



**PRESENTATION(S)**

**Meeting on September 4, 2024**

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# Health Impact Assessments 101

Tacoma Planning  
Commission

Sept. 4, 2024

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# Health Impact Assessments (HIA)

## Are

- A tool to inform decision-makers and the public of the health outcomes – both beneficial and harmful – of a proposed project, policy, or program.

## Are not

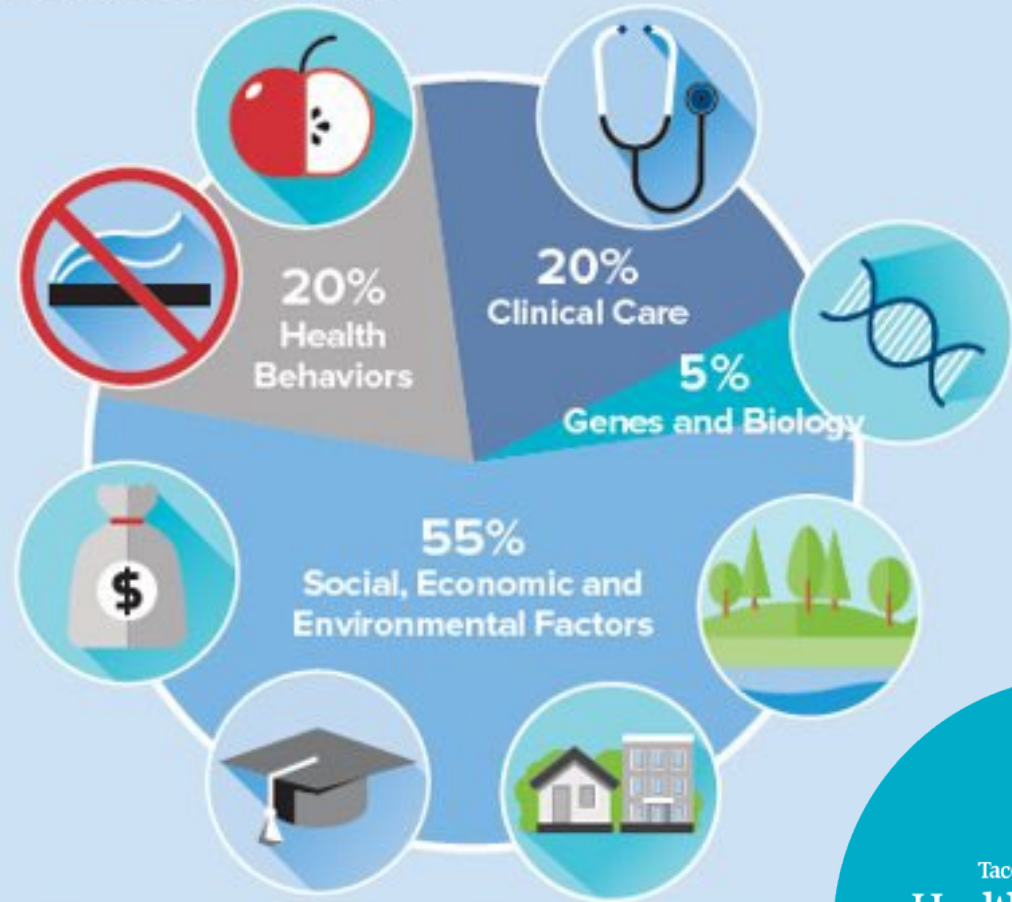
- A tool to stop permit approval or reverse a previous permitting decision.
- A tool to assess the impacts of a project, policy, or program that has already begun.
- Regulatory.



# Why conduct an HIA?

Health Starts Where We Live, Learn, Work and Play.

What makes us healthy?



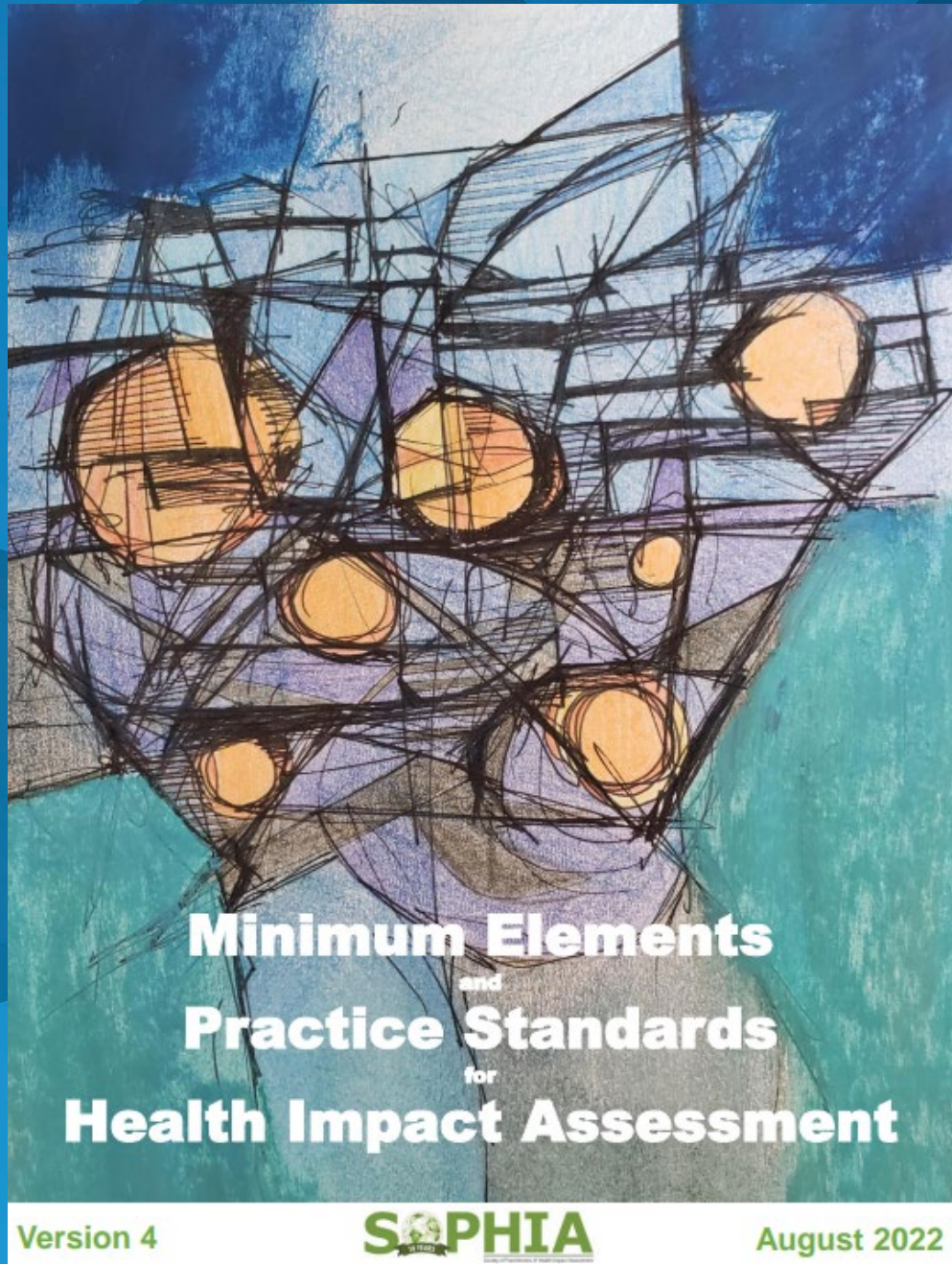
Adapted from <http://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/FAQ.html>



# HIA phases



\*Community engagement is critical to each phase.



Bever E, Dills J, Lindberg R,  
Whitehead S. (2022).

Minimum Elements and Practice  
Standards for Health Impact  
Assessment, Version 4.

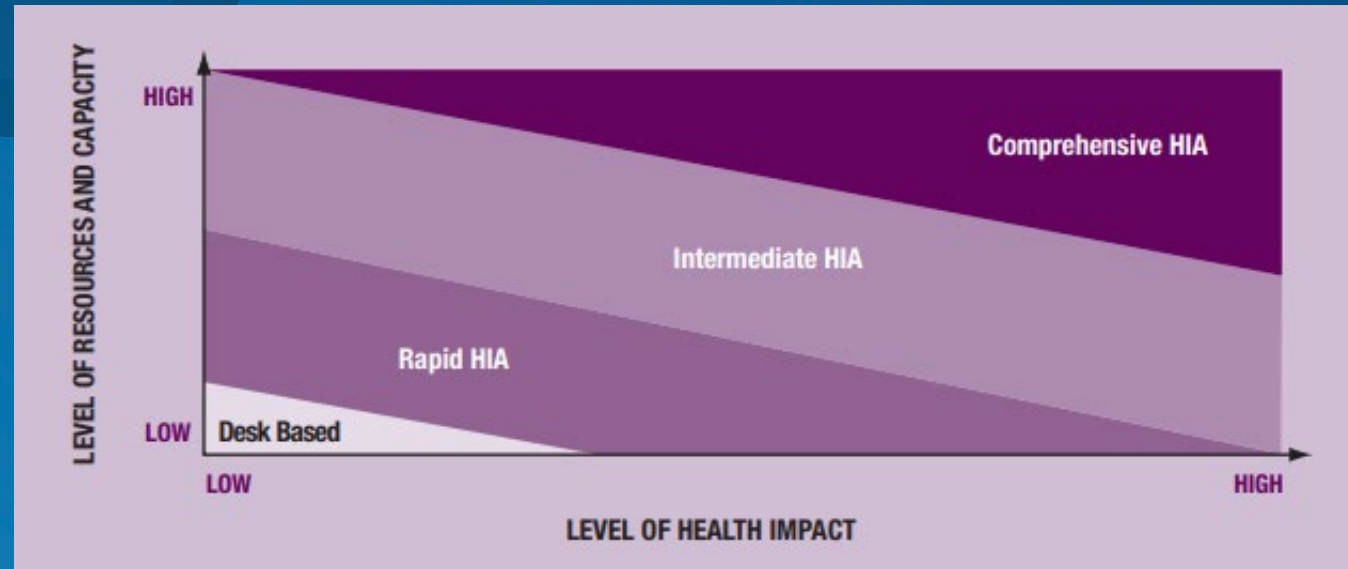
Society of Practitioners of Health  
Impact Assessment.



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# Screening

- Is there enough time before a decision needs to be made?
- Is it useful to do the HIA?
- What resources are available, and what do we need for the HIA?
- What level of assessment do we need for the project?



Harris, P., Harris-Roxas, B., Harris, E., & Kemp, L. (2007).





# Scoping

- Goals?
- Research questions?
  - What are the most severe or immediate health impacts—positive and negative—associated with the policy?
  - How are people in our communities affected differently by the policy?
  - Which impacts can we address by adjusting policy parameters?
  - How can we distribute impacts more equitably?
- Geographic boundaries of the study area?
- What populations will be affected by the project?
- Possible health affects?



# Assessment

- Describes baseline health status of affected populations.
- Analyze and characterize beneficial and adverse health effects of the proposal.
- Identify limitations.



# Recommendations

- Specific, prioritized recommendations for policy interventions that will mitigate adverse impacts and enhance beneficial effects.
- Based on assessment findings.
- Targeted towards specific decision-makers.



# Reporting

- Document work from each phase, including:
  - Data sources.
  - Project team.
  - Funding source.
  - Limitations.
- Share with decision-makers and public.
- May include one-page summary, and infographics.

## Asphalt Production Policy Health Impact Assessment

Tacoma-Pierce  
County Health  
Department &  
City of Sumner



January 2020



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# Monitoring and Evaluation

## Process

- Adherence to the minimum elements and practice standards.

## Impact

- Influence on the decision-making process.

## Outcomes

- Change in health outcomes.



# Current Status

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Home in Tacoma

Monitoring & Evaluation

Screening

Scoping

Tideflats Subarea Plan  
STGPD

Pacific Avenue  
Subarea Plan

Reporting

Assessment

Recommendations



# Current Scoping Efforts

- Reviewing and coding written public comment from Planning Commission, IPS Committee, and City Council
- Analyzing scoping survey results
  - Tideflats Subarea Plan – 111 completed surveys
  - STGPD – 76 completed surveys
- Review results with Advisory Groups
- Assessment topics selected by mid-Sept.



# Next Steps – Tideflats and STGPD

Sept.–Oct.  
2024

- Assess selected topics.

Nov. 2024

- Draft recommendations.

Dec. 2024

- Present recommendations to Planning Commission.

Jan. 2025

- Create final report.

Feb.–June  
2025

- Monitor policy and evaluate HIA.





# Questions?

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A young girl with a pink backpack is painting a green wall with handprints. The wall is covered in green handprints of various sizes. The girl is wearing a blue dress and white gloves. The background shows a green hedge and a building in the distance.

# ONE TACOMA

A Comprehensive Plan for a  
Vibrant, Connected and Sustainable City

# Agenda

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Timeline**
- 2. Schedule for Commission Presentations**
- 3. Plan Overview**
- 4. Parks and Recreation Element: Policy Framework**
- 5. Anticipated Changes in this Update**

# Project Timeline

**Survey**

**Pop-up events**

**Community Workshops**

**Briefings**

**Interviews**



**Pop-up events**

**Community Updates**



**Listening sessions**

**Briefings**

**Community Workshops**

**Public comment and hearing**



MARCH – JUNE 2024

**Community  
Launch &  
Priority Setting**

JULY – DECEMBER 2024

**Policy Development  
& Plan Writing**

JANUARY – JUNE 2025

**Draft Plan and  
Adoption**

# Planning Commission Briefings

Credit: 'Neon' Dion Thomas, *Sides of the Town*

A series of 6 briefings from September – November will allow the project team to share key policy updates for Plan elements and hear feedback from the Commission before a draft plan is published.

**1** Sept 4 – Parks and Recreation

**2** Sept 18 – Public Facilities

**3** Oct 2 – Historic Preservation, Urban Form, Housing

**4** Oct 16 – Economic Development, Engagement + Administration

**5** Nov 6 – Transportation, Design + Development

**6** Nov 20 – Environment

# Vision

Every Tacoma Resident is a safe short walk, roll, bus, train, or bike ride away from amenities, such groceries, schools, parks, and healthcare.



## ONE TACOMA

VISION FOR A 15 MINUTE CITY

# Cross-cutting themes

### FOCUS AREAS

Five cross-cutting priority themes to integrate in policy writing.

#### EQUITY

Every resident shares in community progress.

#### OPPORTUNITY

Neighborhoods where residents can reach their full potential.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Support to maintain healthy minds and bodies.

#### SAFETY

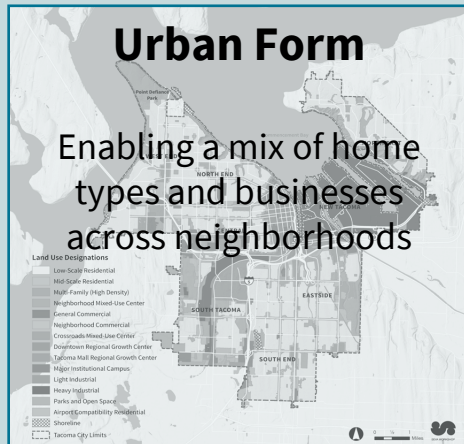
A place where everyone feels safe to live, work, and play.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Achieving climate goals and planning for future Tacomans.

# What will be in the Plan?

## 10 Policy Elements or “Chapters”



### Design + Development

Guiding the design and development of our city's buildings

### Housing

Providing fair and accessible housing for all Tacoma residents

### Transportation

Building an accessible and affordable transportation network

### Engagement + Administration

Connecting with community and running efficient and effective departments

### 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

### Economic Development

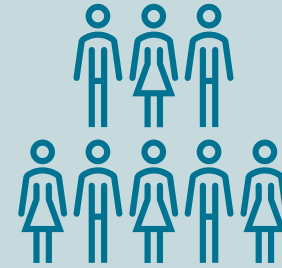
Boosting economic opportunities for all residents

### Historic Preservation

Highlighting communities' histories and the human stories behind them



# Planning Context



59% MORE PEOPLE



61% MORE HOUSING



80% MORE LOCAL JOBS

# State and Regional Policy Framework for Parks and Rec

1. GMA and RCW 36.70A: Parks planning supports the planning goals of GMA and expectations for a parks element are detailed in the policy language, such as **estimating demand** for at least a 10-year period and **evaluating tree canopy** within the UGA.
2. PSRC and VISION 2050: New and revised policies in VISION 2050 elevate issues of **health, access, and walkability** for park and recreation amenities. There is also an added focus on **school partnerships** for an enhanced network



# Policy Audit Principles

## Structure and Content:

- Strengthen the connection between goals and policies
- Remove redundant language
- Connect everything to the Vision Statement and Focus Areas and reinforce the overall growth strategy

## Language:

- Use more people-centered language that focuses on the experience that the City aims to create.
- Identify accountable parties and parties where possible
- Use a consistent term or terms for those we intend to serve with the plan. Replace “citizen” with a more inclusive term, such as “community member”
- Be more specific about equity terms, existing disparities, and priority groups.



# Priority Outcomes for the Plan

The project team has identified 19 outcomes reflecting a holistic picture of community wellbeing. The parks element is directly tied to 3 of these outcomes:

- 1. Urban Heat Index**
- 2. Walkability**
- 3. Satisfaction with Cultural Access**

Goals and policies will address these topics, with an emphasis on improving outcomes in areas with the lowest scores today.



# Key Updates in the Parks and Recreation Element

**Update the inventory**



**School partnerships**

**Align with Metro Parks' Strategic Plan update**

**Highlight cultural and demographic needs**

**Connect policies to community engagement**



**Walkable access as a key LOS metric -**

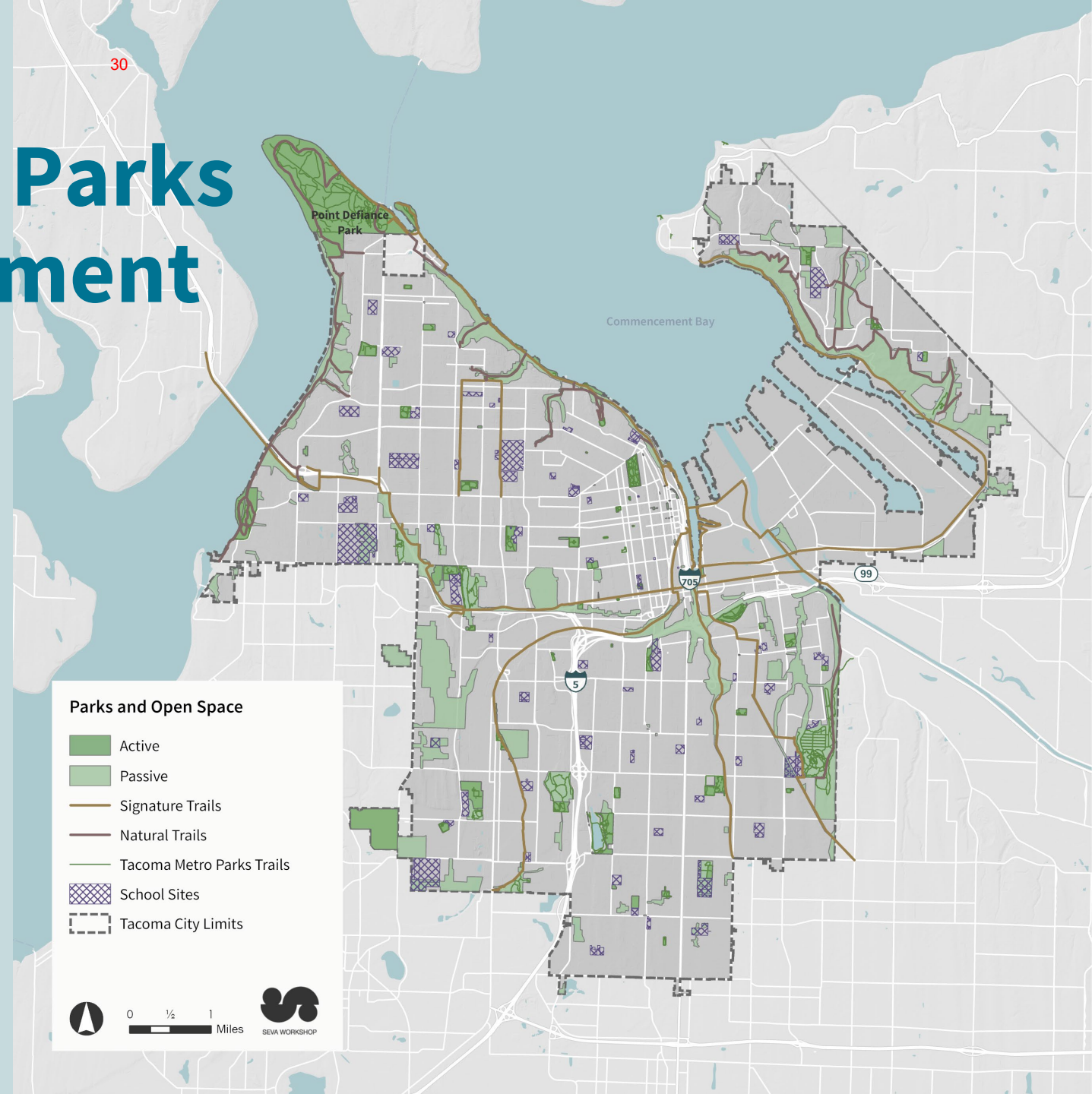
**Stronger ties to public health**



# Key Updates in the Parks and Recreation Element

-Update the 2015 Comprehensive Plan inventory map to reflect current conditions.

-Consider how school partnerships can enhance access and experience for community members.



# Key Updates in the Parks and Recreation Element



- Align with Metro Parks' Strategic Plan update, which includes an increased focus on youth and programming
- Highlight cultural and demographic needs
- Connect policies to community engagement feedback



# Key Updates in the Parks and Recreation Element

- Highlight walkable access as a key LOS metric and adapt to a new 10-minute walkshed standard
- Create stronger ties to public health







# Questions or Comments?



**THANK YOU!**

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METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA

# System and Strategic Plan 2024-2030

## City in a Park

Tacoma Planning Commission  
September 4, 2024

# MPT System & Strategic Plan

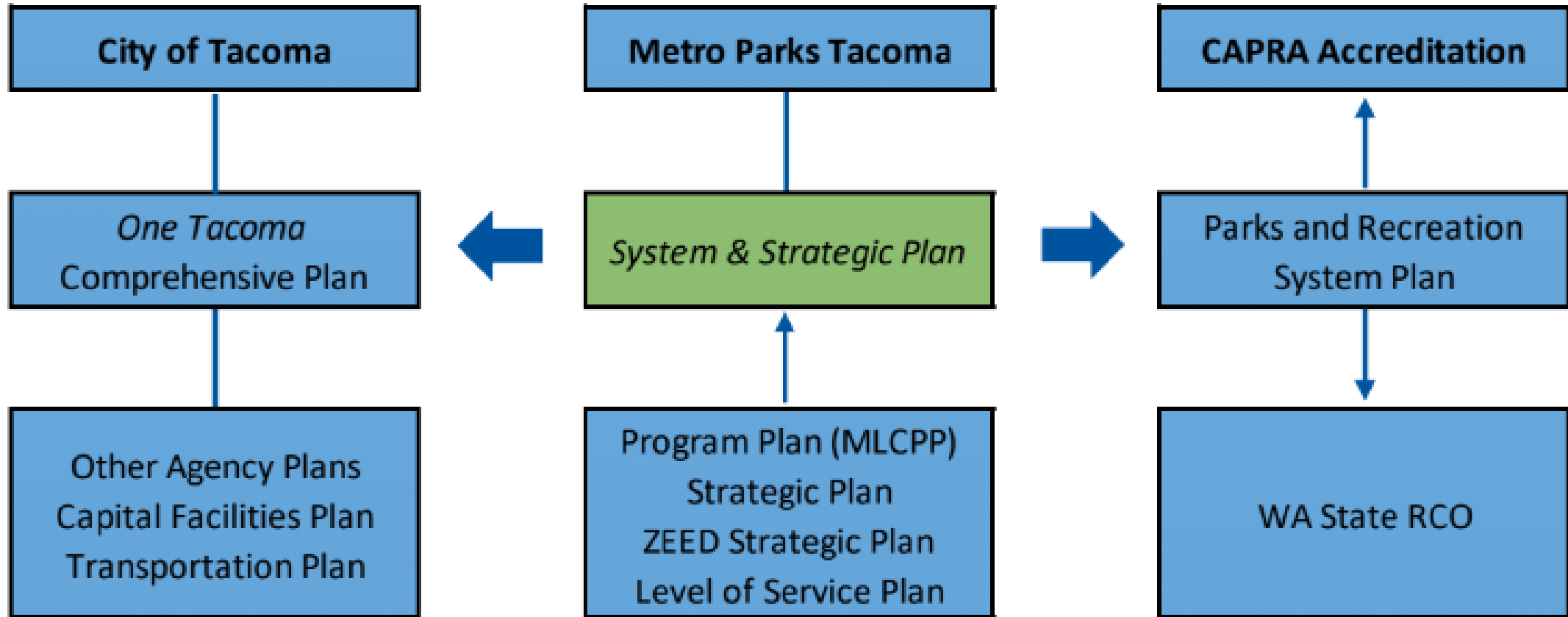
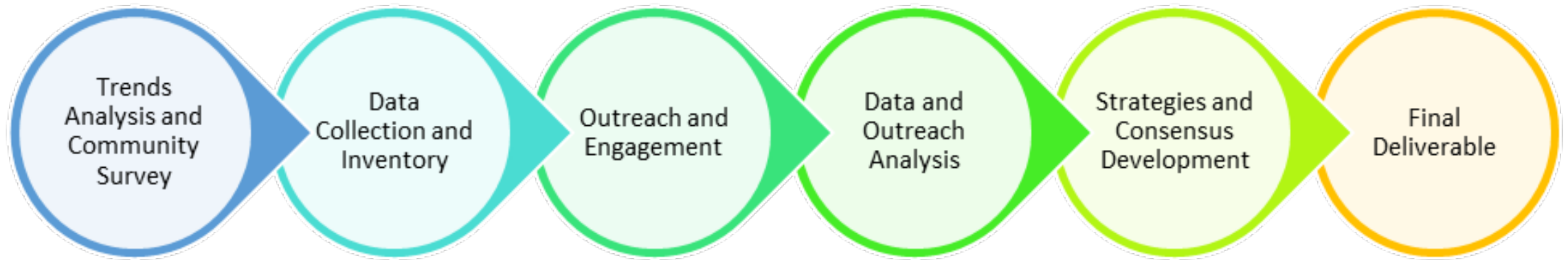


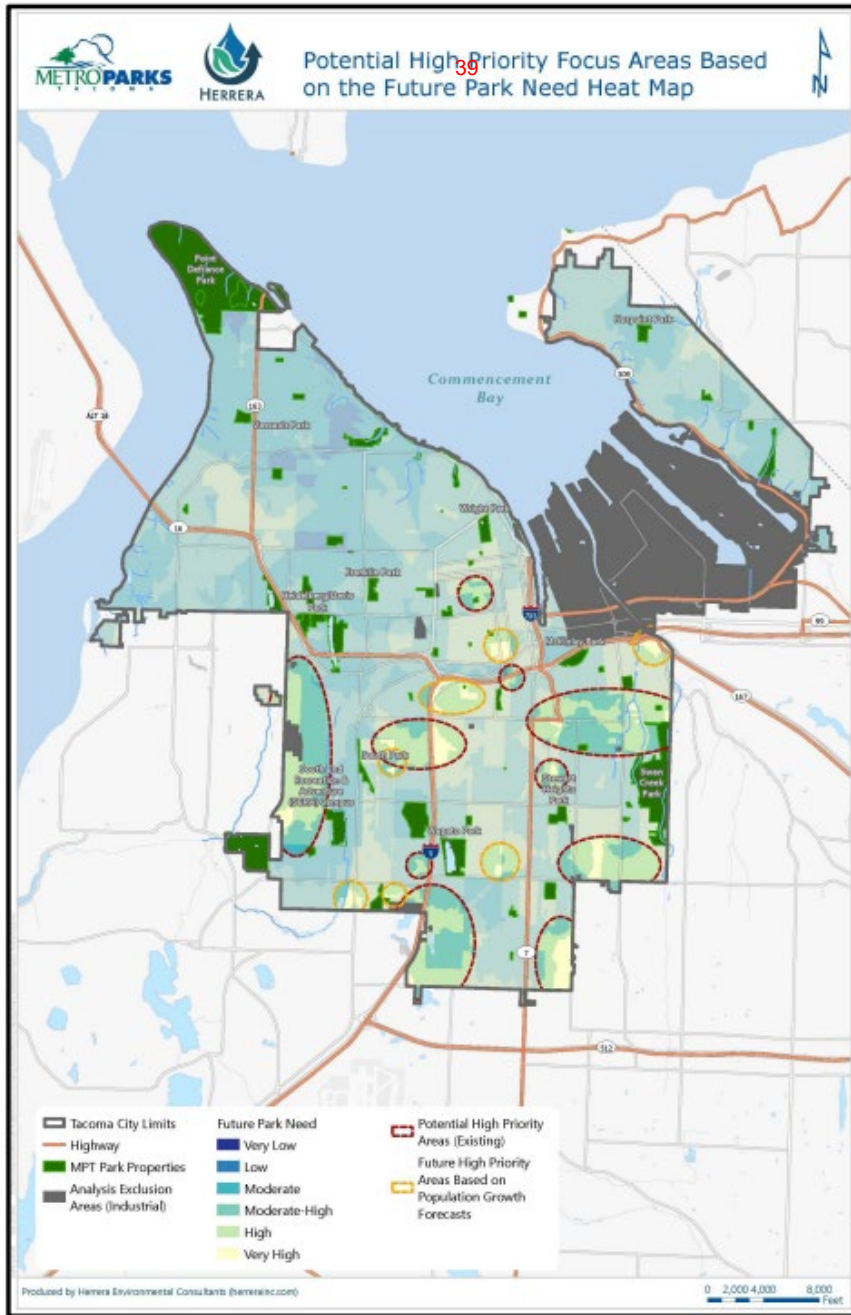
Figure 1: Metro Parks Tacoma Planning Matrix

# Process



# Heat Mapping

- Walksheds and youth walk patterns
- Public transit service
- Recreational amenities and programs
- Population density and forecasted growth
- Tacoma Equity Index



# Strategic Directions

**People.**

**Program.**

**Place.**

**Pathways.**

**Directions are progressively interconnected**



# People. Cultural Alignment

*This strategic direction discusses and recommends strategies for how the MPT organization and services align with the diversity and changing demographics of our community.*

## Key Insights

- Serving a diverse community means residents must feel welcome and see themselves in the spaces MPT stewards.
- Public engagement is paramount.
- More community gathering spaces are needed to facilitate social connectedness, combat isolation/loneliness, and to provide safe spaces for our youth, older adults and other marginalized communities

## Select Strategic Actions

PE1. Bolster our youth in sense of belonging and incorporate their voices.

PE4. Continually strive for a balanced CIP that invests in infrastructure that honors community diversity and cultivates inclusivity.

# **Program.** Defining Our Core Services and Strategic Collaborations

*This strategic direction discusses the comparative ratio of services MPT provides among its **three mission areas – Active Living & Community Wellness; Arts, Heritage & Culture; and Nature & Environment** – and recommends strategies for balancing investments across the vast array of community needs and doing so with economic sustainability.*

## Key Insights

- There are services “core” to MPT, but not all MPT services are “core”.
- MPT’s portfolio must incorporate a notable portion of facilitative programming.
- Public spaces are essential for quality of life and for the greater good including for educational success, for violence reduction, and for community well-being.

## Select Strategic Actions

PR2. Build facilitative programming skill.

**Example:** Junteenth celebration at Stewart Heights Park

PR4. Provide an ecosystem that attracts all youth to daily, engaging physical activity.

**Example:** Aspen Institute State-of-Play initiative

# **Place.** Parks and Public Recreation Spaces as “Third Space” of Choice

*This strategic direction examines how our community uses and participates in its park and recreation spaces and recommends strategies to support community in deepening its engagement with these public places.*

## Key Insights

- Geographic proximity is essential for walkability to parks, but alone does not ensure accessibility.
- A population-based level of service alone does not adequately represent the best and most effective way to address needs.
- There is a lack of local “ownership” of local parks.
- Safe routes to parks are as equally important as the types of experiences available at the destination.

## Select Strategic Actions

PL2. More flexibility in allowed uses; design for multi-use spaces.

**Example:** Peck redevelopment

PL5. Invest in distribution of recreation spaces and programs in a manner that facilitates equitable participation in our parks and recreation system.

## **Pathways.** To Mobilize Connection with Community and Our Natural World

*This strategic direction builds especially on the philosophy of a “City in Park”, a phrase adopted in the plan that signifies MPT’s intention to focus on providing amenities, facilities, programs, services, and experiences in a manner that is accessible and reinforces the criticality of green infrastructure to the health of people, wildlife and planet.*

## Key Insights

- Accessible natural environment is not equitably distributed.
- Streets and rights-of-way are the most abundant and accessible public space that exist in our community; the transportation network can and should provide for more than the movement of people and goods.
- Enhancing wildlife and biodiversity, tree canopies, and climate resiliency are critical calls to action.

## Select Strategic Actions

PA1. Invest in streets/ROWs as intentional spaces not just connectors.

PA4. Prioritize public space as lifeblood for community connection.

PA5. Integrate plans for a greener, more resilient, nature-infused community.



# Strategic Directions

**People.** Cultural Alignment

**Program.** Defining our Core Services and Strategic Collaborations

**Place.** Parks and Public Recreation Spaces as “Third Space” of Choice

**Pathways.** to Mobilize Connectedness in Community and with the Natural World

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