

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan: Business District Vitality Project Tracking

The actions below are a selection of those identified in the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan for the goal of **Business District Vitality: to support a vibrant economic base; comfortable, family-friendly environment; and unique McKinley identity**. This document is provided to track the status of implementation for ongoing and upcoming projects. To see the full list of plan actions, see the Implementation Strategy on page 64 of the [McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan](#). Projects that are currently underway are highlighted in the light blue rows, and complete projects in orange rows. For more information or questions, contact neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org.

Plan Reference	Timing	Status	Responsible Parties	Tracking Updates	Details
Business District Vitality (BV)					
BV2. Bike parking/corral	2022	One bike rack: complete Funded	Public Works, Business District	New bike rack installed near Lux Coffee.	Public Works, in collaboration with the business district association (BD) will take the lead on coordination with local property owners on bike parking location.
BV5. Trash cans/pick up in the business district	2023	In progress	Environmental Services	Ongoing discussion about citywide rollout for trash pick-up enhancement.	Trash pick-up enhancement funded in 2023 budget, program still under development. Needed for new streetscape trash cans.
BV7. Placemaking strategy for business district	2023/2024	In progress: Arts Office working on temporary artworks for placemaking	Arts Committee with Arts Office, Spaceworks, Puyallup Tribe of Indians	Arts Office has hired a staff member to support placemaking. McKinley has received a National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant for creative placemaking, including temporary strategies.	Development of an actionable plan that identifies opportunities for creative interventions and strategic investments in McKinley, as well as temporary public art interventions. Will be supplemented by NEA Our Town grant. Implement prior to or simultaneous with the following actions: Business District Support actions (BV2-5), other Art and Placemaking actions (BV8-13), McKinley Ave safety and streetscape enhancements (T3-4, 22), neighborhood gateways (OS3-4), McKinley Overlook activation (OS5), drinking fountains and wayfinding signage (OS6-7), and any redevelopment (D3).
BV8. Wall murals	2022/2023	Mural 1: complete	Arts Committee	A mural has been painted in the alley off	Two murals are funded, including those funded by Spaceworks and Urban Artworks.

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		Mural 2: complete	with Spaceworks	of 3535 McKinley Ave. See photo below. Artist Curtis Ashby designed and painted a mural on the side of Parky's, supported by the Arts Project Committee in partnership with Spaceworks. See photo below.	Additional funding could fund future murals throughout the district.
BV10. Stormwater stencils	2022/2023	Event 1: complete Event 2: complete	Arts Office	Arts Office led stormwater stenciling at the McKinley Neighborhood Fair, and a summer 2023 event installed more along McKinley Ave. See photo below.	Arts has existing stormwater stencils, which can be installed through community volunteer days.
BV11. Utility Pole Painting	2022/2023	Funded	Tacoma Public Utilities		TPU has existing program to work with volunteers for utility pole painting.
BV12.1. Permanent public artworks	2023/2024	Funded	AO	Artist-designed and fabricated permanent public art commissions at key locations. Align with Placemaking Plan (BV7) and Streetscape Enhancement (T4).	Project funded through the NEA Our Town Placemaking grant; possible locations include the McKinley Overlook and "neighborhood gateway" welcome areas.
BV12.2. Welcome signage and new public artworks	2023/2024	Funded	AO	Artist-designed and fabricated welcome signage for the business district at gateway locations.	

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BV13.1. Sidewalk stamp art for new streets projects	2023	Project 1: complete	Arts Office, Public Works	Implementation is planned as part of Streets Initiative Project #15 (anticipated summer/fall 2023).	Use existing Lushootseed concrete stamps fabricated by Arts Office to integrate stamping into streets project (including Streets Initiative Project #15 along E 34th and at intersection of E 34th and McKinley and future streetscape enhancement through T4).



BV8. Wall murals (left) and BV10. Stormwater stencils (right)