ENGAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Element Overview

This element focuses on how the City carries out inclusionary and equitable community engagement working in partnership with individuals and organizations. It also reinforces city commitment to transparency and accountability and identifies steps needed for implementation of the Comprehensive plan, working with internal and external partners to maintain and amend the Comprehensive Plan to ensure it remains useful and relevant.

The goals and policies in this chapter convey the City's intent to:

- Conduct engagement efforts that increase the community's meaningful participation in decisions that shape Tacoma's future.
- Provide a wide range of opportunities for involvement in planning for the future, including seeking feedback in non-traditional spaces and through innovative mediums.
- Provide transparent and thoughtful public processes in planning for the future that are respectful of people's right to know and be heard.
- Achieve greater equity in decision-making by intentionally engaging across the different demographic, racial, cultural, and economic spectrums that make up our community.
- Build trust and foster positive relationships between community members and the City.
- Leverage existing opportunities to engage with residents, such as community events and meetings of appointed advisory groups, such as the Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Transportation Commission.
- Coordinate among City departments and with partner agencies to implement the Comprehensive Plan.
- Update the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that it remains relevant and is consistent with current regulatory and policy frameworks.
- Allocate appropriate funding resources for public engagement and Comprehensive Plan implementation.

Why does this matter?

Efforts must be made to improve relationships with traditionally under-represented and under-served groups, including low-income communities and communities of color. The city also must meaningfully consider all community members' needs and concerns. Consistent with the City's core values and vision for government performance, deep and inclusive community involvement is essential to transparency and equity in long-range planning decisions. It also makes it possible to create and work towards a shared vision for the future.

Proposed Amendments

Content

- Opportunity to set specific expectations about:
 - when to conduct engagement
 - at what level of depth
 - the level of transparency and accountability
- Incorporate concepts including trauma-informed engagement, healing, reconciliation, trust/transparency, accountability/follow-through, and meeting community where they are (focus on access and approaches to engagement that get outside of typical City approaches)
- Define a structure for internal collaboration, including training and resourcing the engagement.
- Include a goal for that supports ongoing staff trainings for anyone who does engagement and interacts with the public to reduce harm, respond to emergencies, and create comfortable spaces.
- Include a goal or policy for a building planning capacity within the community.
- Identify sufficient funding for engagement activities, including funding to compensate participants and community partners when appropriate.
- Identify policies to reduce barriers to engagement implementation.
- Highlight and bolster language access, youth engagement, and BIPOC, Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) and accessibility.
- Include goals on creating anti-racist practices in engagement.
- Move implementation content to Intro & Vision to keep the focus on engagement.

Language

- Better define terms such as "public engagement", "community engagement" and "public participation" and how they are used.
 - Potential glossary to clarify and simplify the terminology.
- Simplify language and text to make easier to read, digest and utilize by multiple community members, partners, and stakeholders.
- Specify actions and policies related to engagement and avoid vague wording.

Policy Framework

Growth Management Act Goals and Policies (RCW 36.70A.020)

The Engagement Element directly supports the planning goals of the State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020(11)):

Citizen participation and coordination. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process, including the participation of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities, and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts.

In addition, the GMA requires that:

"Each county and city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW <u>36.70A.040</u> shall establish and broadly disseminate to the public a public participation program identifying procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations implementing such plans. The procedures shall provide for broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives, opportunity for written comments, public meetings after effective notice, provision for open discussion, communication programs, information services, and consideration of and response to public comments. In enacting legislation in response to the board's decision pursuant to RCW <u>36.70A.300</u> declaring part or all of a comprehensive plan or development regulation invalid, the county or city shall provide for public participation that is appropriate and effective under the circumstances presented by the board's order. Errors in exact compliance with the established program and procedures shall not render the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations invalid if the spirit of the program and procedures is observed."

In support of the City of Tacoma's Periodic Update, a <u>Public Engagement Plan</u> has been developed to guide these efforts.

Element updates will also support and align with <u>RCW 36.70A.040(8)(a)</u>, which outlines engagement with Tribes and the City's obligations to consult with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians on land use actions per the Land Claims Settlement.

The City is planning to align the Comprehensive Plan with the Puyallup Tribe of Indian's Comprehensive Plan and has conducted initial scoping discussions with Tribal staff. The City will continue to coordinate Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Amendments consistent with the requirements of the GMA and the consultation requirements of the Land Claims Settlement.

Finally, the Element will align with new planning requirements under <u>RCW36.70A.070.9</u> to give special consideration to vulnerable and overburdened populations.

VISION 2050

PSRC's VISION 2050 sets a four-county regional plan for growth. The multicounty planning policies (MPPs) developed as part of this effort provide a framework and reference guide for comprehensive plan updates. Relevant MPPs from VISION 2050 include:

- MPP-DP-2 Reduce disparities in access to opportunity for the region's residents through inclusive community planning and targeted public and private investments that meet the needs of current and future residents and businesses.
- MPP-DP-8 Conduct inclusive engagement to identify and address the diverse needs of the region's residents.

Community Input

Ongoing community support for expanded engagement activities has been shared with various City departments. Community Members showed support for engagement efforts during the One Tacoma Shared Vision, Shared Future visioning workshops, with over 300 participants and over 600 comments provided as feedback and input for the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Additionally, community members have explicitly shown support for additional engagement efforts through the Neighborhood Planning process. The current South Tacoma draft actions document includes action to "Align with the Comprehensive Plan Engagement Chapter to create recommendations for more inclusive engagement by the City, including language access, trauma-informed engagement practices, youth engagement, and access for people with disabilities/neurodivergence" under the "Celebrating History & Identities" community priority section.

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ENGAGEMENT + ADMINISTRATION GOALS

- GOAL AD-1 Engage the Tacoma community equitably in planning for future projects and decisions in a coordinated, inclusive, and safe manner, prioritizing the empowerment of historically under-served and under-represented groups—as identified in this Plan's Community Profile.
- GOAL AD-2 Build and sustain community
 partnerships and programs to enhance capacity,
 improve engagement effectiveness, and
 strengthen trust between the government of
 Tacoma and communities that have historically
 been marginalized in public processes.
- GOAL AD-3 Ensure that City decision-making processes are clear and transparent to all, including traditionally under-served and under-represented groups such as youth and BIPOC, as identified in this chapter's Community Profile.

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11.1 Introductory Context

What is this chapter about?

The goals and policies in this chapter convey the City's intent to:

- ▶ Conduct engagement that increases the community's meaningful participation in decisions that shape Tacoma's future.
- Provide a wide range of opportunities for engagement, including seeking feedback in non-traditional spaces, willingness to be innovative in communication media, and ensuring accessibility through support in multiple languages and formats.
- ▶ Provide transparent and inclusive public processes that uphold everyone's right to be informed and heard, ensuring that all voices are valued and amplified in planning.
- Achieve greater equity in decision-making by intentionally engaging across the different spectrums of race, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and economic circumstance that reflect our diverse community.
- Actively pursue the sustained transformation of systemically racist institutions and the creation of an anti-racist culture at the City of Tacoma.
- ▶ Build belief, trust, and positive relationships between community members and the City through follow-through and authentic engagements.
- ▶ Coordinate among City departments and with partner agencies to implement the Comprehensive Plan and collectively hold each other accountable to community feedback by making sure it is meaningfully incorporated in planning and decision-making.
- Ensure that coordinated and equitable community engagement is adequately and sustainably resourced with funds and organizational capacity.

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Why is this important?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Decisions are better—more equitable, resilient, and accountable—when those most impacted by decisions are engaged in the process. Collaborative and inclusive community participation is essential to supporting Tacoma's core values of opportunity, equity, partnership, and accountability.

To meaningfully consider all community members' needs and concerns, particular efforts must be made to improve relationships with traditionally under-represented and under-served groups, including low-income communities and communities of color. Consistent with the City's core values and vision for government performance, deep and inclusive community engagement is essential to transparency and equity in long-range planning decisions. It also makes it possible to create and work towards a shared vision for the future.





DIVERSITY: Diversity refers to the many ways in which people differ, including race, socioeconomic status, age, and gender. Tacoma is one of the most racially diverse cities in Washington State and prioritizes addressing racebased inequities.

INCLUSION: Authentically bringing traditionally excluded individuals and/or groups into processes, activities, and decision/policy making in a way that shares power. (Heal the Heart Charter)

EQUALITY: a measure of equal treatment

EQUITY: when everyone has access to the opportunities necessary to satisfy their essential needs, advance their wellbeing and achieve their full potential.

WHAT IS EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

Equitable community engagement is the process of intentionally seeking involvement from community members who have not been historically included in City processes, are most impacted by the City's initiative, project, or program, and are reflective of Tacoma's diversity. Equitable community engagement should:

- 1. Operate using a social justice and an anti-racist lens
- Build and maintain relationships with community members who will be most impacted by a project, program, or City initiative and value their expertise and knowledge
- 3. Demonstrate respect by ensuring thoughtful and meaningful communication efforts, coordination with other City efforts, and culturally responsive approaches
- 4. Center and amplify the voices of those who are most often marginalized in conversations about the future of their community
- Recognize the historical context of oppression in the City and how it continues to cause systemic barriers, preventing some communities from accessing services today
- 6. Challenge practitioners to engage with the community as partners and exercise flexibility and responsiveness based on community feedback
- 7. Value participants' time and contributions and incorporate their recommendations in the final product, when appropriate/feasible

City of Tacoma Equitable Engagement Framework



EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT: the
process of intentionally
seeking involvement from
community members who
have not been historically
included in City processes,
are most impacted by the
City's initiative, project, or
program, and are reflective of
Tacoma's diversity. (Equitable
Engagement Framework)

ANTI-RACISM: Identifying and challenging the values, structures, and behaviors that perpetuate systemic racism. (Heal the Heart Charter)

How does this chapter address key themes?

All community members are affected by the Tacoma Comprehensive Plan. However, historically, not all community members have been equitably aware of the plan, its impact on decisions affecting their lives, or their ability to influence it. While much of the rest of the Comprehensive Plan describes policies, this chapter focuses on how these policies and their ensuing actions are carried out, and how they will be stewarded to ensure continued reflection of community priorities. Central to this "how" is community engagement. A consistent, well-resourced, and accountable system of equitable community engagement creates the needed relationship between planners and policy-makers, and the residents they serve to create responsive policies. (**Equity**)

The focus areas of the One Tacoma Plan are themselves the result of community engagement and community-defined priorities. Some of this community engagement was conducted expressly for the Comprehensive Plan, but this plan also builds on engagement conducted by the City of Tacoma and other partners in recent years for initiatives such as Home in Tacoma, Neighborhood Planning, Participatory Budgeting, and the Climate Action Plan. Staff and officials will continue to focus on these themes throughout implementation and stewardship of the Comprehensive Plan and associated actions. (Opportunity, Public Health, Safety, Sustainability)



EQUITY



OPPORTUNITY



PUBLIC HEALTH



SAFETY



SUSTAINABILITY

WHAT ARE SOME BASELINE CONDITIONS + OPPORTUNITIES?

Key developments in and around Tacoma since 2015 relevant to engagement include:

- ▶ The City of Tacoma invested in equitable community engagement capacity and system-building. For example, two City positions, one dedicated to harmonizing community engagement efforts and another dedicated to coordinating Language Access, were created and staffed. The City now has a cross-department Community Engagement Practitioners Work Group that meets regularly, and city-wide tools, such as the Equitable Engagement Plan and gift card policy, now set common expectations for engagement.
- New programs to invest in community engagement have been resourced, and existing programs have grown their capacity. For example, in 2021 the City Council created the Neighborhood Planning Program as a direct request for more engagement. To date, neighborhood planning support has helped create and implement a community-based vision in McKinley Hill, Proctor, and South Tacoma. Although the Neighborhood Planning Program was paused due to budget constraints in mid-2025, these planning efforts piloted neighborhood-based equitable engagement tools and tactics. Individual departments, including Public Works and Environmental Services, have created department-specific Community Engagement Plans based off a city-wide framework for engagement.
- ▶ In 2018, the Mayor's Office supported a youth engagement task force that was charged with establishing a permanent Youth Commission. The Mayor's Youth Commission was established by Resolution 40502 in 2019 to advise on policies, codes, plans, and practices through a youth-lens, providing an opportunity for youth to engage in policy making decisions and local government.
- ▶ In 2019, a group of staff from across the City of Tacoma's General Government (GG) and Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) formed with the goal of collaborating on community engagement efforts across the organization. This Community Engagement Practitioners Work Group includes over 50 staff who meet on a regular basis to share ideas, strategize, and consider how departments can work collaboratively to further improve engagement efforts City-wide.
- ▶ Resolution 40622 (passed 2020) affirms the City Council dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism.
- ▶ Resolution 41278 (passed 2023) directs the City Manager to create an Equity Toolkit for special events for community use as a public education tool.
- ▶ In 2022 the City of Tacoma launched its first participatory budgeting process in District 4, awarding \$1 million for youth and cultural programming. The District 2 process identified a covered skate park featuring public art under I-705.
- ▶ The Puyallup Tribe of Indians, a sovereign nation of more than 6,000 members whose traditional homelands include the land on which Tacoma is built, completed their first Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2023. Around the same time, HB 1717 (Concerning tribal participation in planning under the growth management act, 2022) brought new requirements to the Growth Management Act (GMA) related to tribal coordination, elevating the need for collaboration and engagement between municipalities and neighboring tribal nations.



These developments have changed the context and the processes by which Tacoma conducts community engagement. They also offer new opportunities to further strengthen equitable community engagement practices across all City departments.

11.2 Goals + Policies

The goals and policies of this chapter lay out how the One Tacoma Plan will be implemented with inclusive and equitable community engagement at its core. The City is taking steps to build the tools and processes necessary to create and maintain meaningful relationships with community members from all walks of life in Tacoma. The City also commits to coordinating internally to ensure a consistent and unified approach that minimizes burden on communities while making engagement as relevant, engaging, and beneficial as possible. The goals and policies acknowledge that the City and our initiatives will have to learn and adapt over coming years to respond to a community that is also growing and changing every day.

INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tacoma is committed to authentic community engagement. The City's commitment to diverse and inclusive public engagement is demonstrated by the Equity and Empowerment Initiative framework, which was adopted by City Council in September 2015. The framework has been incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan (see box on the next page) and the following goals and policies are designed to be consistent with the framework.

The complexity and changing character of planning issues, technology, and the City itself requires thoughtful innovation to ensure people-focused and equitable community engagement. Increasingly diverse demographics, as well as past failures of top-down approaches, point to the need for new grass-roots strategies that promote inclusive participation. Changes in communication technology allow, and even require, the City to offer new avenues for engagement, and hopefully, collaboration. Finally, the City's natural and built character and infrastructure are constantly evolving and continually require input. In this environment, strong internal coordination and communication are essential to ensure consistency and build trust between government and community. The City-wide Equitable Engagement Plan and Framework are the keystone documents for coordinating city efforts. Within this Plan, the City of Tacoma uses a Spectrum of Community Participation adapted from the Community Engagement to Ownership Spectrum developed by Rosa González of Facilitating Power to calibrate the appropriate level of engagement expected for city projects. The following policies also challenge City staff to assess current practices and develop new tools through an ongoing evaluation and improvement of engagement methods.



GOAL AD-1: Engage the Tacoma community equitably in planning for future projects and decisions in a coordinated, inclusive, and safe manner, prioritizing the empowerment of historically under-served and under-represented groups—as identified in this Plan's Community Profile.

Policy AD-1.1: Develop, resource, and roll-out a City-wide Equitable Engagement Plan and Framework that includes shared community engagement practices and project-level guidance for when to engage the community, how to set outcomes, prioritize subgroups most impacted by the project, implement engagement, utilize City resources and community partnerships, and how to report back to communities for accountability. Support individual departments in developing consistent Equitable Engagement Plans.

Policy AD-1.2: Provide engagement opportunities that are broadly accessible by offering a range of locations, times, and formats, including in-person and online activities. Provide accommodations that allow people with disabilities, neurodivergence, caregiving responsibilities, transportation and/or digital access barriers, and limited English ability to participate fully.

Policy AD-1.3: Develop, resource, and roll-out a city-wide approach to Language Access Planning. This includes standard operating procedures for language access planning, identification of priority languages, and selection and implementation of multilingual engagement strategies.

Policy AD–1.4: Strengthen and sustain the work of the Community Engagement Practitioners Work Group. Conduct regular meetings, develop shared resources, and hold joint planning sessions to ensure consistent, inclusive practices across all city departments.

Policy AD-1.5: Implement an internal system for assessing the inclusivity and effectiveness of communication and community engagement efforts and updating the Equitable Engagement Plan every 2-3 years. This should include collecting data on participation and costs of implementation using best practices, gathering feedback from staff and community partners, and identifying areas for improvement.

Policy AD-1.6: Allocate sufficient funding for engagement activities on a City-wide and project-by-project basis, including funding to compensate participants for their time and partnership. Include guidance on budgeting for engagement activities in community engagement tools.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

By building and maintaining partnerships with individuals, partner agencies, and organizations that represent a wide variety of interests, the City gains a better understanding of diverse needs and concerns, benefiting the community as a whole through more equitable decision-making. The following goals and policies support building and maintaining strong and supportive relationships with the many individuals and organizations that represent the diverse communities and perspectives in Tacoma.

GOAL AD-2: Build and sustain community partnerships and programs to enhance capacity, improve engagement effectiveness, and strengthen trust between the government of Tacoma and communities that have historically been marginalized in public processes.

Policy AD-2.1: Build and maintain partnerships with:

- a. Community leaders and community-based organizations
- b. Historically under-served and under-represented communities, including low-income communities, LGBTQ+, BIPOC communities, youth, and the disability community
- c. Neighborhood and business associations, including groups without formal affiliations
- d. Businesses, unions, employees and related organizations
- e. Interest groups, cultural groups and affinity organizations
- f. Institutions, governments, and tribal sovereign nations
- h. Media, including ethnic media

Policy AD-2.2: Collaborate with Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Business Districts to better reflect population diversity and the range of interests within the areas they represent.

Policy AD-2.3: Prioritize collaborating and contracting with Tacoma area community-based organizations (CBOs) and interest groups whenever feasible to help build capacity. Include detailed guidance on contracting with and meaningfully resourcing CBOs in the Equitable Engagement Plan, and address barriers to contracting with small organizations.

Policy AD–2.4: Expand and sustainably fund ongoing community engagement programs, such as the Community Liaison and Language Ambassador program to co-create engagement strategies with and build capacity among communities and in neighborhoods that have historically been marginalized in public processes.

Policy AD-2.5: Work with the Mayor's Youth Commission, schools, and other youth-focused community partners to design and implement strategies to improve and sustain youth engagement in planning.

Policy AD-2.6: Leverage existing opportunities to engage with residents, such as community events and organizations, as well as meetings of appointed advisory

EOUITY + EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE FRAMEWORK

WHAT IS EQUITY? Equity is when everyone has access to the opportunities necessary to satisfy their essential needs, advance their well-being and achieve their full potential

VISION - Our vision is for Tacoma to be an inclusive and equitable place to live, work and play

MISSION - Our mission is to achieve equity in our service delivery, decision-making and community engagement. We will do this by identifying and eliminating the underlying drivers within our community that perpetuate racial inequity and provide opportunity and advancement for all

PRIMARY GOALS - If our proposed framework is successful, we believe that our municipal workforce and community will achieve five goals:

- ▶ City of Tacoma Workforce Reflects the Community it Serves: Actively work to eliminate racial and other disparities and provide accommodations for people with disabilities in hiring, promotion, retention and contracting
- Purposeful Community Outreach and Engagement: Work with community partners and businesses to promote equity and inclusion within Tacoma and throughout the region, producing measurable improvements and disparity reductions
- Equitable Service Delivery to All Residents and Visitors: Provide guidance, education and assistance to all departments as they develop sustainable methods to build capacity in achieving equitable outcomes and services
- Support Human Rights and Opportunities for Everyone to Achieve Their Full Potential: Promote, support and build capacity for compliance with civil rights laws, ordinances and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, within the city of Tacoma
- Commitment to Equity in Local Government Decision-Making: Be transparent and collaborative with internal and external individuals and groups, holding ourselves and our partners accountable for measurable improvements and outcomes



CULTURALLY COMPETENT: the ability to understand, appreciate and interact with people from cultures or belief systems different from one's own.

TRAUMA-INFORMED
APPROACH: integrates
understanding and
awareness of individual,
historical, racial, and
systemic trauma into all
aspects of organizational
behavior to reduce the
likelihood of further harm
and to promote healing.

TRANSCREATION: Often referred to in contrast to translation, transcreation describes a holistic approach to adapting content in a way that is culturally relevant and appealing to a given audience.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Consistent with Tacoma's core values, the City is committed to transparency in community engagement processes. When community members have a good understanding of a process, they are better able to participate effectively. Improved transparency and communication allow the city to better understand community opinions and needs and serve to build belief and trust.

GOAL AD-3: Ensure that City decision-making processes are clear and transparent to all, including traditionally under-served and under-represented groups such as youth and BIPOC, as identified in this chapter's Community Profile.

Policy AD-3.1: Establish and communicate clear roles, rights, responsibilities and timeframes for participants and decision-makers.

Policy AD-3.2: At each stage of the planning process, identify and communicate which topics can be shaped by community input, and which are guided by established regulations or policies.

Policy AD-3.3: Following decisions resulting from community-engaged processes, communicate to participants:

- a. The issues raised in the community engagement process,
- b. How public input affected outcomes,
- c. The rationale used in making decisions,
- d. Whether and how decisions can be challenged or appealed and,
- e. If a decision is outside of City control, how community members can engage with the jurisdiction or agency that makes the final decision.

Policy AD–3.4: Invest in communications tools and strategies, including digital platforms, messaging services, paid media, and overall departmental capacity to support equitable community engagement.



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11.3 Priority Actions

ACTION LEAD

Develop tools, templates, and best practice guides for engagement and communications during and after engagement available for all departments to adapt and use (e.g., guides for survey and event reporting). These resources will guide staff through conducting engagement that is culturally relevant, appropriate for priority audiences, internally consistent, and resourceful. Measure the efficacy of these tools and their resulting plans where feasible. (Supports Goal AD-3)

Develop a process and secure data infrastructure to share quantitative and qualitative community engagement data across City of Tacoma departments and key community partners such as Tacoma Public Schools and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to minimize respondent burden, use resources efficiently, and provide high quality data-informed services.

Develop and implement a comprehensive, ongoing training program for all city staff and community partners and CBOs involved in community engagement. This program should cover cultural competency, anti-racism, trauma-informed practices, best practices for engagement with youth and vulnerable populations, accessibility considerations, self-care for engagement staff, and techniques for creating psychologically safe spaces.

Continue to develop shared tools for the Work Group including an events calendar, guides and examples to optimizing use of digital tools, guides and best practices for communications, community compensation guidelines and protocols, community contacts and relationship management, resources and vendor lists for printing, meeting supplies, translation, transcreation, and accessibility services.

Identify costs associated with best practices for equitable engagement.

Include guidance on meaningfully resourcing Community Liaisons and Ambassadors in the Equitable Engagement Plan and/or associated tools.

Explore additional opportunities (such as a Community Planning Academy) to build community and neighborhood capacity to foster ongoing community engagement and advocacy.

Support and improve equity within formal processes for participation, such as Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Business Districts. Review and update these programs periodically to identify capacity needs and opportunities for improvement.

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