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### Semiahmoo January 21 2017

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks – 9. This village is a continuation of upper White Rock, but the City of Surrey has defined it as a major Town Centre for the future so is treated separately here.

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16.5	Rental apartments, condo apartments, abundant seniors housing
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	6	Frequent service to Bridgeport Station on the Canada Line. Half hourly service to Guildford. Community shuttles.
Area plan or strategy; municipal policies to promote mixed-used development; incentives or mechanism to create mixed-use development; funding for infrastructure and beautification	12	7	2014 city plan sets out principles, and City of Surrey promised a detailed planning process in a web post of 2014, but no action as of early 2017
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	6	Most services are in the shopping centre, with a couple of strip malls on 152 St.
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	4	Medium-density residential streets
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	5	Library, recreation centre, pool, community hall
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	3.5	
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3	Fast food, White Spot, neighbourhood pubs
Office space for local professional services	4	3	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	4	Contiguous with upper White Rock village
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	1.5	South Surrey Chamber of Commerce website is helpful but also takes in competing shopping areas
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	Balance is tipped to White Rock side
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	Semiahmoo Arts, 20 Ave.
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	

Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	67.0	