North Beacon Hill Unfolding

The history of North Beacon Hill is intertwined with the history of transportation. From the streetcars in the early 1900s, to “the Jungle” created during the construction of I-5, to the light rail stop arriving in 2009, the neighborhood is continually on the forefront of, and shaped by, Seattle transportation innovation.

A Walk through History

Native Americans lived and hunted in the hill for tens of thousands of years.

Canal project to link Lake Washington and Elliott Bay begins but eventually fails, in a bridge where today’s Columbia Way Highway east- west

12th Ave Bridge (now moms Railroad Bridge) built, connecting Downtown to Beacon Hill.

Kalsa Black turns down the opportunity to take a “Grand Tour” of Europe, builds a Japanese strolling garden instead, at 12th and Atlantic.

Seattle creates first Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.

Chinatown is destroyed by fire and the old library, a converted storefront that served as an urban woodland supportive of wildlife and Native tree and habitat restoration will create.


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1981 Pedestrian Task Force

1983 Beacon Ridge Improvement Community

1983 Pedestrian Master Plans

1984 Pedestrian Task Force

1985 Boulevard Park

1986 Pro Parks Levy passes. Includes support for the广播 tower that was to be the tallest in the world.

1988 National Park Service is established.

1989 Pedestrian Task Force

1990 Safeco Field.

1991 Seattle Centennial

1992 Light Rail.

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A Plaza for North Beacon Hill?

The concept for the new plaza was inspired by the site’s history as a junction of major pedestrian routes. The design of the plaza and adjacent streetscape will encourage active transportation and support the neighborhood’s vision for a safer, more walkable community. The plaza will serve as a landmark for the neighborhood, connecting residents and visitors to the park and helping to define the character of the surrounding area.


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