close to transit, protect Still Creek and manage flood risk, support and increase job opportunities within the area's existing employment lands, and create a more walkable neighbourhood.





The Rupert and Renfrew Area Plan is underway and we would like to hear from you

Who will be involved?

This planning process provides an important opportunity to collaborate with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and advance reconciliation. We will also engage with persons living and working in the Rupert Renfrew study area, including renters, owners, youth, persons of different cultural backgrounds, ages and incomes.





How can I get involved?

Over the next year, there will be many opportunities to share your thoughts. Key written materials have been translated and interpreters are available. For translated versions of all the materials or to request to speak with an interpreter, please go to **shapeyourcity.ca/rupert-renfrew-station-area-plan**. You can also email us at **rupertrenfrewplan@vancouver.ca**.

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How long will the area plan take?

The Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan will be completed in 2023. City Council will review and vote on the plan at the end of the process.

Project Timeline

Phase 1
Early Directions
Spring & Summer 2022

Phase 2
Draft Plan
Winter 2023 - Fall 2023

Phase 3
Final Plan
Fall 2023 - Spring 2024







The Rupert and Renfrew Area Plan will build on the Vancouver Plan

What is the Vancouver Plan?

This area plan will build on the draft Vancouver Plan. The Vancouver Plan is a long-term strategy and vision to guide growth and change across the city. It provides a framework for more detailed area plans (such as the Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan) that will address specific opportunities and challenges at the neighbourhood scale. You can find out more about the draft Vancouver Plan at **vancouverplan.ca**.

Guidance for growth and change: Rapid Transit Areas

The draft Vancouver Plan also describes how different areas of the city could change over time. Areas within a 10 minute walk of rapid transit stations, like the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations, would need to add more affordable housing, jobs, shops, services and amenities. The map to the right shows the rapid transit areas.

Early Directions for the Rupert and Renfrew Area Plan

As a starting point for the area plan, we are looking at the ideas from the draft Vancouver Plan and exploring how they could be applied to the area around the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations. The early directions are examples of opportunities for change in the neighbourhood.

How Vancouver Plan informs Early Directions

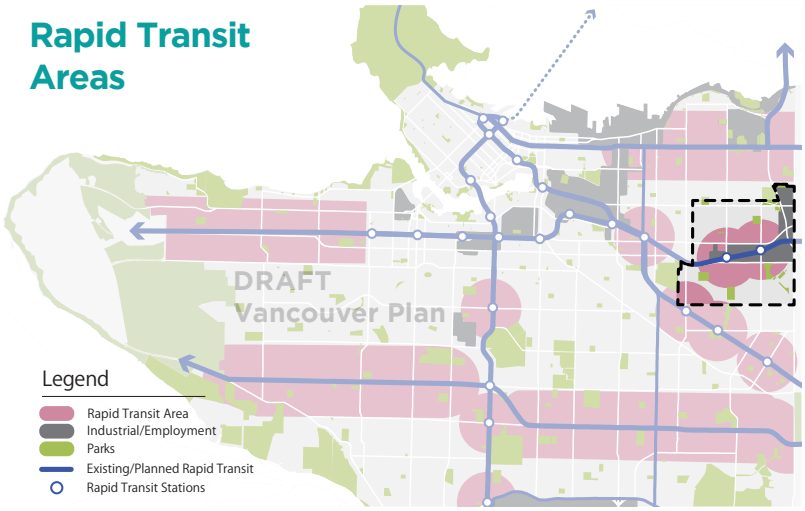
3 Foundational Principles

- Reconciliation
- Equity
- Resilience

3 Big Ideas

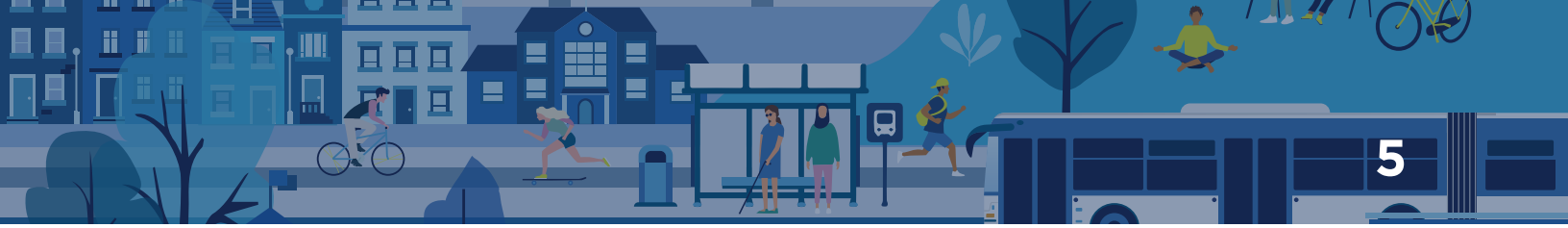
1. Equitable Housing and Complete Neighoburhoods
2. An Economy that Works for All
3. Climate Protection and Restored Ecosystems

Rapid Transit Areas



Early Directions





Draft Early Directions

ECONOMY



» Protect and intensify the Grandview-Boundary Employment Lands by allowing bigger office and industrial buildings

» Provide new small-scale shops and services off of arterial roads, allowing residents and workers to access their daily needs and build social connections

HOUSING



» Identify more opportunities for housing in areas within walking distance from the SkyTrain stations but outside the Grandview-Boundary Employment Lands. This would include identifying areas for:

  » Mid-rise and high-rise buildings, including apartment building with shops on the ground floor, to enable new rental, below-market and social housing opportunities, in areas close to the SkyTrain stations

  » Low-rise apartment buildings and townhouses to provide more rental and home ownership options off of arterials, in areas further from the SkyTrain stations

WATER, ECOLOGY, PARKS AND CLIMATE CHANGE



» Protect and enhance Still Creek to support fish habitat and manage flood risk

» Within the floodplain around Still Creek, ensure new buildings do not increase flood risk

» Create more space to plant trees in areas with low tree coverage to help manage extreme heat resulting from climate change

» Expand and enhance natural areas and neighbourhood parks in underserved areas



Draft Early Directions

RECONCILIATION, EQUITY AND RESILIENCE



» Explore housing and economic opportunities with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh through redevelopment of the BC Liquor Distribution site on Broadway, and seek their input on how the wider area plan can support reconciliation

» Design buildings to provide protection from outside noise and air pollution, and locate new types of housing and other uses should away from arterial roads, highways and industrial buildings



TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE

» Make arterial roads safer and more comfortable by widening sidewalks, improving safety at rail crossings near the SkyTrain stations, and exploring protected paths for cycling and e-scooters

» Upgrade and expand the greenway network, including upgrades to the existing Central Valley Greenway and new routes including the north-south Eastside Crosscut

» Create a network of public spaces by coordinating parks, Still Creek, greenways, and new traffic calming measures

» As large sites redevelop, add new pathways to make it easier to walk or cycle through the area

ARTS, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



» In the Grandview-Boundary Employment Lands, remove regulatory barriers to new arts and culture spaces and explore potential for new childcare

» Expand community-serving spaces, such as community centres and Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, to meet population growth and the needs of equity-denied communities

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