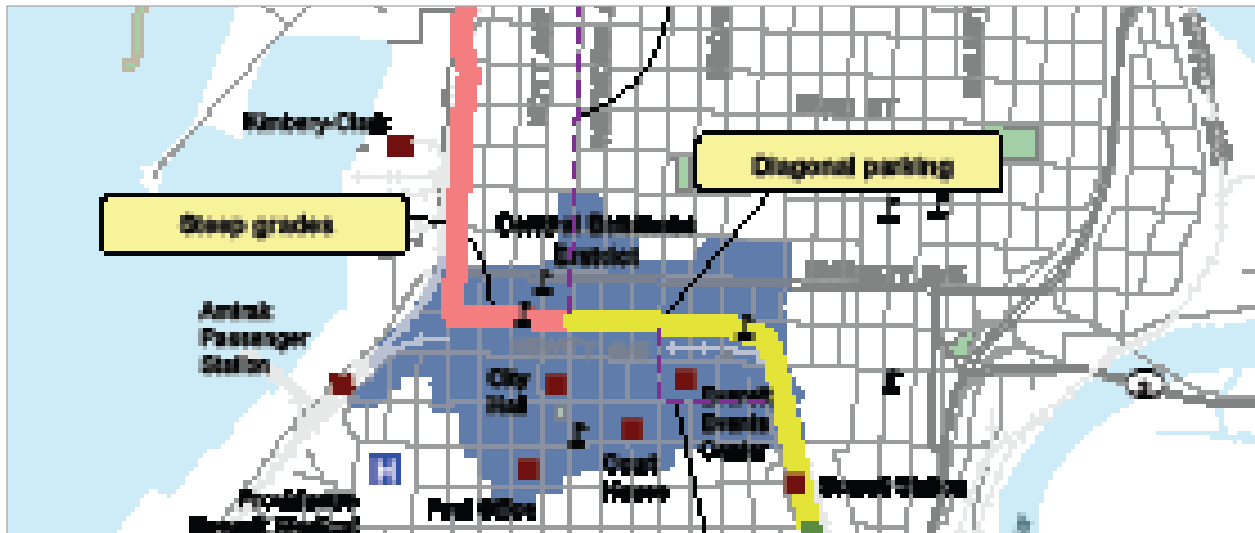


Streetcar Feasibility Study



Located 25 miles north of Seattle, Everett is a dynamic waterfront city with a vibrant downtown and historic neighborhoods. Included in the city's comprehensive vision plan for 2025 was the desire to connect Everett's downtown core with two aging industrial areas, both with strong redevelopment potential. The city's long-range comprehensive plan describes the need for a high-quality transportation connection between the two redevelopment sites and the central core of downtown. The city identified their preferred corridor and hired Nelson\Nygaard to conduct a basic feasibility study exploring various transit options.

Nelson\Nygaard first conducted a detailed review of other streetcar systems in the country, along with a review of various transit modes that could be most effective in helping the city realize its development goals. The next step was to analyze the corridor in detail and identify physical feasibility issues associated with operating either streetcar or bus technology in the corridor. Based on this assessment, several alternative routing options were identified. The final step was to develop initial operating plans, ridership estimates, and high-level capital costs for the corridor. While the selected system would serve a transportation function, the primary goal was to ensure downtown's role as the economic and cultural center of the community and enhance economic development in this area.

Following the initial feasibility study, the city retained Nelson\Nygaard, along with URS Corporation and Leland Consulting Group, to conduct a more detailed review of the corridor assuming streetcar technology. This phase of the study included more refined capital and operating cost estimates as well as a detailed review of capital and operating funding sources.

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