

**South Tacoma
Neighborhood Planning**

Steering Group Meeting #6

August 22, 2024



AGENDA

- **Icebreaker:** *What's your favorite ice cream place in Tacoma? Why?*
- **Brief Program Updates/Housekeeping**
 - Interactive Map/Survey Update
 - Pop-Up Events and Volunteering
 - Focus Groups/Tabling
- **Comprehensive Planning and Zoning in South Tacoma**
 - Updates
 - Discussion
- **Wrap Up & Next Steps**
 - September Meeting – virtual
 - October Workshop – in-person
 - Steering Group Evaluation



HOUSEKEEPING



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!



Steering Group Evaluation

Share your thoughts on the evaluation:

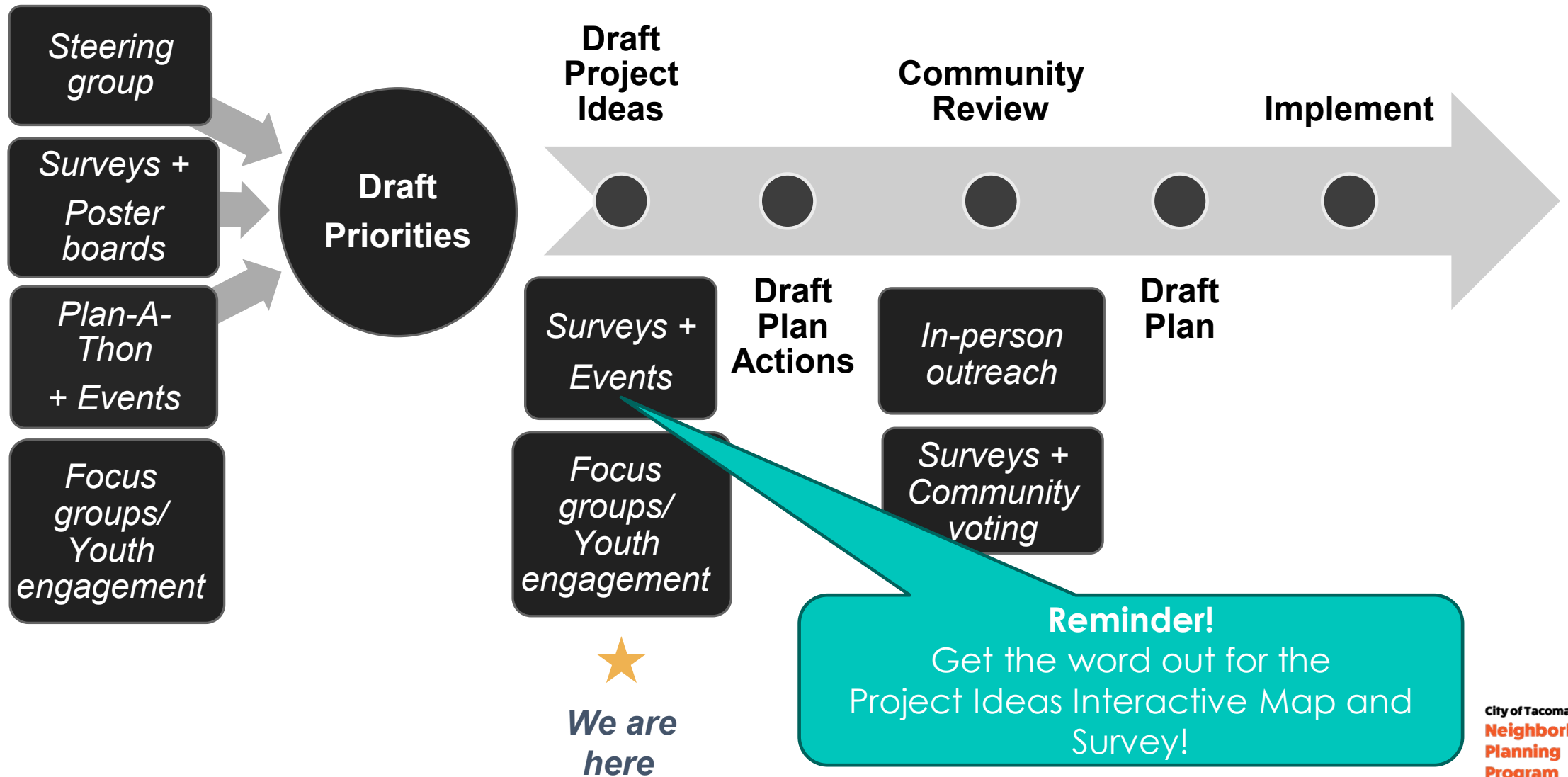
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SUMMER ENGAGEMENT PLANNING



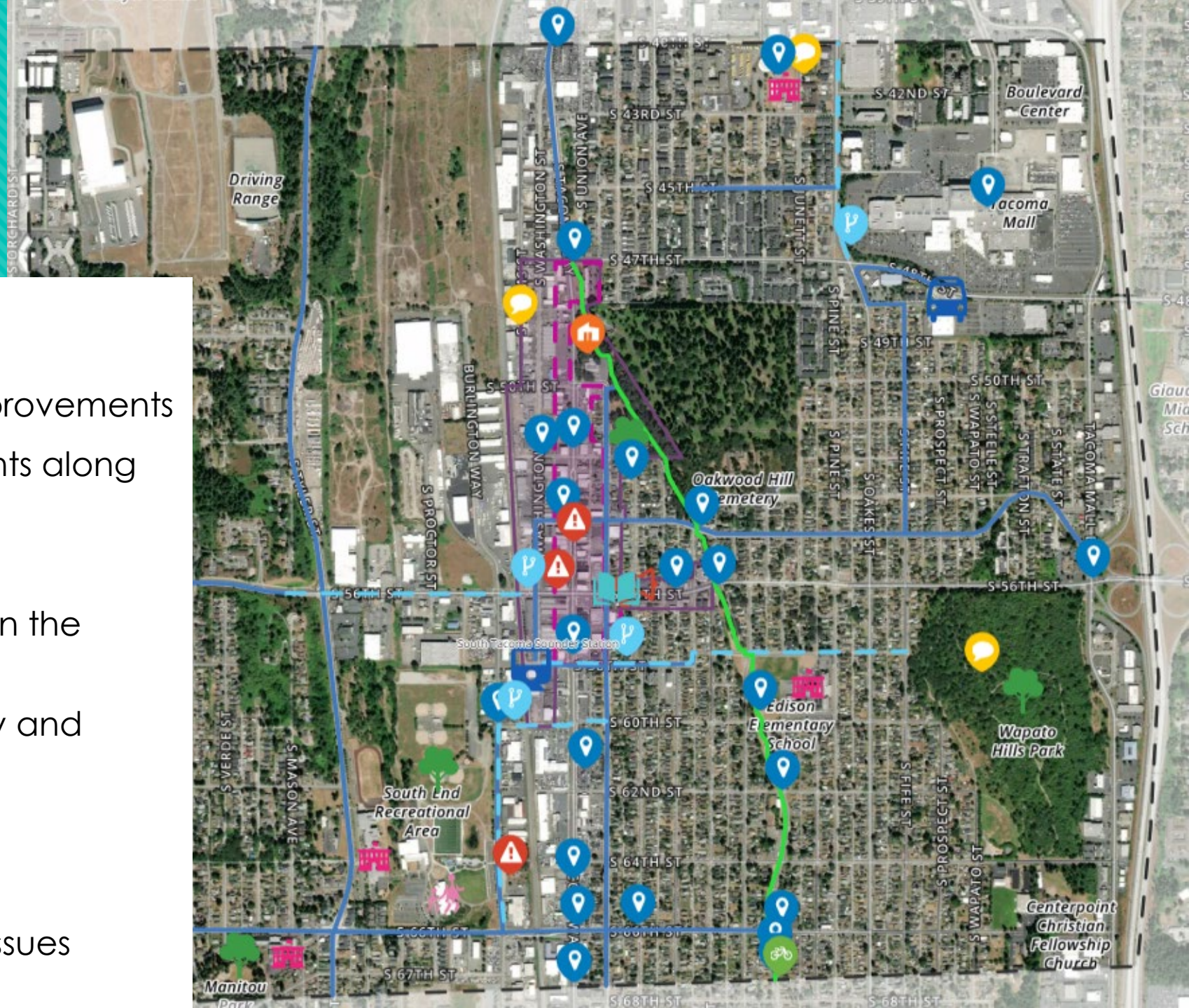
Neighborhood Plan Process



UPDATE: South Tacoma Project Ideas Interactive Map

~40 comments so far, including:

- Traffic calming and ROW improvements
- Amenity/service improvements along the Flume Line Trail
- Homelessness
- Depaving and tree planting in the Business District
- Private land purchase by City and reuse
- Bus stop improvements
- Park improvements
- Addressing Madison School issues



Summer Engagement Plan

○ July-September: Project Ideas Engagement

- Community Events – **3 confirmed!** – **volunteer!**
- Multi-lingual engagement and focus groups:
- Youth Engagement
- Display board at library

○ Fall: Booster Voting & Draft Plan

- Community booster voting
- Outreach: City of Destiny Festival; Halloween; Santa Parade
- Fall/Winter Celebration Event

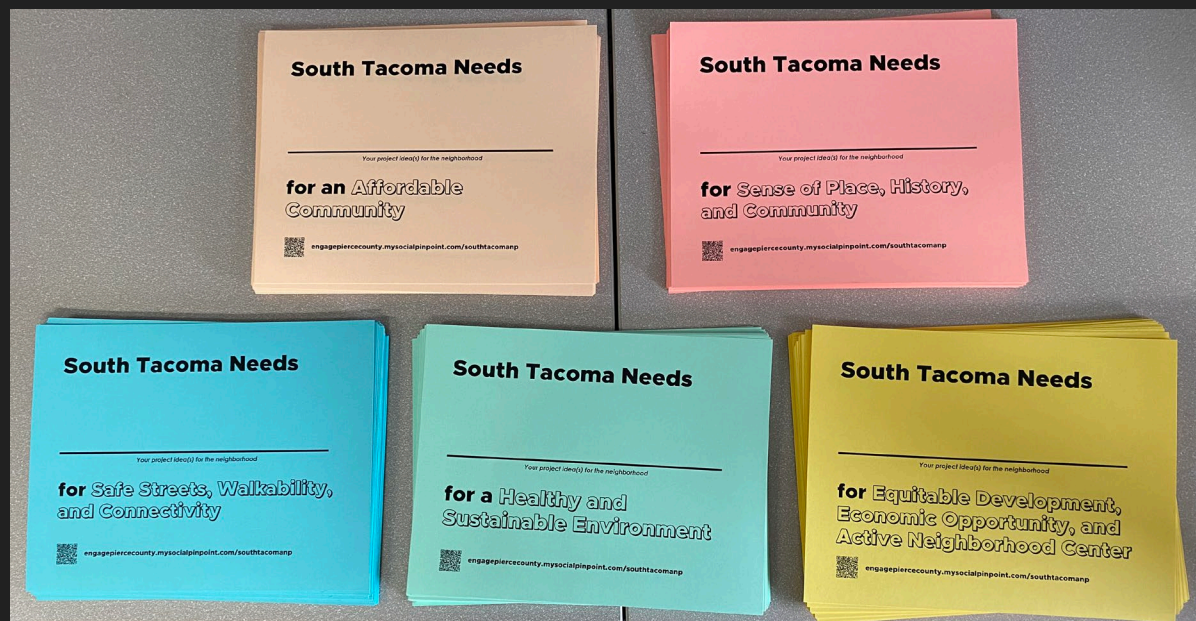
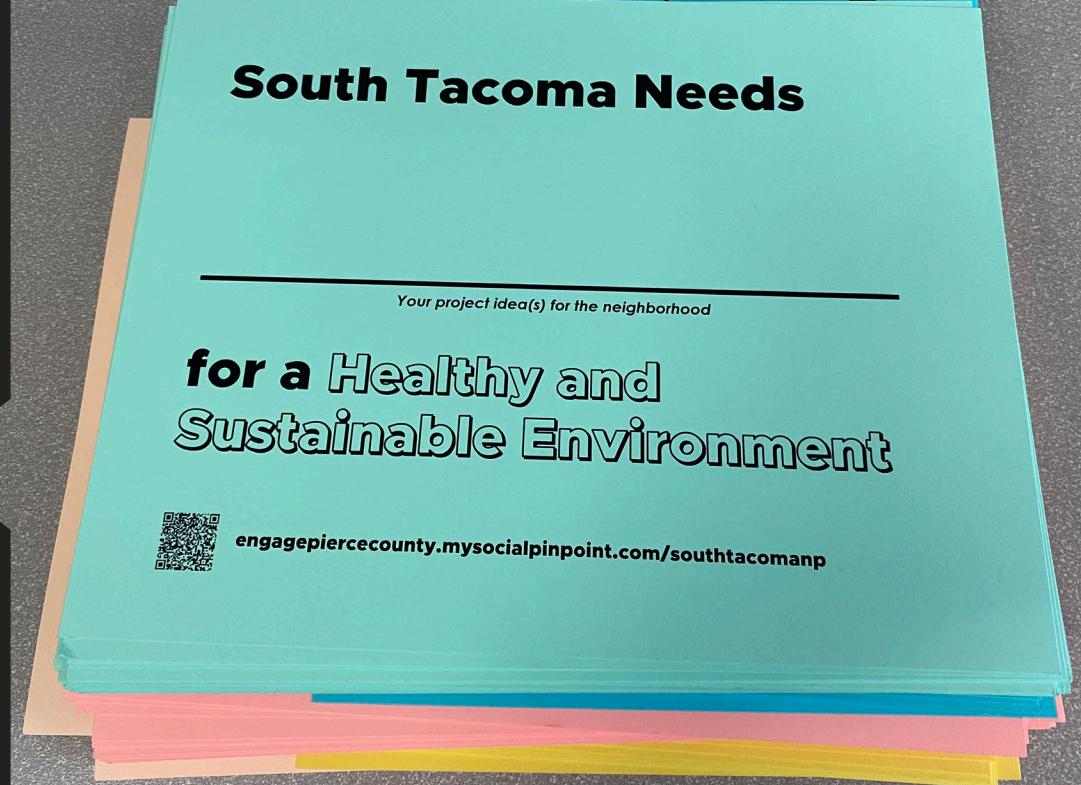


Pop-Up Events

- South Tacoma “Mad Libs”
- Refreshments and giveaways

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Summer Bash at the STAR Center – **Friday, August 23, 6 to 8 PM**
- Fernseed Pop-Up – **Saturday, August 31, 10 AM to 2 PM**
- The Hive Co. Pop-Up – **Saturday, September 28, 10 AM to 1 PM**




Focus Groups/Tabling

○ Focus Groups:

- **Slavic Focus Group** – September 19 at STAR Center, in Russian and Ukrainian
- **Spanish and Vietnamese “pop-ups”** – community locations
- Planning:
 - Ludwig Senior Apartments (senior/renter perspective)
 - Korean-speaking focus group
 - Spanish-speaking businesses
 - Youth engagement

○ Tabling:

- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council Meeting and Business District Association (**VOLUNTEER!**)
- Future: Destiny Festival (Oct 27), Halloween event, Santa Parade

A street scene in South Tacoma. In the foreground, a black signpost holds a white speed limit sign that reads "SPEED LIMIT 25". To the right is a brick sidewalk and a modern building with large glass windows. In the background, there are more buildings, trees, and a cloudy sky. A yellow "CROSSWALK" sign is visible on a utility pole in the distance.

SPEED
LIMIT
25

Comprehensive Planning and Zoning in South Tacoma

Goal Language

Collective Goal Language

- 📖 Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity
 - **Safe Streets**
 - **Walkability & Connectivity**
- 📖 Health and Environment
 - **Healthy, Sustainable Environment**
- 📖 Economic Opportunity and Development
 - **Active Neighborhood Center**
 - **Socially Responsible Development**
 - **Green Economic Opportunity**
- 📖 Sense of Place and Community
 - **Inviting, Accessible, Beautiful**
 - **Celebrate History & Identities**
 - **Sense of Community & Gathering**
- 📖 Affordability
 - **Affordable Community**



Goal Language:

Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

- 📖 Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity
 - **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.

- 📖 Health and Environment
 - **Healthy, Sustainable Environment** - Create a sustainable, healthy, resilient, thriving community with clean air and water and a healthy tree canopy.

- 📖 Economic Opportunity and Development
 - **Active Neighborhood Center** - Further activate the neighborhood center, reduce barriers for small and diverse businesses and strengthen community capacity to support daily needs, new amenities, and community events for all ages.
 - **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.

One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan

Focus Areas

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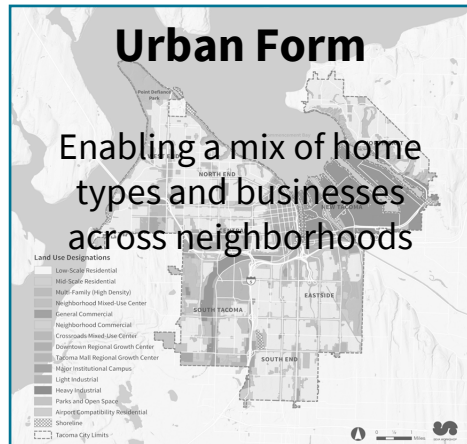
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Sustainability

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Policy Elements or “Chapters”



Design + Development

Guiding the design and development of our city's buildings



Transportation Master Plan

Building a safe, accessible and multimodal transportation network



Public Facilities + Services

Providing services and facilities such as roads, utilities, parks, education, and safety

Parks + Recreation

Creating fair access to parks and recreation services that showcase the unique cultures and natural settings in our city

Environment + Watershed Health

Protecting our watersheds, trees, open spaces, and wildlife habitats

Engagement, Administration + Implementation

Meaningful participation in the decisions that affect you

Historic Preservation

Highlighting communities' histories and the human stories behind them

Project Timeline



MARCH – JUNE 2024
**Community
Launch &
Priority Setting**

JULY – DECEMBER 2024
**Policy Development
& Plan Writing**

JANUARY – JUNE 2025
**Draft Plan and
Adoption**

Completed Tasks:

- Community profile and Equity Outcomes
- Visioning Workshops
- Baseline Conditions analysis

Upcoming

- Scheduling PC meetings
- Draft chapters
- More workshops!

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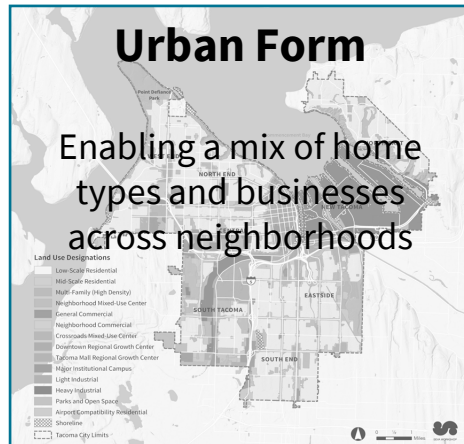
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Economic Opportunity and Development

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- **Mixed-use Center Bonus and Incentives review**
- **South Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center – Subarea Plan**



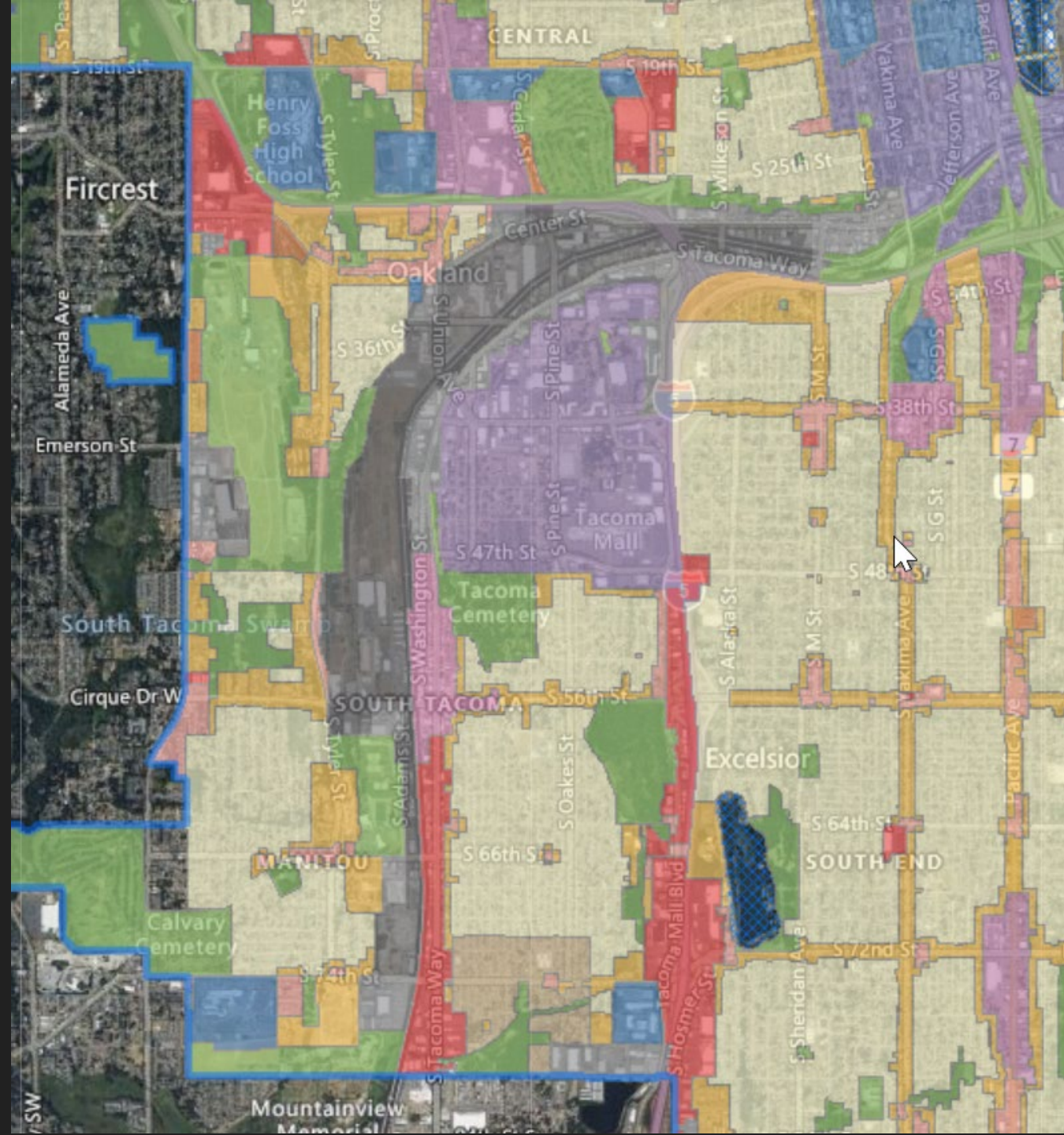
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Health and Environment

- **Comprehensive Plan Climate Element**
- **Health Impact Assessment**
- **Critical Areas Preservation Code Update**
- **South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District**
- **Open Space Overlay Zone**
- **Freeway Buffer Zone**
- **Climate Ready Urban Landscape Plan**



Goal Language:

South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District

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STGPD Work Plan

Topic	Scope
Water Quality: Consider restrictions and/ or standards for uses that pose a risk to groundwater resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Impact Uses• Stormwater Infiltration Policy and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Aquifer Recharge: Consider best available science for protecting aquifer recharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stormwater Infiltration Policy and BMPs• Impervious Surface Standards
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on STGPD
Tree Canopy/Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center• South Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center

STGPD Next Steps

Date	Milestone	
August	Progress Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •City Council •South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (TBD) •South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee
Present - November	Code and Best Practice Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Advisory Groups (IRP, HIA) •Planning Commission
November - December	STGPD Code Review: Preliminary Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •IPS Committee (Nov 13) •Planning Commission •South Tacoma NC
January - June	Public Hearing and Comment Periods Adoption Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Planning Commission •City Council

Small Group Discussion

- **What questions do you have for our presenters?**
- **Active Neighborhood Center:** Would you like to see more housing and retail around the Sounder Station and south of South 56th Street? What is the future of Auto Row? What other uses might help to complete the neighborhood?
- **Green Economic Opportunity:**
 - How can we improve compatibility of industry and community? Can we better connect people in the neighborhood to jobs in the industrial area?
 - Is a Subarea Plan and/or zoning updates for the Manufacturing and Industrial Center a priority?
- **Health and Environment:** Are there other open spaces or natural areas that need to be protected? What are your priority areas for expanding tree canopy?

Next Steps

Summer Engagement:

- Spread the word on the survey and interactive map!
- Volunteer at upcoming pop-up events!

Upcoming dates:

- **Next Meeting:** Pierce Transit SME; community booster grant preview - Thursday, September 26 (**virtual**), 5:30 PM
- October: Actions Workshop (**in person**)



Thank you!

We look forward to working together.

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