

**South Tacoma
Neighborhood Planning**

Steering Group Meeting #8

October 24, 2024



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!



NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN VALUES (DEVELOPED SPRING)

- **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*

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GOALS

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



SOUTH TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS 2024



PROJECT PHASE



ENGAGEMENT TOOLS



ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



Upcoming engagement events planning in progress!

Summer Engagement Summary

You Received Summaries For:

- **13+ interview conversations** with residents and key collaborators
- **Online community survey** (19-question): 114 responses (English)
- **Paper Multilingual survey** (6-question; available in Khmer, Korean, English, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese): 92 responses (50 in Vietnamese; 40 in Spanish; 2 in English)
- **4 past community events and meetings:**
 - *Spotlight on South Tacoma: Community Conversation*
 - *Neighborhood Plan-A-Thon*
 - *Spotlight on South Tacoma: Open House*
 - *South Tacoma Way Walking Tour*
- **1 Youth focus group** at Mount Tahoma High School

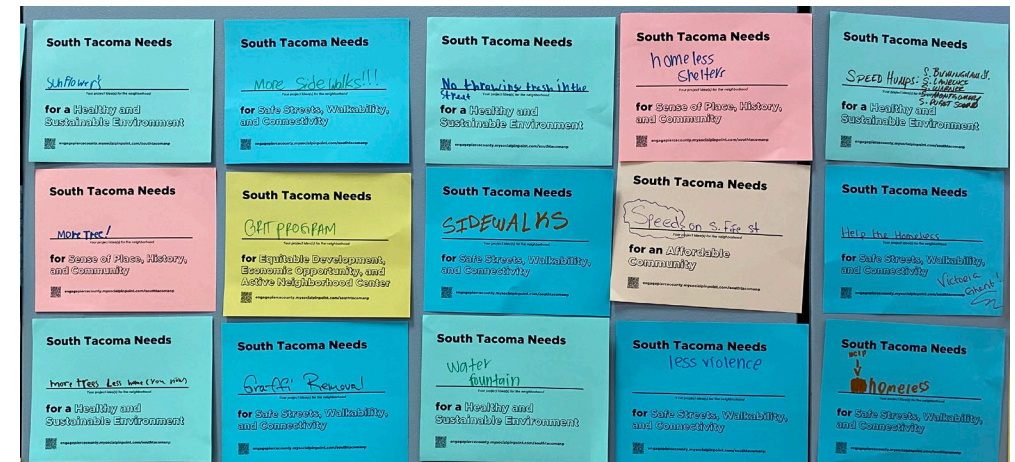
Summer Engagement Summary

July-October: Project Ideas Engagement

- **3 Pop-up events** (200+ comments)
 - STAR Center Summer Bash
 - The Fernseed Haunted Farmers' Market Pop-Up
 - The Hive Co. Haunted Farmers' Market Pop-Up
- **Multi-lingual engagement and focus groups:**
 - Slavic focus group
 - Spanish and Vietnamese language ambassadors
 - Ludwig Senior Apartment focus group
 - Business owner engagement (ongoing)
- **Youth Engagement: Back-to-school events**
 - Edison Elementary Open House

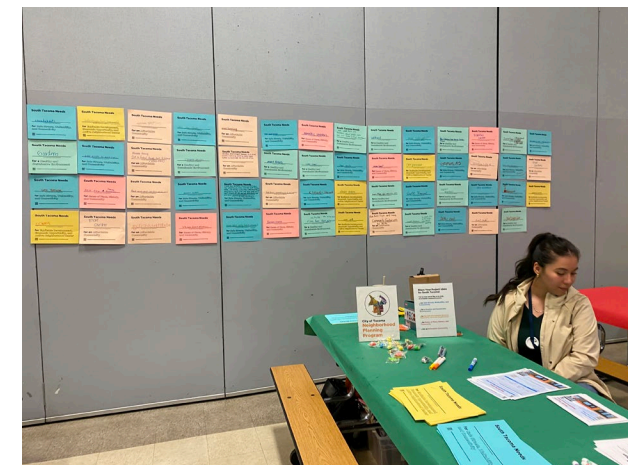
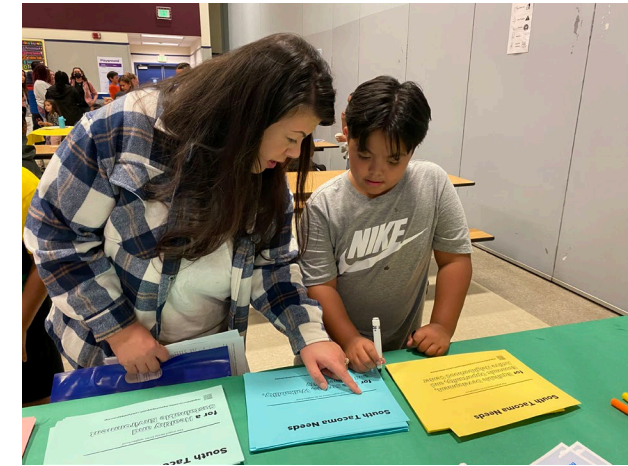
PLANNED: Booster Voting & Draft Plan

- Community booster voting
- Outreach: City of Destiny Festival (Oct 27)
- Fall Celebration Event: Santa Parade



Focus Groups/Tabling

- **What we've been hearing in focus groups:**
 - **Slavic Focus Group:** Cleaner streets and parks, enhanced playgrounds, reduced speeding (especially in business district), activities for youth and families (including in business district), welcoming spaces and cultural exchange, entrepreneurship opportunities, affordable home ownership
 - **Spanish Business Owners:** seeking a stronger sense of community, wanting to stay informed and connected with other businesses
 - **Ludwig Apartments:** Safer mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities: improved sidewalks and ramps, reduced speeding (especially on South 56th Street), food banks and health care, activities for seniors at library/STAR Center, community garden

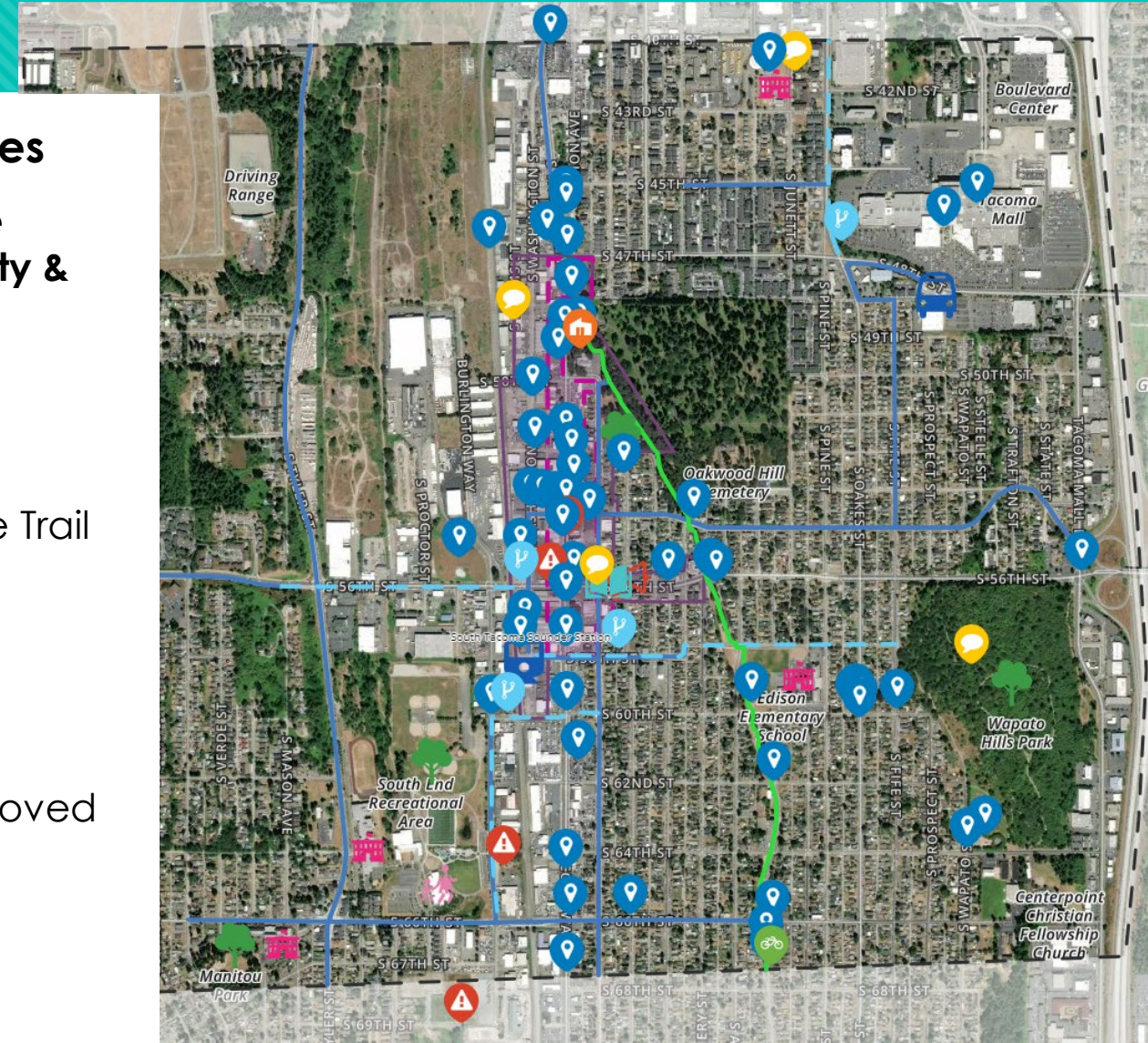


SURVEYS CLOSED: South Tacoma Project Ideas Interactive Map and Survey

Check out the comprehensive survey summaries on the project website!

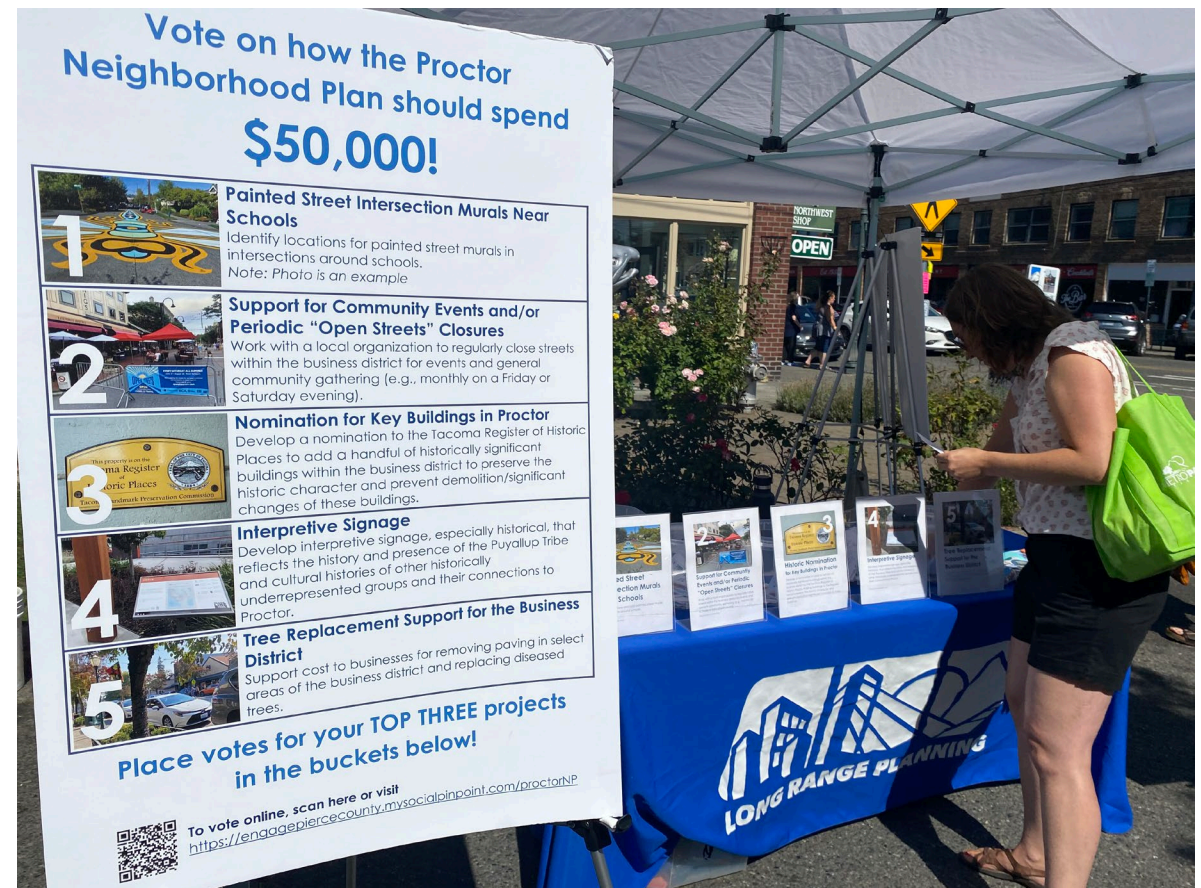
71 interactive map comments and 24 survey responses

- Both showed the community prioritized the goals of **Safe Streets; Healthy, Sustainable Environment; and Walkability & Connectivity** most
- Other feedback we heard:
 - Traffic calming and ROW improvements
 - Amenity/service improvements along the Flume Line Trail
 - Addressing homelessness and related public health
 - Depaving and tree planting in the Business District
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 - Private land purchase by City and reuse
 - Public transportation improvements (especially improved bus stops)
 - Park improvements
 - Maintaining open space at Madison School



BOOSTER PROJECT

- **\$50,000 for implementation of community priorities**
- **Steering Group selects 4 to 5 projects for voting**
 - Steering Group determines how many projects to fund
- **Community 'participatory budgeting' process:**
 - Online and in-person voting
 - Each person gets 2 or 3 votes



BOOSTER EXAMPLES



- ★ **McKinley intersection enhancement and street mural** at East Division Lane and McKinley Avenue to promote safety and add placemaking (\$50,000)
- ★ **Proctor Business District Tree Planting** – funds provided to Proctor Business District Association to replace diseased trees (\$25,000)
- ★ **Proctor “Open Streets” pilot project** – partnered with local organizations to host summer events that tested closing local streets and activating them for youth, food trucks, artisan markets, and more (four \$5,000 grants plus promotions costs)



Next Steps

Winter Engagement:

- **Booster Grant Voting:**
 - City of Destiny Festival, October 27
 - Santa Parade, December 14-15
- **Share plan actions with community**
 - Business District Association presentation
 - STNC
 - Other outreach?

Upcoming:

- **Next Meeting:** Cancel Nov/Dec; Santa Parade volunteering
- **Reconvene in January:** Final Actions; Implementation Phasing

