



Public Comments

Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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F2 – South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan

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Subject: South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 12:00:50 PM

These comments/statements are being submitted for the February 19, 2025 Tacoma Planning Commission meeting

Dear Planning Commisioners,

I have read through this 'South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan' report..and have also heard feedback from some members of the 'South Tacoma Neighborhood Steering Group' on the 'booster project' as well.

To be clear...I WANT to see positive development in ALL areas of 'South Tacoma'. I want to see our neighbors thrive...physically, emotionally and economically. I grew up in the Chicago area and Midwest...have experienced a variety of City-related changes over the years (mostly positive).

I have lived in South Tacoma for 10 years now and have seen a number of 'development-related' changes that have not been positive plans for the current South Tacoma residents. To be honest...living in South Tacoma has been a 'traumatizing' experience for me and definitely not good for my health!

This titled 'South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan'..as stated in this report..is intended to be primarily an 'economic development' plan for the South Tacoma Way(STW) area..with a 'cross roads' area centered around the STW/S 56th Streets intersection. So, this 'Neighborhood Plan' is really for a SMALL designated area of South Tacoma...for a 'multi-use center'..that is also now included in the 'Urban Design Permit Review' zoning neighborhood area.

I understand that the City 'officials' (PDS Dept Planners, City Council members, Community and Economic Development staff, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, South Sound Transit/South Tacoma Sounder Station ...etc) are wanting an economic development plan in place for that area of STW..close to the Sounder Station as well. I have also heard presentations regarding the start of a 'Business Improvement Area' connected to the 'South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan'...with a system of businesses financially contributing to area improvements/maintenance type projects that would improve the physical business district in this previously designated 'development opportunity zone'

ÄLL of these above plans and discussions seem reasonable..on the surface.. and, based on some original development plans for that STW neighborhood area.

However, this 'South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan' is flawed and, unrealistic, as the Planners (and officials) have refused to include any discussion (or mitigation measures) with the massive 'Bridge Industrial Warehouse project's impacts (negative and positive) on the adjacent 'South Tacoma business district. (Project: Bridge Point Tacoma 2MM' at 5024 S Burlungton Way).

To be clear..this Bridge Industrial project...designed and being marketed as a 'fullfillment'

center

is a larger and significant deal..with the 2.5 million sq ft space, nearly 500 docks/loading areas on site.

Yet..noNO MENTION of this monumental project is made in this "South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan' report!

My questions/concerns:

(1)why is this massive project plan not included in the 'economic development' plan of South Tacoma

Construction of these massive warehouses is well underway..and mat be completed as early as the end of 2026?

(2) Have any of the PDS Dept staff sat down with Heidi Stephens for a discussion of the STEGZ application she submitted in 2021?

(3) Is setting up a BIA plan for South Tacoma businesses a reasonable plan for the South Tacoma businesses now?

Respectfully submitted,

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