



City of Kent  
Department of Economic and  
Community Development  
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# FAA Regional HQ: Waiting for a Decision

Entry Perspective

RIVERBEND



Trammell Crow Company

Gensler

CLARK

USAA Real Estate Company

717 FAA Northwest Region Headquarters | RLP No. 3WA0392

GSA

# Sports Authority: Opened March 14



# Crane Over Downtown

Tarragon Housing Development On-Track



- On-Schedule for 2Q 2016 Occupancy
- 154 market rate apts



# Meeker Street Corridor

Ripening for a Re-Think



**River Bend Par 3 Golf Course – CTCA Site – Brownfield (Shell Gas)**

**Naden Ave Properties – Kent Station & Platform Apartments**

# Meeker Street Corridor

## First Step: Creating a Shared Vision



- Identifying local and national resources
- Vision will lead to redesign and grants
- Make Meeker St. Corridor a destination for local residents



**Smart Growth America**  
Making Neighborhoods Great Together

# Meeker St. Overpass Clean-Up

Gateway to Downtown and East-to-West Impediment



Strategic Plan 2.2.2: Designate Internal Gateways for Improvement

# Meeker St. Overpass Clean-Up

Gateway and Connection of East to West Meeker



- **Pigeon Infestation**
- **Inadequate Lighting**
- **Ramshackle Fencing**

# Place Making: Brightening the Corridor

## Using Art to Connect



- Recruit a public art professional who specializes in light installations
- Looking to Partner City Public Art funds with other community sources



# Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Place Making for Active Lifestyles



Proposed Kent Side Hill Trail System  
(Under Review)



# Blue Origin ready to launch Kent-designed rocket engine



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By [Rami Grunbaum](#)

Seattle Times deputy business editor

Blue Origin, the space company bankrolled by Jeff Bezos, said Tuesday it has completed testing of the liquid-hydrogen rocket engine designed at its Kent development and production center and will start experimental flights of a suborbital launch system this year. The company is a long way from its declared goal of “making space safe, reliable and affordable so that millions of people can go.”

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