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Downtown Streetscape Options To be Viewed at Mountlake Terrace Open House

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—Street lamps, trees, benches, bike racks, and waste baskets to be used in revitalization projects for the Mountlake Terrace Town Center will be featured at an open house April 28 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Mountlake Terrace City Hall.

Displays boards will illustrate some of the kinds of trees that may line city streets in the downtown zoning district of Mountlake Terrace. The displays will also show different types of benches, waste containers, bike racks and pedestrian scale lighting that may be selected for use as new development occurs in the town center.

Visitors to the open house can discuss ideas and express their opinions—either by talking directly to City staff or by marking their preferences. A comment form will also be available.

The trees and other streetscape options being shown are those that have met specific criteria. For example, the tree types are suitable for an urban environment (low maintenance, compact growth, non-invasive roots).

Mountlake Terrace's Town Center is a 57-acre area zoned for downtown uses. A vision and plan for revitalizing this area was adopted in early 2007. In September, new zoning and development standards were adopted to implement the vision.

The new downtown standards encourage a walker-friendly environment. They provide a landscape area between the street curb and the sidewalk along the length of each street.

New sidewalks in the Town Center will be ten feet wide and will be built for smooth walking (no stepping up and down at driveway breaks).

The current process is to select the types of street trees, lighting, and other items to be installed as Town Center development occurs.

Public preferences will be considered in the selection. After the open house, the Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council. The Council will then give direction on which of the options should be used as a standard.

More information about the Town Center Streetscape Options Open House is available from Edith Duttlinger at (425) 744-6279.

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