

Economic Development Commission 2024-2025 Roundtable Recap

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) conducted three roundtable meetings in 2024 and early 2025. The goal of these roundtables was to engage the three districts, Business Park, Ridge, and Downtown, and seek insights, experiences, concerns, and successes.

The roundtables hosted 20 business owners, representing all three districts. The outcomes of the three meetings, identified the following issues:

Location Specific Infrastructure Enhancements – Historic Downtown Color Palette updates, signage, vacant space recruitment, disabled parking options, lighting issues, public bathrooms and public safety. **Supporting Vibrant Local and Tourism Economy** – Marketing Snoqualmie as a destination to visitors, foster a sense of community for residents, increase foot traffic, promote shop local, wayfinding signage, and WSDOT signage.

Workforce Needs/Housing/Transportation – Minimum wage requirements, lack of affordable housing, transportation desert, and construction on Highway 19 and I90.

The overall theme of the roundtables indicates the objective to support local businesses, entrepreneurial spirits and endeavors, support tourism, and work at the local, county and state levels to address concerns.

Throughout 2024 and early 2025 City staff has been working to address the following:

- Wayfinding Signage throughout Snoqualmie and at entry points. Completion expected May 2025
- WSDOT Signage. Identified and communicated improvements to WSDOT. Completion TBD
- Downtown Business Directory installation in Downtown Snoqualmie Kiosk Completion May 2025
- Historic Downtown Color Palette. Community Development and Planning Commission working on expanding streamlining process. **Completion June 2025**
- Downtown Parking Map identified 350+ free public parking spaces Completed January 2025