

**South Tacoma  
Neighborhood Planning**

**Steering Group Meeting #4**

June 27, 2024



# AGENDA

- **Icebreaker:** *What are you looking forward to this summer?* (in chat)
- **Summer Engagement Plan/Events**
  - Summer Engagement Plan
  - Interactive Map/Survey
  - Schedule
  - Event Planning
  - Focus Groups/Tabling
- **Vision Zero Road Safety Audit Findings, Public Works**
- **Program Updates/Housekeeping**
  - Final Goal Language
  - Engagement Update
  - Subject Matter Expert Discussion Schedule
- **Wrap Up & Next Steps**



# GROUP NORMS

## Discussion guidelines for our work together:

- **Respect each other's time.** As much as possible, please be on time, attend meetings, and come prepared. Listen to each other for understanding.
- **Take space, make space.** Share your ideas, then step back to actively listen. If you're talkative, remember to step back; if you're quiet, remember to step up.
- **Expect the best.** When someone says something, assume the best intentions; ask clarifying questions. And keep in mind that sometimes impact is different than intent.
- **Apply a trauma-informed framework.** Recognize past harm and ground our work in principles of safety, trustworthiness/transparency, neighborhood strengths, peer support, collaboration, empowerment and choice, and cultural, historical, and gender issues. Allow space for reflection and healing.
- **Make room for messy, incomplete, and imperfect.** There's no one right answer, and a final plan is not the end. Move at the speed of trust.
- **Be positive and solution oriented.** Keep moving forward. Be aware of what we can and cannot change.
- **Know that you are valued.** You are making a big contribution to the South Tacoma neighborhood – thank you!

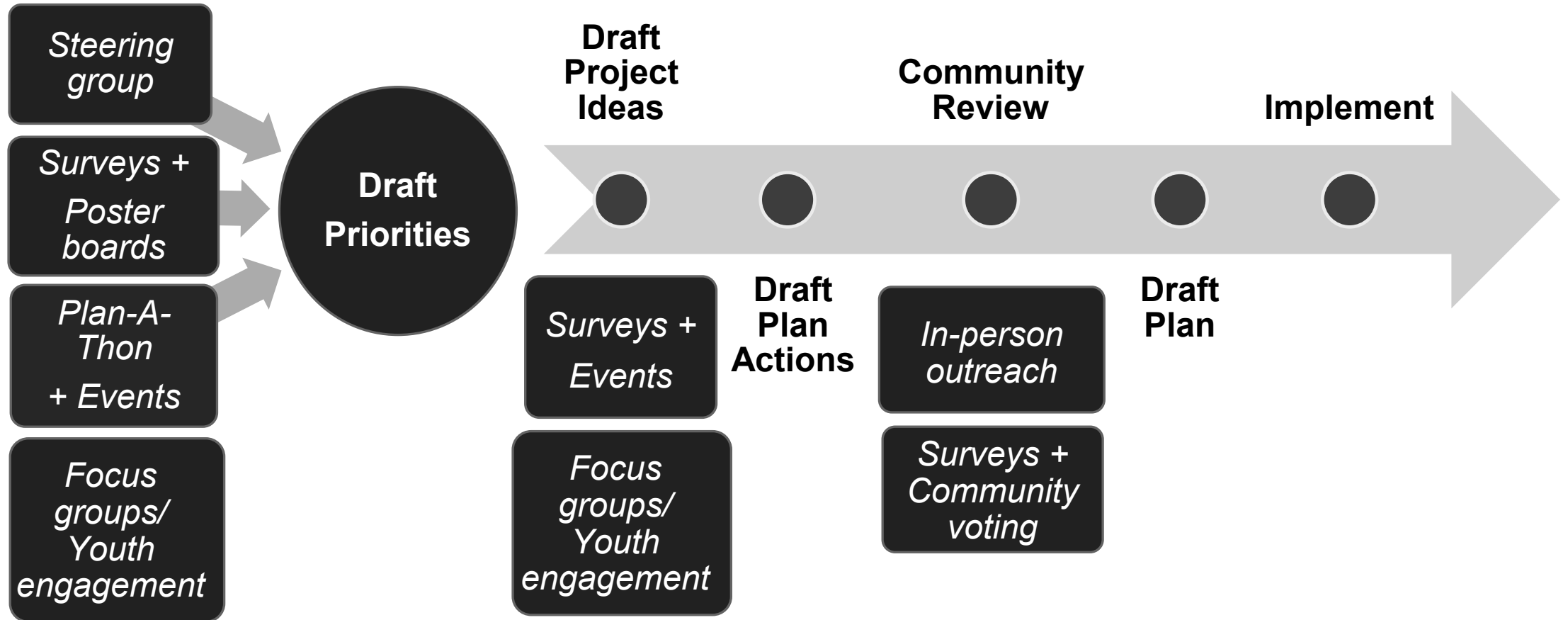






# SUMMER ENGAGEMENT PLANNING

# NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS



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**We are here**

# Summer Engagement Plan

- **July: Priorities Engagement**

- Launch online survey and interactive map (July 8)
- Historic Survey Walking Tour (July 18)
- Multi-lingual engagement

- **August/September**

- Community Event – Details TBD
- Back to school
- Tabling (Haunted Farmers Market; display board at library)

- **Fall**

- City of Destiny Festival; Halloween; Santa Parade



# Summer Event

## Event ideas and decisions:

- **Event Goals:**
- Collect input on goals and actions for the Neighborhood Plan
  - Highlight South Tacoma amenities/businesses
  - Bring new people to the neighborhood/provide an amenity for existing neighbors
  - Create a new event that is replicable in the future
  - Manageable scope for party planning group
- **Audience:** Family-friendly but has a draw for all ages; 200ish attendees
- **Location:** Outside: South Park or behind Edison Square in the parking area
- **Time and date:** Friday or Saturday evening in late August or early September, 5-8pm (later for a movie)
- **Activities:** Family friendly games, bounce houses/foam, family movie, NPP activity/booth
- **Food:** Invite 2-3 food and ice cream trucks to vend (possibly providing free ice cream)

# Summer Event

- **Questions for more discussion:**

- Ideas for other activities? Balloons; face painting; music? Back-up plan, foam party?
- Opportunities to offer participation/vending to local businesses? (Food trucks/booths, ice cream)
- Event sponsorship for some of the bigger ticket items? Movie licensing partnership? (Grand Cinema, Library)
- Overlap with August 23 STAR Center summer bash?

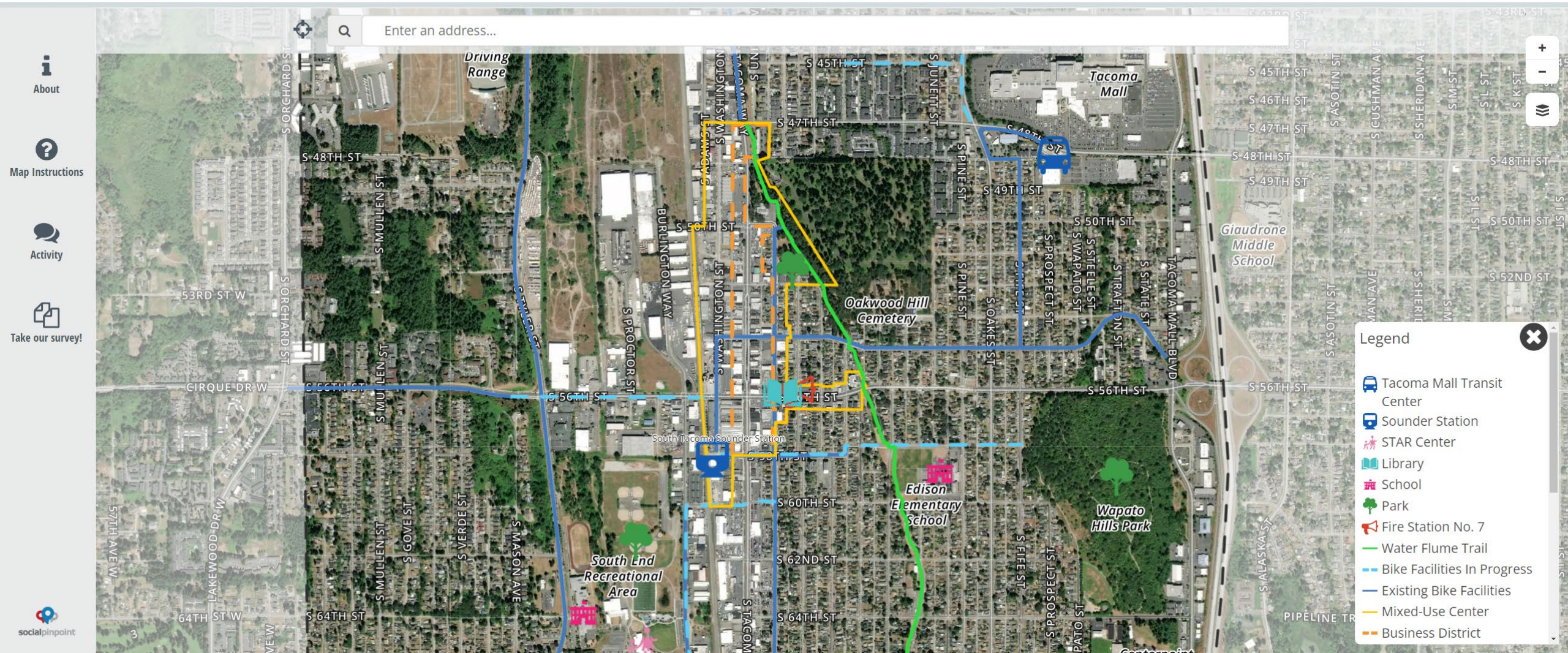
- **Next meeting for Party Planning Committee: Monday, July 8 at 4pm (TBD)**



# Social PinPoint Map/Survey



- Drag to comment >
- Project idea or action - draw a circle!
- Project idea or action - drop a pin!
- Important cycling routes
- Important walking routes
- Make a Comment
- Challenges



- About
- Map Instructions
- Activity
- Take our survey!

**Legend**

- Tacoma Mall Transit Center
- Sounder Station
- STAR Center
- Library
- School
- Park
- Fire Station No. 7
- Water Flume Trail
- Bike Facilities In Progress
- Existing Bike Facilities
- Mixed-Use Center
- Business District



# Focus Groups/Tabling

- **Youth engagement** – youth interviewing public figures and peers (also Mt. Tahoma HS)
- **Focus Group ideas:**
  - Ludwig Senior Apartments focus group; other renter groups – (senior/renter perspective)
  - Centro Rendu; Asia Pacific Cultural Center – (multilingual/cultural communities)
  - Business District/small business owner focus group
- **Tabling:**
  - Tabling at Haunted Farmers' Market
  - Tabling at other recurring events and/or pop-ups
  - Future: Destiny Festival (Oct 27), Halloween event, Santa Parade
- Door-to-door team?
- Informal gatherings/social media

SPEED  
LIMIT  
25

CROSSWALK

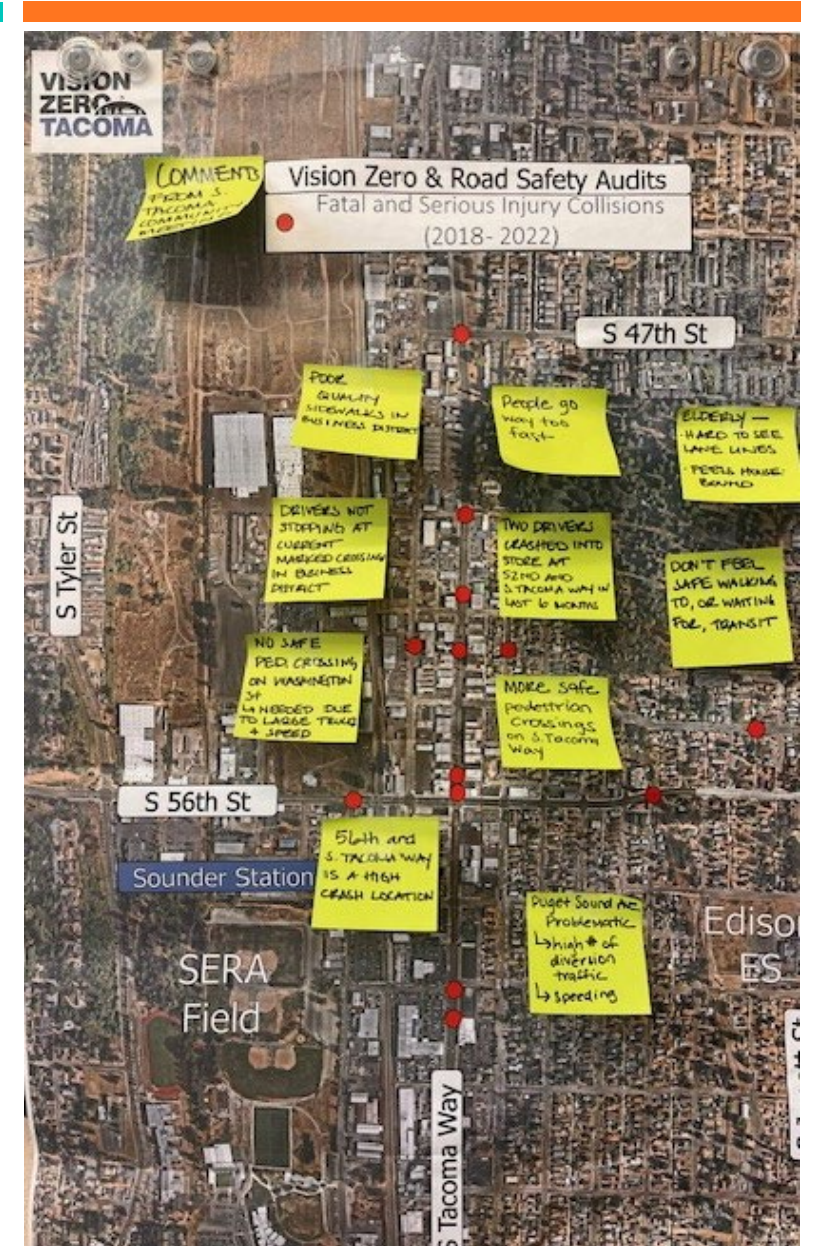
# ROAD SAFETY AUDIT



# VISION ZERO ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA)

## Agenda:

- Overview of Vision Zero and Safe Systems
- Purpose of a RSA
- South Tacoma Way RSA Findings
- Next Steps





# WHAT IS VISION ZERO?

## TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**

**PERFECT** human behaviour

Prevent **COLLISIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL** responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**

**VS**

## VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

# Tacoma City Council passed a Vision Zero Resolution in 2020

*Tacoma's goal:*

**Zero traffic deaths and serious  
injuries by 2035**

# VISION ZERO AND THE SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

- Reduce kinetic energy – slow drivers down
- Separate users in space and time
- Data-driven decision making
- Establish road safety as an equity issue



# ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA)



## What is a Road Safety Audit?

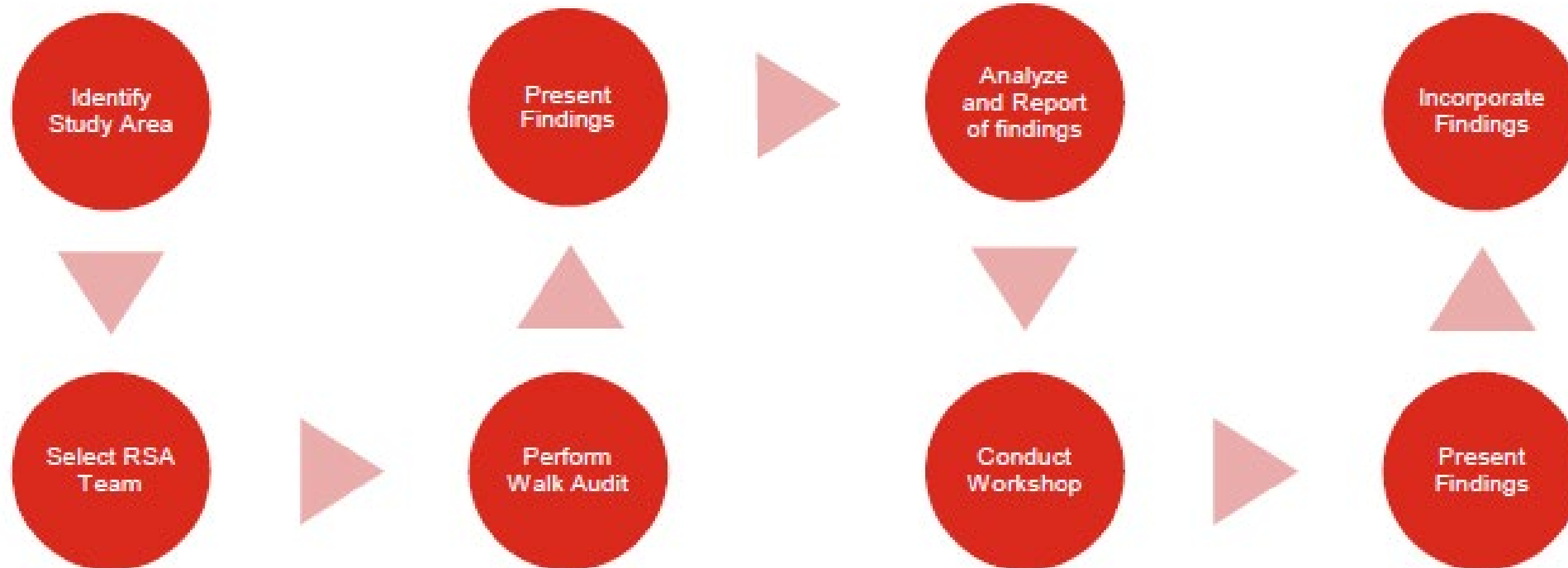
- A formal safety performance review by an independent, multidisciplinary team
- Reports on potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvement

## Why perform a Road Safety Audit?

- High-risk corridors are complicated
- Need to understand the "system" before working towards the solution



# ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA) - PROCESS





# CORRIDOR EXTENT

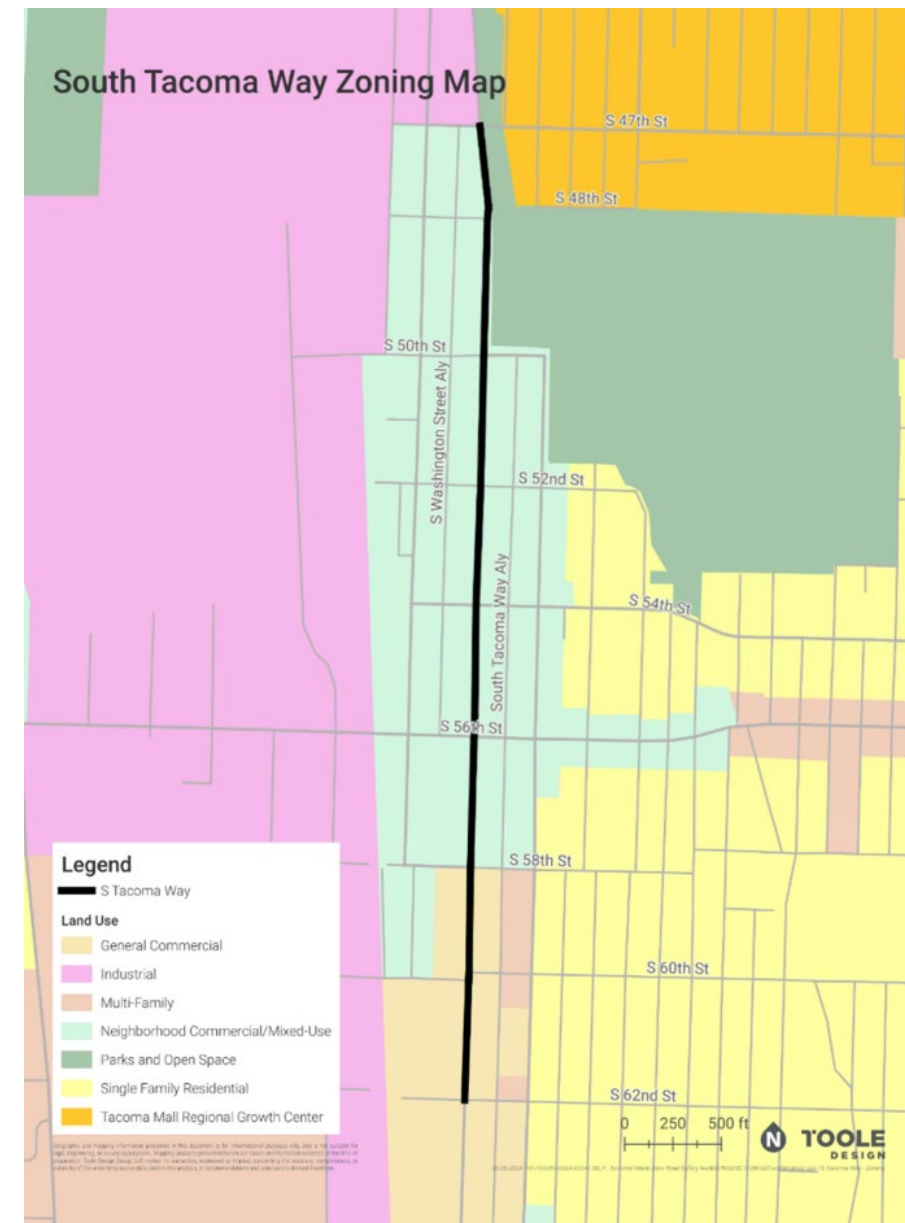
**S 47<sup>th</sup> St to S 62<sup>nd</sup> St**

- **Developed Business District**
- **Evidence of Speeding**
- **Sound Transit Expansion (ST2 & ST3)**

# TRANSPORTATION-LAND USE NEXUS

**Compact, walkable, pedestrian-oriented urban places. They are places connected by public transit and active transportation networks. They anchor complete neighborhoods with retail stores and businesses (grocery stores, restaurants, markets, shops, etc.), civic amenities (libraries, schools, community centers, places of worship, etc.), housing options, health clinics, daycare centers, employment centers, plazas and parks, and other public gathering places. Mixed-use centers are the basis for achieving neighborhoods where residents can meet more of their everyday needs within an easy walk of their home.**

Source: [Mixed-Use Centers - City of Tacoma](#)



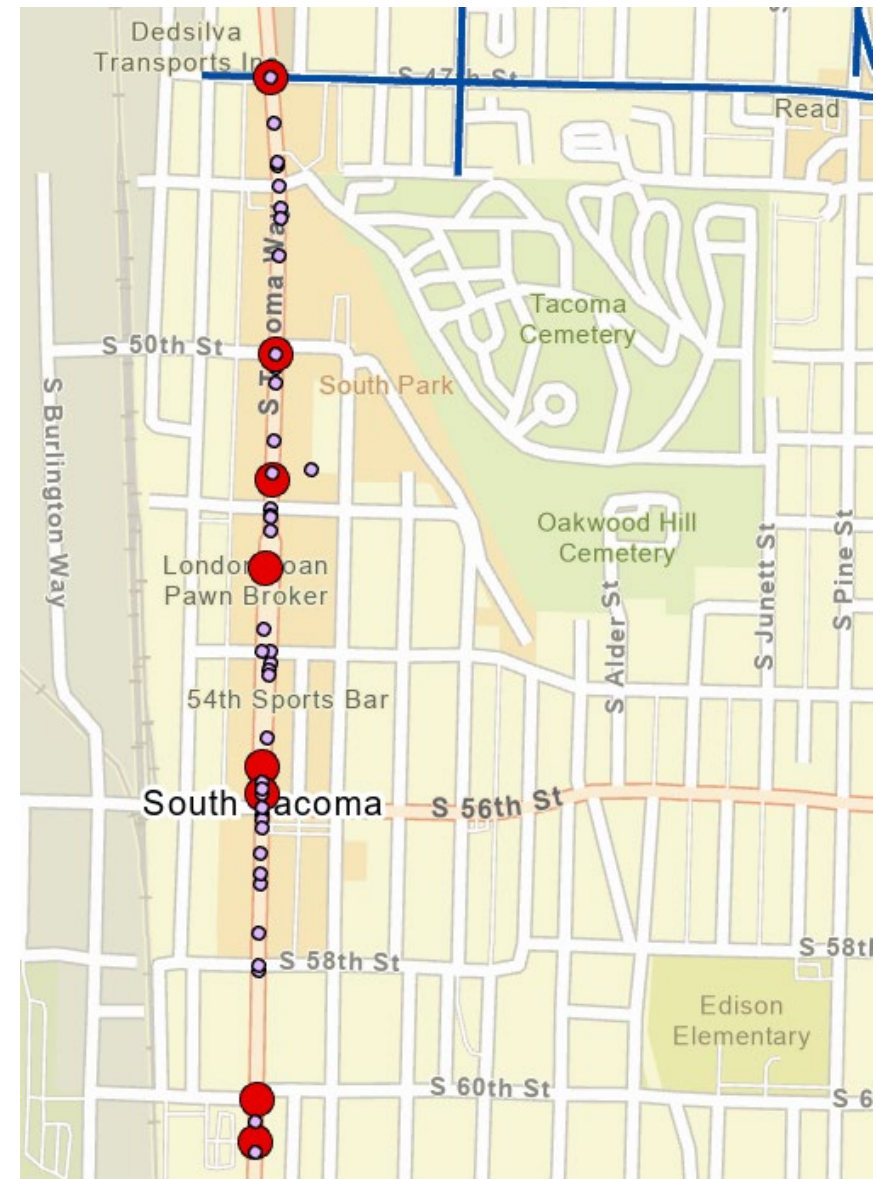
# CRASH ANALYSIS

Location	Not KSI	KSI	Total
Mid-Block	36	5	41
Intersection	70	3	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>

## By Collision Type

Collision Type	Not KSI	KSI	Total	%
Angle (Left/Right)	18	1	19	17%
Angle (T)	39	1	40	35%
Head-on	1	0	1	1%
Other	9	0	9	8%
Parked Veh/Fixed Object	18	4	22	19%
Ped/Bike	0	2	2	2%
Rear end	15	0	15	13%
Sideswipe	6	0	6	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5-year (2019-2023) crash trends**



**● KSI = Killed or Seriously Injured**





# FINDINGS – RSA STW PROCESS





# FINDINGS

## PARKING

# FINDINGS CON'TD

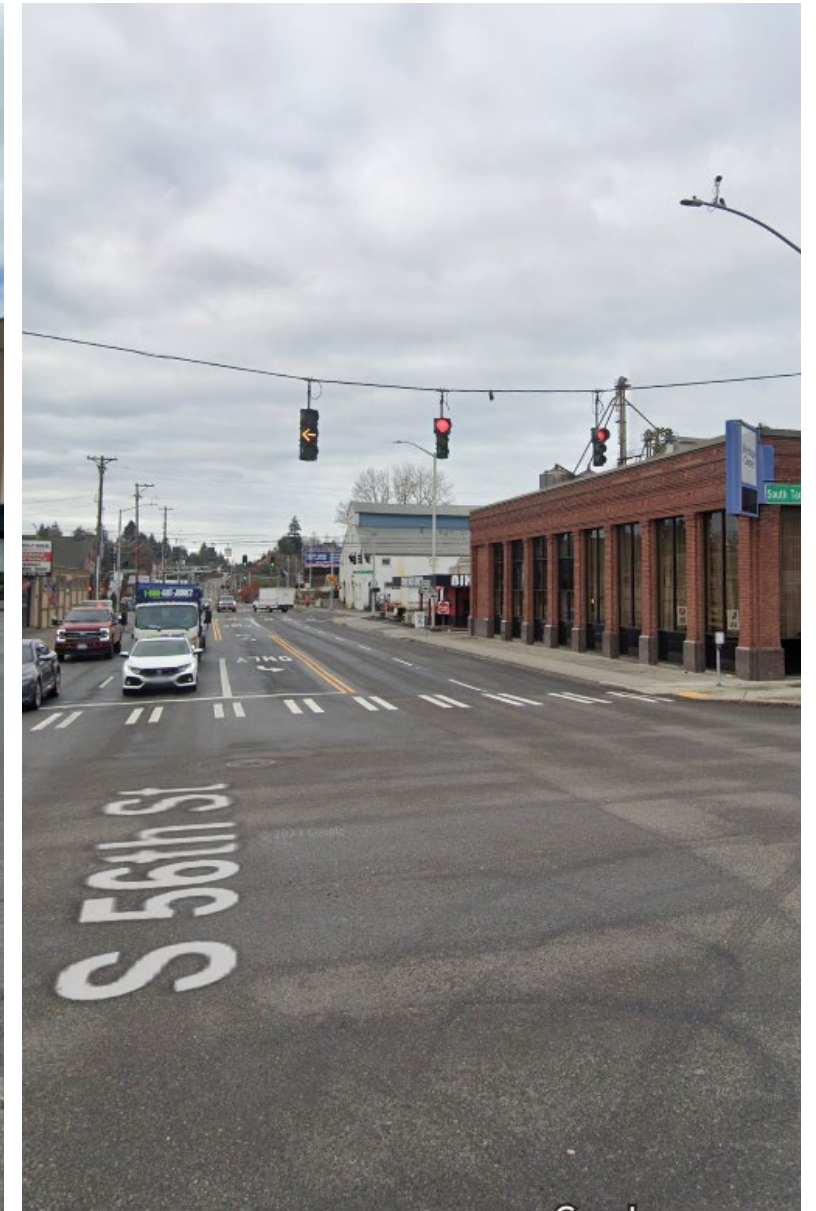
## ■ Speeding

Total Study Speeding Fact		
<b>Northbound (Post Speed Limit: 25 mph)</b>		
Exceeding Speed Limit	16,661	83.5%
5 mph and over	9,469	47.4%
10 mph and over	2,990	15.0%
<b>Southbound (Post Speed Limit: 25 mph)</b>		
Exceeding Speed Limit	15,263	78.7%
5 mph and over	9,747	50.3%
10 mph and over	5,003	25.8%
<b>Allbound (Post Speed Limit: 25 mph)</b>		
Exceeding Speed Limit	31,924	81.1%
5 mph and over	19,216	48.8%
10 mph and over	7,993	20.3%



# FINDINGS CON'TD

- Signals





FINDINGS CONTINUED  
**STREET CONFIGURATION**



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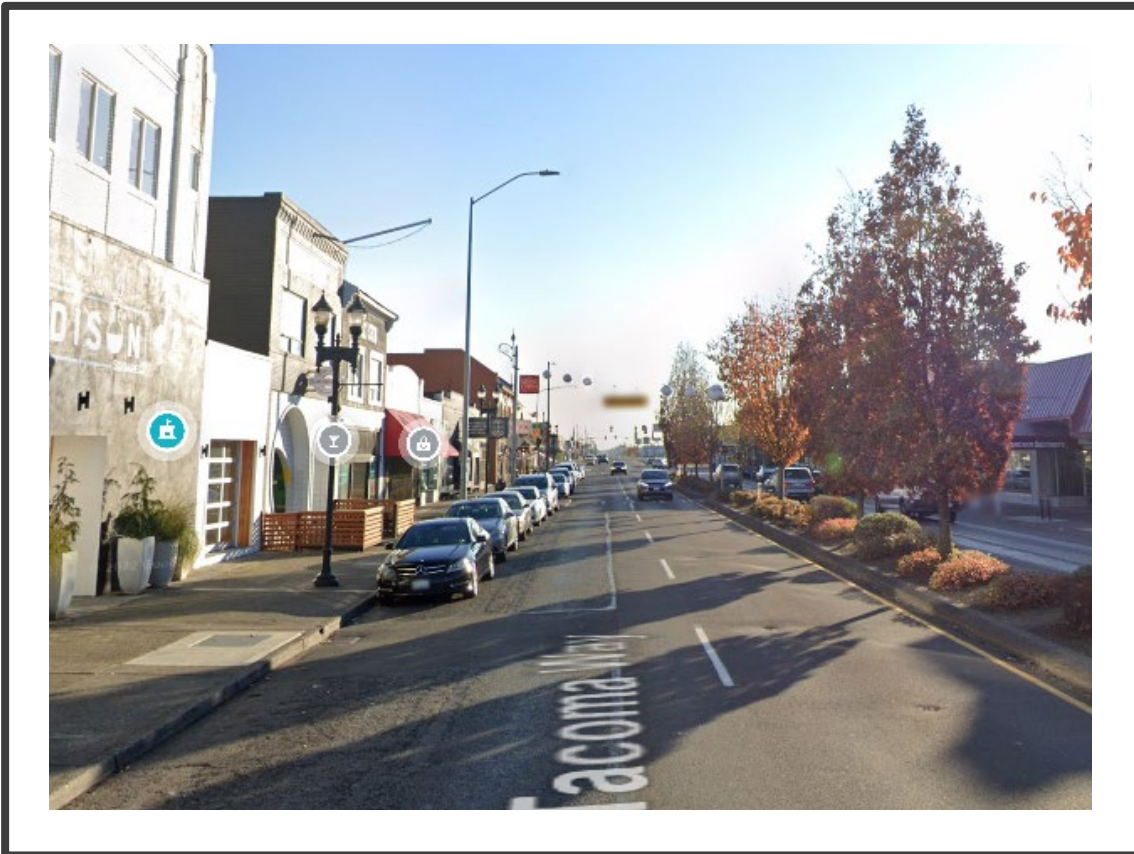
## ❓ Driveway Access

- Sidewalks
- Crossings
- Vegetation





# ROAD SAFETY AUDITS – NEXT STEPS



- Finalize report
- Identify quick wins
- Install video analytics at intersection of STW and S. 56th Street
- Strategize next steps

## DISCUSSION

- What are thoughts and/or concerns regarding repurposing a traffic lane by removing one lane and reallocating the space? What factors should be considered in this process?



# HOUSEKEEPING



# NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN VALUES

- **Healthy environment, safety, and comfort:** *Healthy air, soil, water and green spaces; safety and comfort for people walking and biking; child-friendly*
- **Easy access to amenities:** *Access to schools, food, jobs, parks, retail, recreation; spaces for fun and reflection*
- **Economic prosperity and affordability:** *Quality jobs; maintaining retail and industrial jobs; support for new and existing industries to evolve; ability to build intergenerational wealth*
- **Equity and opportunity:** *Acknowledging past divestment and negative impacts; resiliency; equitable investment; amplifying structurally excluded voices; policies and programs that provide opportunity to our neighbors; access to housing*
- **Sense of community and identity (belonging):** *Inclusive and welcoming neighborhood that celebrates diverse identities; celebration of history and sense of place; ability to remain in the neighborhood*
- **Transparency and trust:** *Honor prior efforts in South Tacoma; clarity and openness, transparent decision-making; reconciliation; city follow-through; moving at the speed of trust*



# May 30th Meeting Recap



Themes:	Details	What's missing
<b>Transportation safety</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about speeding vehicles; need for traffic calming, especially on South Tacoma Way + Puget Sound Ave</li> <li>Bike lanes/infrastructure and connectivity into and around the neighborhood</li> <li>Traffic, noise, and pollution from industrial uses</li> <li>Illegal parking creates safety issues; desire for angled parking in business district</li> <li>Better lighting</li> <li>Traffic signals/crosswalks at key intersections</li> <li>Improved streets/roads</li> </ul>	
<b>Walkability and connectivity</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desire for a complete sidewalk network and better pedestrian infrastructure</li> <li>Multimodal connections in and out of the neighborhood</li> <li>Increased public transit service</li> <li>ADA curb ramps and crosswalks/streets</li> <li>Better signage for business district wayfinding and identity</li> <li>Neighborhood traffic calming and signage</li> <li>Plan for people not cars</li> </ul>	
<b>What's missing?</b>		

**Community Goals:**

- SAFE SOUTH TACOMA STREETS: REDUCTION OF DANGEROUS VEHICLE ACTIVITY FOR DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS, & PROPERTY
- WALKABILITY & CONNECTIVITY: IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN & MASS TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFELY CONNECTING SOUTH TACOMA TO OTHER/ALL PARTS OF THE CITY

— Improve Connectivity  
 — Increase Access: Business, Amenities

- Accessible beautiful walking paths.
- As housing density increases, mass transit availability must equally increase.



## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GOALS

- SAFE STREETS:** Increase safety on South Tacoma streets by reducing dangerous vehicle activity impacting drivers, pedestrians, and property.
- WALKABILITY & CONNECTIVITY:** Safely and comfortably connect South Tacoma residents to amenities and the rest of the city by improving infrastructure for people walking, biking, and rolling (i.e., wheelchair, stroller), and transit network and service.
- HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT:** Create a sustainable, healthy, resilient, thriving community with clean air and water and a healthy tree canopy.
- ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER:** Further activate the neighborhood center and strengthen community capacity to support daily needs, new amenities and businesses, and diverse community events for all ages to bring South Tacoma together.
- SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT:** Increase density while preserving historic buildings and expanding open space; increase equitable investment and opportunity; and add new infrastructure to support new growth.
- GREEN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY:** Encourage development of green industry and living-wage jobs while limiting community impacts of industrial development.
- INVITING, ACCESSIBLE, BEAUTIFUL:** Enhance and showcase South Tacoma to create an inviting, safe, accessible, beautiful neighborhood for all to enjoy.
- CELEBRATE HISTORY & IDENTITIES:** Celebrate the neighborhood's many histories and community identities; ensure broad, equitable participation in neighborhood decisions.
- SENSE OF COMMUNITY & GATHERING:** Foster a safe public realm by creating a healthy, clean, well-cared for spaces for all ages to gather, reflect, connect, and enjoy.
- AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY:** Ensure access to affordable and diverse housing, including for renters, a mix of incomes, support for people experiencing homelessness, and opportunities to build generational wealth through home ownership.

# South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Goals

## Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity

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# South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Goals

## Health and Environment

- **Healthy environment, safety, and comfort:** *Healthy air, soil, water and green spaces; safety and comfort for people walking and biking; child-friendly.*





# South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Goals

## **Economic Opportunity and Development**

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# South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Goals

## **Affordability**

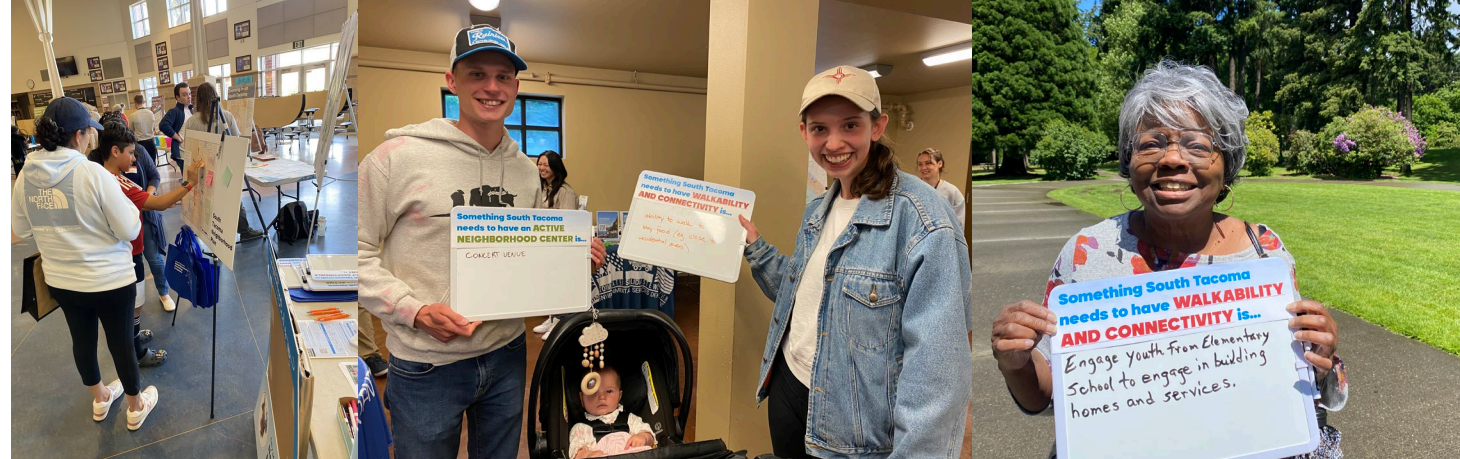
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# Engagement Recap

- **One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Visioning Workshops** (June 10 at Mt. Tahoma and June 15 at Wapato Park)
- **Walk and Roll to School Day** at Manitou Park Elementary!



# News

- **Cushman and Adams Substations Future Use Study**
- **Metro Parks: proposed relocation of Fire Station 7 to SERA campus**



Courtesy of Metro Parks Tacoma



# STEERING GROUP SCHEDULE - DRAFT

Month	Steering Group Meeting	Public Event / Engagement
<b>February</b>		<i>Virtual Plan-A-Thon Kick-Off Event, February 29</i>
<b>March</b>	<i>Introductions, Goals, and Steering Group Role Neighborhood Planning Team</i>	<i>Spotlight South Tacoma: What's Happening; What's Coming in South Tacoma, March 21st</i>
<b>April</b>	<i>Framework Discussion: Group Values &amp; Equity</i>	<i>Walking Tour, April 13th</i>
<b>May</b>	<i>In-Person Priorities Workshop</i>	<i>Road Safety Audit</i>
<b>June</b>	Engagement Discussion SME: Road Safety Audit	One Tacoma Workshops: June 10th and 15th
<b>July</b>	SME: Historic Property Survey	Historic Survey Walking Tour TBD Launch goals and ideas survey and online map
<b>August</b>	SME: Comprehensive Plan, Groundwater Protection District Landscaping Code, HIA (TBD)	Summer: Actions Engagement In-person event - TBD
<b>September</b>	SME (TBD) – or Draft Actions Workshop (date TBD)	TBD
<b>Fall</b>	Draft Actions	Fall: Draft Actions Engagement
<b>Winter</b>	Draft Plan	
<b>Spring 2025</b>	Implementation	



# SME Schedule

**June:** Vision Zero/Road Safety Audit

**July:** Historic Preservation/Historic Property Survey

**August:** Comprehensive Plan/South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District/Landscaping Code Update, Health Impact Assessment (TBD)

**Other ideas for Summer SMEs:** Community Safety Team; Housing Office; Business District Program

**Fall Implementation SMEs:** Open Space; Arts; Trees/Environmental Services; Participatory Budgeting

# Next Steps

- **Summer Engagement:**
  - Launch map and survey – week of July 8
  - Help get the work out – All
  - Continue planning for August event
- **Upcoming dates:**
  - **Party Planning Committee:** next meeting Monday, July 8 at 4 PM (TBD)
  - **Historic Property Survey Walking Tour:** Thursday, July 18 at 5 PM (location TBD)
  - **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 25 (**virtual**), 5:30 PM





# Thank you!

## We look forward to working together.

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