

Proctor Neighborhood Plan: Summer 2023 Engagement Summary

About the program

The City's Neighborhood Planning Program (NPP) provides enhanced planning and development support to help communities create strong, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods.

Summer Engagement

We launched the Proctor Neighborhood Plan in fall 2022. Throughout summer and early fall 2023, City staff and neighborhood volunteers have been conducting outreach at neighborhood locations and events to hear from community members. At this stage, outreach focused on hearing feedback on draft Plan actions and collecting votes on the Community Booster Project to decide how the community should spend \$50,000 on implementation.

The feedback collected informs the final actions included in the Proctor Neighborhood Plan. To learn more or get involved, contact neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org or visit <https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/proctornp/>

Tabling at Proctor Arts Fest: August 5, 2023

Proctor Neighborhood Plan Steering Group members and City staff attended the Proctor Arts Fest to hear feedback from community members on the draft Plan actions and collect votes for the Community Booster Project. Approximately 250 people stopped by the Proctor Neighborhood Plan booth and provided votes for the Community Booster Project, and many participants also shared feedback on each of the priority areas of the Plan. Comments are summarized below.



Pedestrian Safety and Comfort: Support for traffic calming and pedestrian and bike safety including stop signs, crossing improvements, accessible sidewalks with ramps, and protected bike lanes or bike boulevards. Support for closing streets to cars for outdoor dining, pedestrian space, outdoor activities, community gathering, and food trucks. Feedback to consider parking in new development and a comment against implementing paid parking. Feedback to consider daycare-age children in school drop-

off and pick-up actions. Desire for smaller shuttle buses for transit which run on main streets.

Sustainability and Climate Adaptation: Support for trees, electric vehicles, and benches and other amenities on the Mason path. Support for pedestrian-friendly actions: decreasing parking, increasing transit, creating pedestrian zones and street cafes, and increasing trees and greenery.

Community Space: Support for community center, park, and dog park with some comments identifying Cushman and Adams Substations as an opportunity site. Support for seating and shelter in general, as well as at bus stops and for outdoor dining. Support for doggie bag stations and trash cans. Support for community events, more outdoor space to meet the needs of more dense residential densities, a woonerf (shared street), and the preservation of the library. Desire to change traffic patterns at N 26th St and N Proctor St and to make N 27th St to N 25th St between Washington and Mason pedestrian-only.

Urban Design: Support for preservation of historic buildings, interpretive signage, and well-designed new housing development. Desire to stop larger/taller residential development. Interest in seeing increased and subsidized affordable housing and to support housing affordability without subsidies to developers.

Commercial and Residential Affordability: Support for affordable housing, multifamily housing, and increased density. Support for small businesses including BIOPC- and veteran-owned businesses.



Tabling at Proctor Farmers' Market: August 12 and September 9, 2023

Proctor Neighborhood Plan volunteers and City staff attended the Proctor Farmers' Market to hear feedback from community members on the draft Plan actions and collect votes for the Community Booster Project. Almost 250 people stopped by the Proctor Neighborhood Plan booth over these two dates and provided votes for the Community Booster Project. Many participants also shared feedback on each of the priority areas of the Plan. Comments are summarized below.



Pedestrian Safety and Comfort:

- Curb cuts on sidewalks
- N 30th and N Proctor intersection is scary for people walking
- Enforce speed limits along N 30th St
- Create car-free areas
 - Permanently close N Proctor St
- Improve bike connectivity:
 - Add dedicated bike lanes

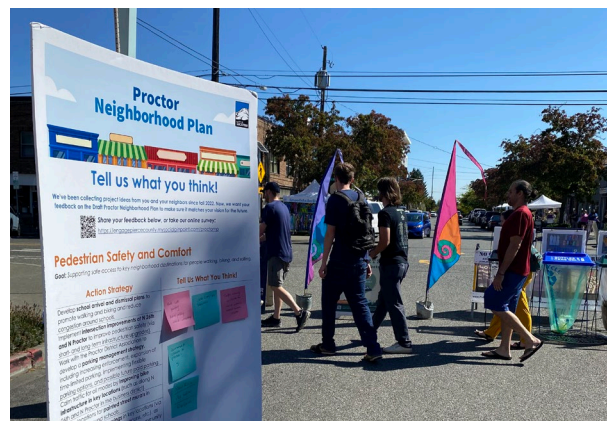
- Make it easier for people in other neighborhoods to get to Proctor (including from south)
- Connect bike lane to the waterfront and Point Defiance
- Add speed humps (multiple comments)
- Require underground parking for new apartments
- Traffic control at N 27th St and Proctor St on Farmers' Market days

Human-Scale Design:

- Create walkable spaces
- Covered sidewalks/overhangs
- Concern about multi-plex buildings in single-family residential areas
- Support for more high-density housing (multiple comments)
- Walkability improvements as part of new planned developments
- Require ground floor retail

Community Space:

- Youth spaces
- Swimming pool at Cushman
- Open playground to community at N Union St and N 28th St and/or renovate nearby playground
- More parades like the Daffodil Parade
- Include community members in community space design
- Benches and 'hangout spaces' on Mason center strip



Sustainability and Commercial and Residential Affordability:

- Affordable housing
 - More low-income housing
 - Housing for students and older adults
- Support for ADUs
- Trees, green spaces, and green infrastructure
- Covered trash cans
- EV charging station

Tabling and Focus Group at Proctor Station, August 24, 2023

Neighborhood Planning Staff invited Proctor Station residents to share their feedback on the Draft Neighborhood Plan Actions. Three residents participated, and shared the following feedback:

- Calm traffic in the north of the business district (along N Proctor St) towards N 30th St
- Covered trash cans
- Presence of daily necessities like the post office is important; hardware store would benefit the neighborhood
- Remove parking around intersections and paint red curbs to improve visibility
- New multi-family residential development can help people age in place

Tabling at NENC Historic Cushman Street Fair: September 23, 2023

Proctor Neighborhood Plan volunteers and City staff attended the Cushman Street Fair to hear feedback from community members on the draft Plan actions and collect votes for the Community Booster Project. At least 60 people stopped by the Proctor Neighborhood Plan booth; however, we lost track of some of the numbers and had to cut in-person voting and commenting short due to strong winds that blew over the booth. We encouraged people to take a flyer and participate online instead. Participants also shared feedback on each of the priority areas of the Plan. Comments are summarized below.



Pedestrian Safety and Comfort:

- Light rail on N 21st St
- Union and N 26th St turn lanes
- Street eateries in place of parking
- Crossing improvements and slower traffic along N 21st St
- College Park Historic District
- All-way crossing
- Bike lanes/narrower lanes
- Parking enforcement

Human-Scale Design:

- Design guidelines

Community Space:

- Bikes/pedestrian only pathway to downtown
- Outdoor public meeting space

Sustainability and Climate Adaptation:

- Bike parking
- Free public transit
- Convert underutilized parking to housing development

Commercial and Residential Affordability:

- Support small business
- Cushman Substation condos

Booster Comments:

- Pedestrian Protection for Proctor and N 26th St from the rain and sun

