

Strategy #1

Promote a dense, walkable, mixed-use City Center.

Federal Way's City Center has the unique advantage of being the location of a **future Sound Transit Link light rail station opening in 2024**. This station will connect Federal Way residents to jobs and opportunities to the north and will be a major driver of economic and population growth in the City.

Promoting dense mixed-use development and walkable streets in the City Center will allow easy access to the light rail and a wide variety of amenities for all Federal Way residents while also contributing to the city's housing supply.



Examples of mixed-use development.
Sources: Bob Bengford, MAKERS; Doug Dun, BAR Architects



Benefits

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) enables more households to live and work near amenity-rich areas, including access to light rail.
- Creates a vibrant, people-friendly City Center that serves the full spectrum of Federal Way's residents and businesses.
- Promotes sustainability by improving pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure.
- Safe and pleasant connections and community gathering spaces near transit.
- Increased access to opportunity through improved transit access and proximity of uses.

Actions & Implementation

This is a short to medium term (0-7 year) strategy

- Implement the City Center Subarea Plan.
- Update the City Center Core (CC-C) and City Center Frame (CC-F) zoning codes to ensure support for TOD and provide for minimum density requirements.
- Leverage assets and financial opportunities to realize the City Center subarea plan vision.



Source: Experience Redmond (2021)