

ReFIVE

a community plan for fifth avenue

Plan Update

March 2026

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/fifth-avenue-plan/>



What is the ReFIVE Community Plan? Why Now?

- The completion of this plan, the ReFIVE Community Plan, is a key component of the 5th Avenue Community Strategy completed in 2021 and advances the work forward with a coordinated framework and action.
- **Identity, connectivity, livability, and wealth** were all lost or irreparably harmed by highway construction when East Central Neighborhood was bisected. These same essential elements of the community are goal areas for the Plan going forward.

How are we listening?

The project team facilitated a breadth of outreach and engagement activities across every stage of the Plan development process. Spanning all engagement efforts, **co-creation**, **accessibility**, and **creativity** were key elements of our approach to best meet community members where they're and collect a diversity of input.



KICKOFF **VISIONING** **DRAFT PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW** **FINAL PLAN**

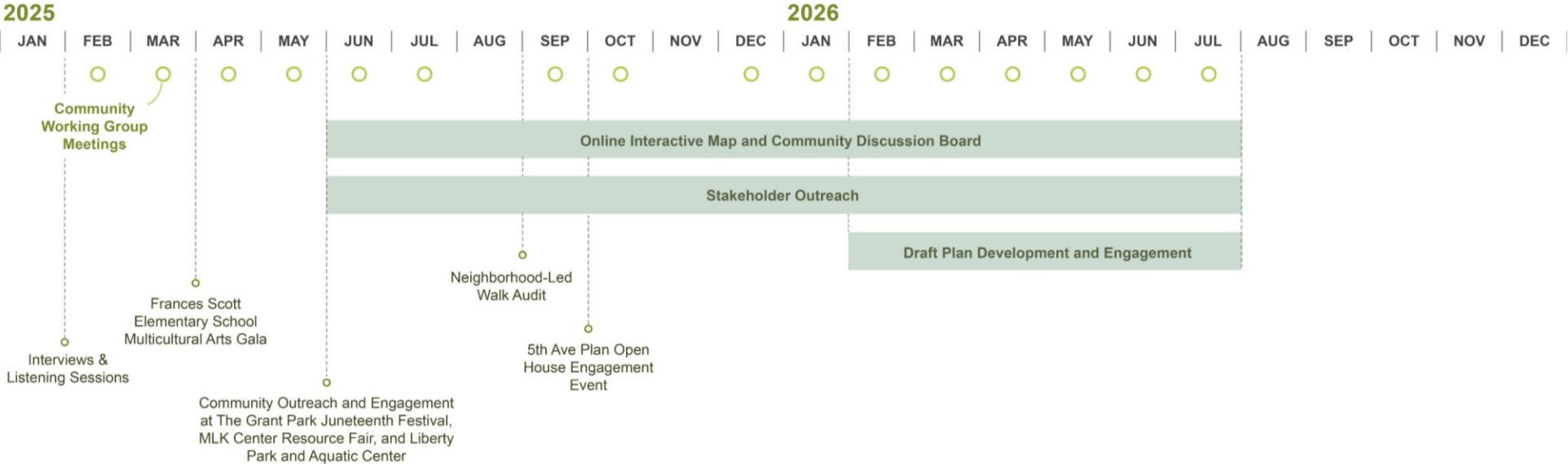


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What we heard



I think that that's the biggest piece that we're looking for, is the restoration of the community that was once thriving."



We asked community members to dream BIG: if they could improve the neighborhood, what would they want to see?

Community priorities:

- Support walkability, pedestrian infrastructure and traffic calming
- Improve food access: community gardens and farmers' market
- Cultural and historical preservation
- Expand commercial development and third places; "More stuff to do!"
- Making the 5th Avenue neighborhood a *destination*

Grant Park Celebration, Juneteenth Weekend 2025
MLK Center Resource Fair, Juneteenth Weekend 2025
NAACP Spokame Juneteenth Fireside Chat, Juneteenth Weekend 2025

How did community input influence the Plan?

We started with

Community ideas and input

- Interviews and focus groups
- Community working group
- Pop-ups at local events
- Online map and discussion board
- Community open house

Which defined the

Topics for Study

- Walkability
- Homeownership
- Community Identity
- Community Wealth Building
- Connectivity
- Restore the Land

And became the

Framework of the Plan

- Goal A: Community Identity
- Goal B: Connected Neighborhood
- Goal C: Livable Neighborhood
- Goal D: Community Wealth Building
- Goal E: Home in 5th Avenue

Vision Themes

Three vision themes distilled from thoughtful community conversations are threaded throughout this Plan's ideas. Each of these themes have tie-ins across the Plan's Goals, interweaving the community's values into Goals, Strategies and Actions.



COMMON THREADS

Three **VISION THEMES**, distilled from thoughtful community conversations, are **THREADED** throughout ReFIVE's ideas.

Each of these themes have **TIE-INS** across the plan's five recommendations chapters, **INTERWEAVING** the community's values with the plan's goals and strategies

VISION THEMES

Respect

Rebalance **EQUITY** issues through economic opportunity, affordability, and environmental justice.

Resilience

Prioritize **SUSTAINABILITY** and climate adaptation in infrastructure, policy, and programming decisions.

Resourcefulness

Foster **PARTNERSHIPS** between the City and social commons; strengthen and leverage nonprofit and community infrastructure.

IDENTITY

LIVABILITY

STABILITY

CONNECTIVITY

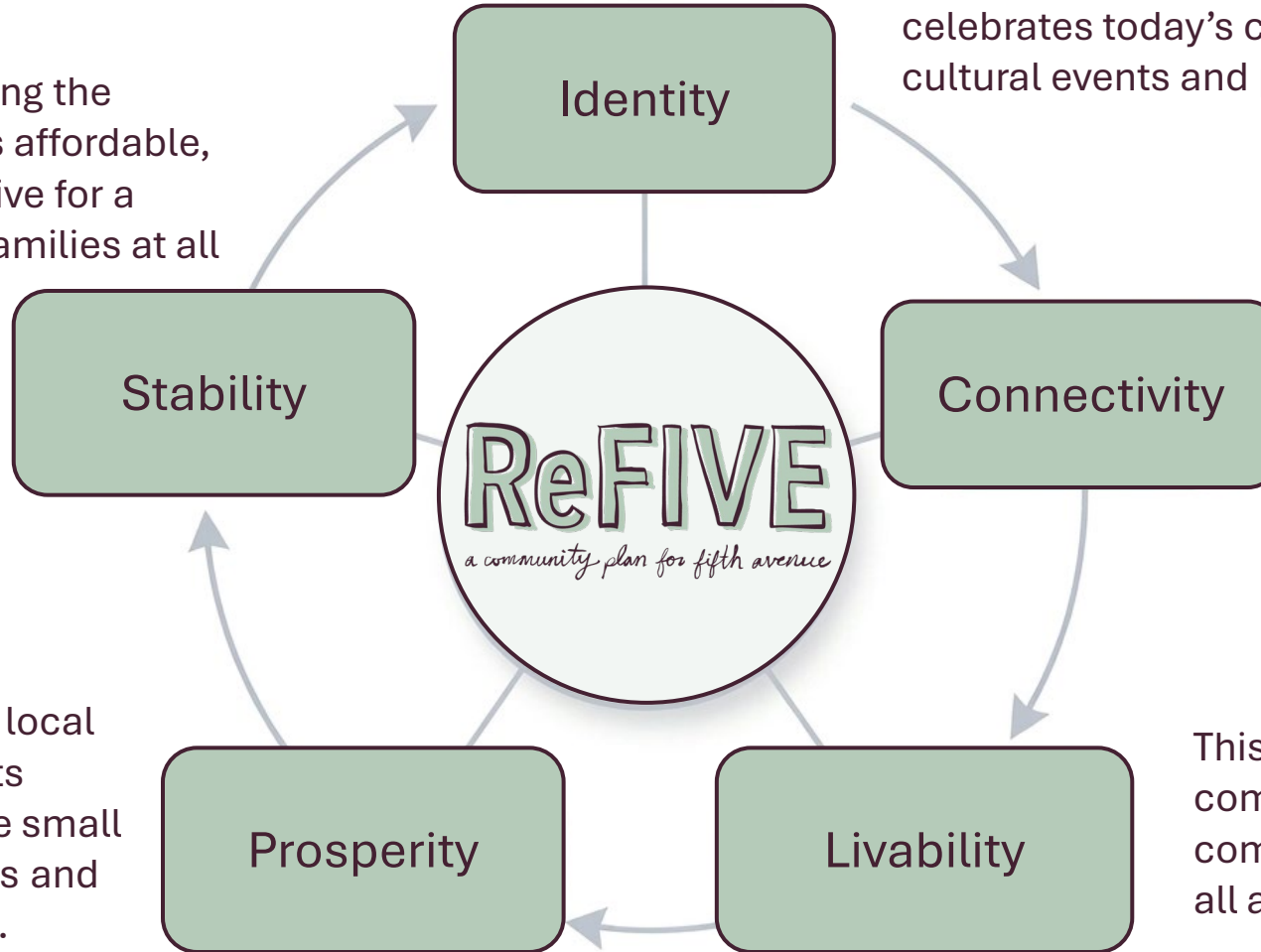
PROSPERITY

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ReFIVE Plan Goals

Goals are long term outcomes that the community hopes to achieve for the 5th Avenue area in East Central neighborhood. They are aspirational, expressing the community's collective desires and values.

This goal is about envisioning the future of the community as affordable, racially diverse, and inclusive for a wide range of people and families at all stages of life.



This goal cements and honors the community's history, fills the environment with art and color, and celebrates today's community with cultural events and programs.

This goal area identifies strategies and actions that improve the area for walking, biking, or accessing transit.

This goal nurtures the local economy and supports community assets like small businesses, nonprofits and cultural organizations.

This goal focuses on making the community a welcoming and comfortable space for people of all ages and abilities.

Draft Plan

Will include:

- Vision Map
- Gateways and Nodes
- Map of multimodal transportation improvements
- Land Use Concept
- Visual depictions of vision themes

Next Steps

Draft Plan in May 2026

Planned Engagement Activities include:

- Draft Plan Survey
- Community Events
- Office Hours



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