

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.

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Business District Vitality (BV)					
BV2. Bike parking/corral	2022	One bike rack: complete Others - ongoing	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	Implementation is pending citywide rollout for trash can request process for neighborhood business districts.	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).

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BV8. Wall murals	2022/ 2023	Mural 1: complete Mural 2: complete	Arts Committee with Spaceworks	A mural has been painted in the alley off 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.	Two murals are funded, including those funded by Spaceworks and Urban Artworks. 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	In progress	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	In progress	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 Project 2: complete Other opportunities – ongoing	Arts Office, Public Works	Installed at McKinley Overlook and through Streets Initiative #15.	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)

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan: Transportation Project Tracking

The actions below are a selection of those identified in the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan for the goal of **Transportation: to improve walkability and placemaking within the business district, and enhance connections to transit, schools, parks, and major walking/bicycling/rolling routes to adjacent neighborhoods and the Dome District transit connections**. 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 about project actions, contact neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org.

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Transportation (T)					
T1. Speed reduction for business district	2022/2023	Complete	Public Works, Vision Zero	Speed limit signage, reducing the speed limit to 25MPH, was installed on McKinley Ave in 2023. <i>See photo below.</i>	New speed limit signage for business district installed as part of Vision Zero implementation.
T2. Crosswalk repainting	2022/2023	In progress	Public Works	Currently on the PW Work Plan and intended to be completed as weather permits in 2025.	Repainting of existing crosswalks in the business district, where no curb ramp improvement is required.
T3. Intersection safety and placemaking at E Division Ln and McKinley Ave	2022/2023	Complete	Walkability and Arts Committees with Public Works, Arts Office	Installed 2023	Pilot project for Vision Zero 'quick build' project: Repainting crosswalks, adding temporary bulb-outs on all four corners, placemaking elements (artist-designed street mural. Mural design should refer to Placemaking Strategy (BV7).
T4.1. McKinley Ave streetscape enhancement design	2023	In progress	Walkability Committee with Public Works, Arts Office, Planning and Development Services, Community and Economic Development	Project committees, consultant team, Public Works, and City Urban Design staff have begun work on the conceptual design	Design streetscape upgrades for McKinley Ave (E Wright Ave to south of E Division Ln), with consideration of: crossing improvements, amenities, placemaking enhancements, bike facility, parklets, parking solutions, etc. in alignment with Transportation Masterplan and McKinley NPP. Initial design develops cost estimates and gets project grant ready. Consider including neighborhood gateways (OS3-4) in the scope of this project, and ideally, complete at least conceptual design prior to

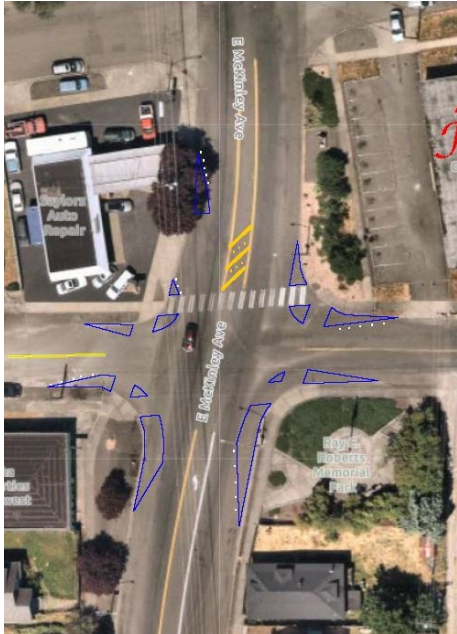
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					installation of streetscape elements in Business District Support actions (BV2-5), Art and Placemaking actions (BV8-13), and drinking fountains and wayfinding signage (OS6-7).
T5. Missing link sidewalk connection on E L St	2024/2025	Planned	Public Works		Build approximately 1,200 linear feet of sidewalk along E L St from E 34th St to L St Overpass, to fill missing connection for people walking/biking to Tacoma Dome Transit Center, Dome District, and Lower Portland Area.
T6-7 Add crosswalks and curb ramps to key locations (parks, schools)	2025	Ongoing	Public Works	Curb ramps were improved in 2020 with Streets Initiative funding on Fairbanks adjacent to Gault School. Curb ramps are being constructed in 2025 with grant funding at E 43rd St & McKinley Ave, adjacent to Verlo Playfield.	Identified locations include: Across McKinley Ave near East D St and/or East F St to connect with McKinley Park. Across East L Street at East Wright Ave to connect to Rogers Playfield. Across McKinley Ave near Verlo Playfield. Across East Fairbanks St near Gault School.
T10-14 Implement planned bicycle facilities	Ongoing	In progress	Public Works	East-West bike lane along E 34th St is complete. Others in progress.	Identified locations include: North-south bike lane along McKinley Ave and/or facility on parallel street. Coordinate with McKinley Ave streetscape design (T5). East-west bike lane along East 34th Street. East-west bike lane along East 38th Street from East K St, westward. Bicycle boulevard that connects to East 40th St shared use path and goes south along East E St. East-west bicycle boulevard along East 29th St from Upper Park St, eastward.
T23. Red Curb Painting	2022/2023	Complete	Public Works	Installed as part of a 2023 community work party.	Public Works will mark red curb locations, to be painted by community volunteers. Ongoing opportunity for business district to lead.
T24. Study parking management options	2025/26	In progress	Public Works	Public Works is working with the community and Business District in 2025 to conduct a parking study.	Align with McKinley Ave Streetscape Design (Action T4).

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T1. Speed reduction for Business District



T3. Intersection safety at E Division Ln and McKinley Ave



T23. Red curb painting by volunteers

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan: Open Space Project Tracking

The actions below are a selection of those identified in the McKinley Hill Neighborhood for the goal of activated **Open Spaces: to enhance key open spaces to support community gathering and safety, such as McKinley Overlook, as well as business district gateways**. 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 about project actions, contact neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org.

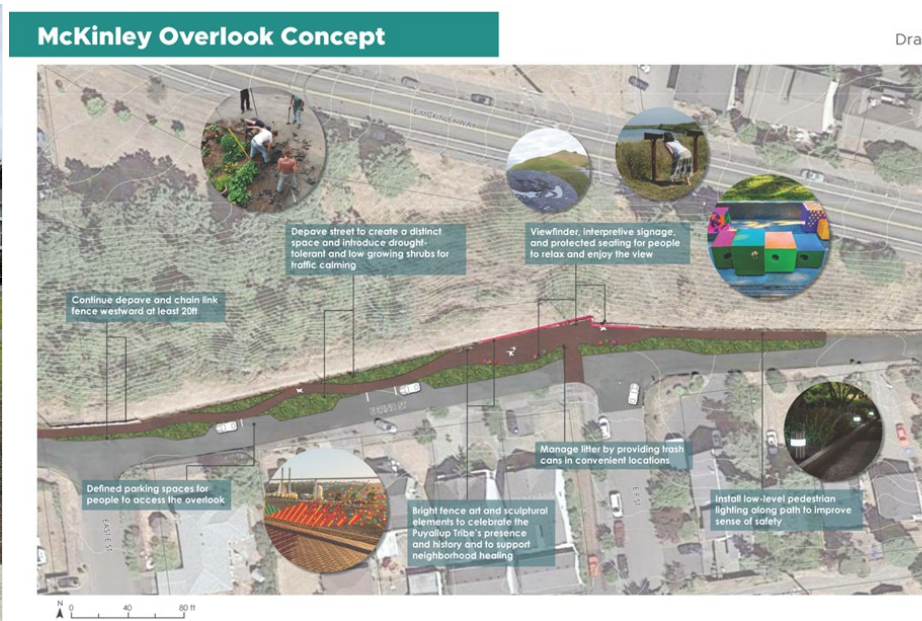
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Open Space (OS)					
OS1. Residential tree planting and outreach	2023/2024	Complete	Open Space Committee, Environmental Services, Tacoma Tree Foundation	Outreach to community began in summer 2023 for fall planting; planting of 230 trees was completed in fall 2023!	Develop a neighborhood tree planting outreach program in McKinley, with the goal of achieving 25% canopy cover in the business district and 35% in residential areas.
OS2. Planting strip improvements on East I St	2023	Partially complete	Open Space Committee, Pierce Conservation District, Environmental Services	Outreach to community in 2023; some trees planted in the planting strips.	Partner with the Depave program to amend soil, create new landscaping, plant trees, and add other improvements to parking strip along East I St, the Pipeline Trail connector, to support traffic calming.
OS3. Wright and McKinley Open Space Improvements	TBD	In progress	Public Works, Urban Forestry, Arts	Temporary Welcome Signage installed November 2024	Opportunity for an anchor site/gateway location at the north end of the business district, to be coordinated with welcome signage (BV12.2), Placemaking Plan (BV7), and McKinley Streetscape Design (T4).
OS5. Open space enhancement at McKinley Overlook	2023 / 2024	In progress	Open Space committee with Arts Office, Environmental Services,	Construction underway with completion anticipated mid-2025.	Activate area at the top of McKinley Slope to reduce illegal dumping and make a family-friendly space. NPP is supporting conceptual design process.

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			Public Works, Neighborhood Planning Program		
OS7. Interpretive signage in parks	2023	In progress	Metro Parks Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Arts Office	Planned signage at McKinley Overlook to be installed in 2025	Coordination with Tribe and MetroParks, with funding needed for design and fabrication.
OS6. Drinking water fountains	2022 / 2023	Location 1: complete Location 2: in progress	Tacoma Public Utilities, Public Works	Drinking fountain installed at E Wright Ave and McKinley Ave in March 2023! See photo below. Another drinking fountain location for the business district is being discussed.	Identify location(s) for drinking water fountains in the business district and nearby open spaces.



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OS5. Open space enhancement at McKinley Overlook

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan: Development Project Tracking

The actions below are a selection of those identified in the McKinley Hill Neighborhood for the goal of **Development: to enhance McKinley’s Center with new amenities. As the neighborhood grows, support options for housing, food/grocery, services, and amenities. Pursue community interests with major redevelopments (e.g., Gault School site).** This document is provided to track the status of implementation. Projects that are currently underway are highlighted in the light blue rows, and complete projects in orange rows. For more information or questions about project actions, contact neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org.

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Development (D)					
D1.1 Support the creation of new middle housing	Ongoing	In progress	Multiple	Home in Tacoma adopted November 2025 to support creation of new middle housing.	Neighborhood interest in low-scale units, with middle- and workforce housing.
D1.2 Support creation of ADUs	Ongoing	In progress	PDS	New ADU accelerator program coming online in 2025.	ADU support program for preapproved ADU plans, permit and/or homeowner support services, etc.
D2. Support landmarking of historic apartment buildings	Ongoing	Resources needed not yet estimated	Planning and Development Services, Neighborhood Planning Program	Historic buildings will be considered as a part of the placemaking strategy (BV7). An Arts Office position to support the placemaking strategy has been funded.	Several historic buildings in McKinley are listed as potentially eligible (see Appendix B).
D3. Community amenities with redevelopment, especially grocery	Ongoing	Resources needed not yet estimated	Community and Economic Development, Tacoma Public Schools, Planning and Development Services, Neighborhood Planning Program	Currently tracking Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) redevelopment of the Gault School site and mitigation for historic demolition. NPP will provide community goals to TPS as they consider redevelopment.	Seek partners and opportunities for grocery/green market, teen and youth services, open space, and mixed-use retail with redevelopment of any properties, especially Gault School redevelopment. Align with grocery and market hall goals (BD 14-15) and addressing other neighborhood goals.