



## PRESENTATION(S)

Meeting on February 19, 2025

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# TACOMA || TIDEFLATS

## SUBAREA PLAN

## Planning Commission

February 19, 2025



# Purpose

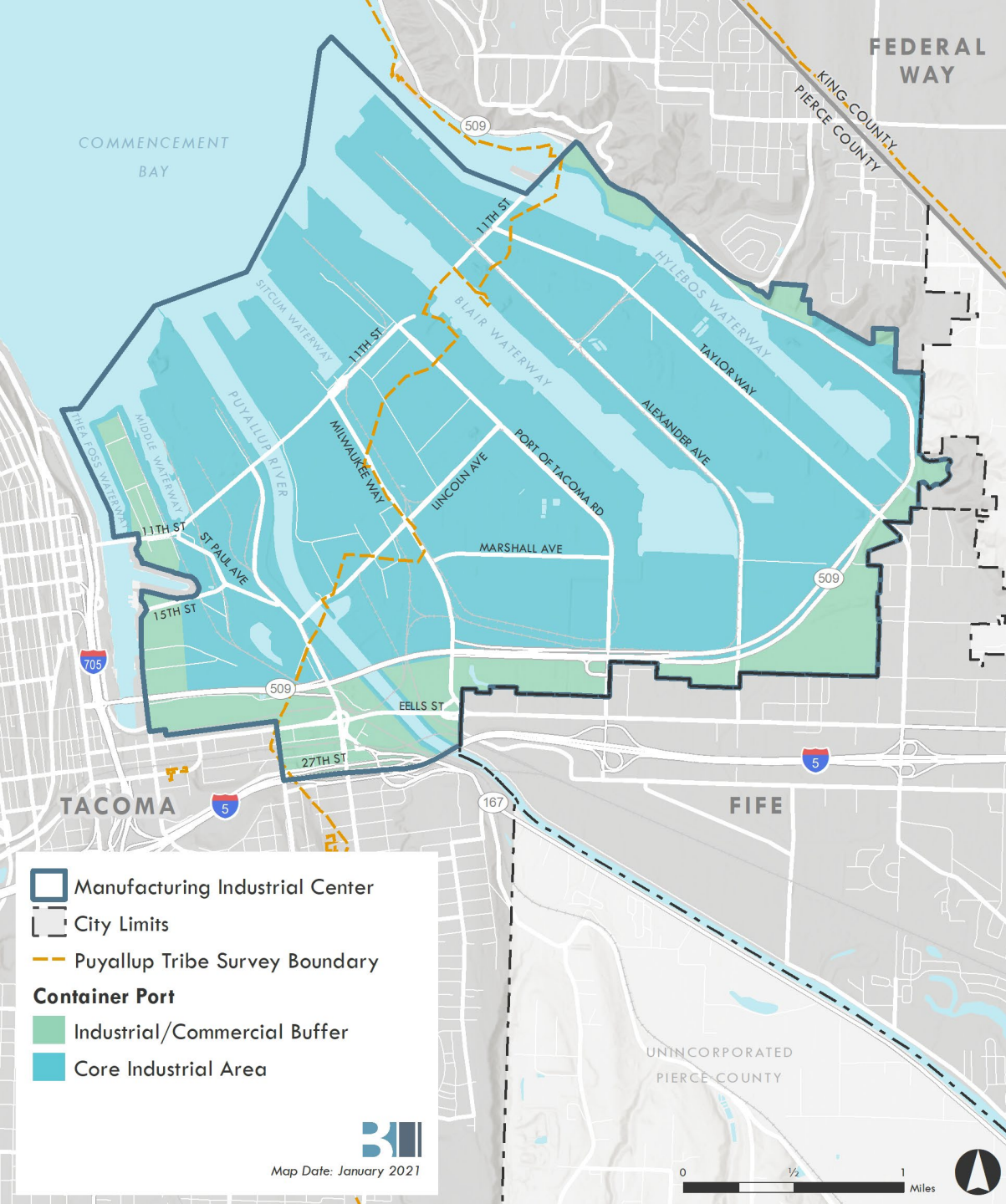
- A. Introduce Steering Committee Recommendation
- B. Prepare for March 19 Public Release





# Study Area

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- Over 5,000 acres of waterfront land providing vital saltwater and estuarian habitat for salmon, shellfish and other marine life.
- Ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
- Designated as the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC).
- The MIC is home to Tacoma and Pierce County’s highest concentration of industrial and manufacturing activity and is the work site for about 10,000 employees.

# Steering Committee Recommendation

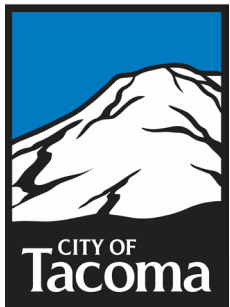
## Forwarding Draft Plan with unanimous Recommendation for Adoption

### Themes in the Plan

- Balancing Industrial Success with Environmental Restoration
- Indigenous Values
- Comprehensive Climate Action
- Economic and Industrial Adaptation
- Transportation and Infrastructure Innovations
- Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement

# Shared Planning

- The Subarea Plan and EIS is a shared planning effort among five participating governments.
- The goal is to have ongoing collaboration and dialogue to implement the plan.



# Subarea Planning Timeline and Milestones



# Community Engagement

## Steering Committee

- Port of Tacoma
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- City of Fife
- Pierce County

## Tideflats Advisory Group

- Neighborhood Councils
- Adjacent jurisdictions
- Subject Matter experts
- Business representatives

## Community Visioning

- Focus groups
- Panels
- Survey/story map
- Direct outreach
- Language access
- Direct outreach

## Legislative Actions

- Non-interim regulations
- Alternatives selection

## DEIS Public Comment

- Information meeting
- Agency meeting
- Public hearing
- Written comments

## Other

- Comp Plan Engagement
- Reviewed other efforts (climate action plan, Urban Watershed Protection Plan, etc.)

# Next Steps (tentative)

## Planning Commission:

- March 19: Set Public Hearing on Draft Plan and Code
- April 16: Public Hearing
- June 4: Recommendation

## New Information:

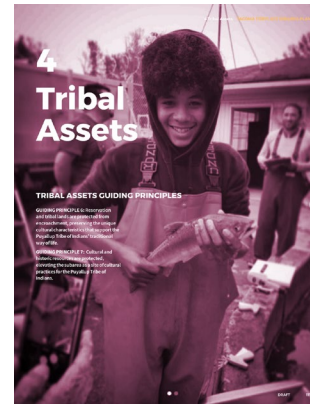
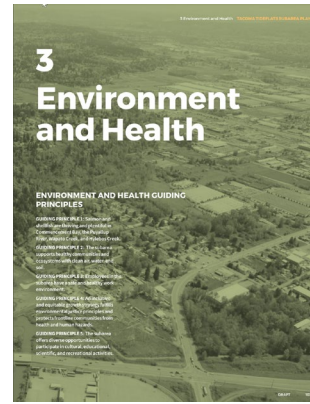
- Public comment and testimony
- Health Impact Assessment
- Final Environmental Impact Statement and response to comments on DEIS

# What City Council Will Receive

- 1. Steering Committee Recommendation**
- 2. Planning Commission Findings and Recommendations**
  - Proposed amendments for Council consideration – using the HIT format

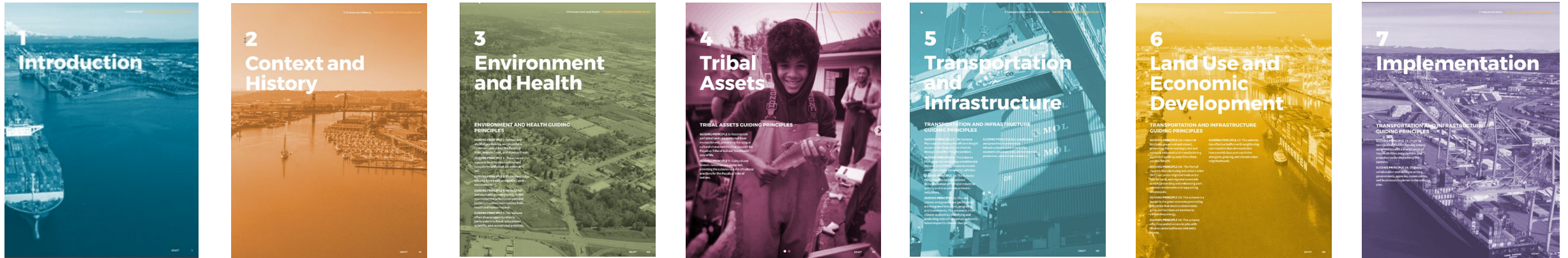


# Plan Overview



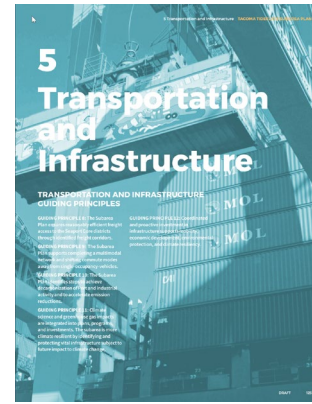
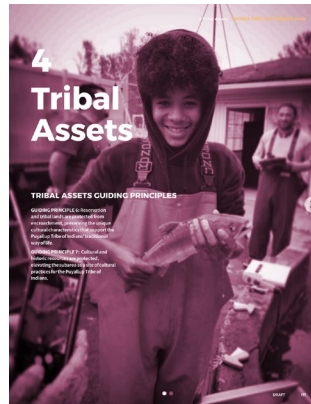
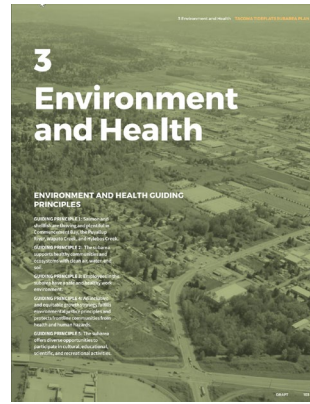


# Plan Overview - Introduction



- Purpose
- How the Plan is Organized
- Vision and Guiding Principles
- Summary of Environmental Review
- Summary of Community Engagement

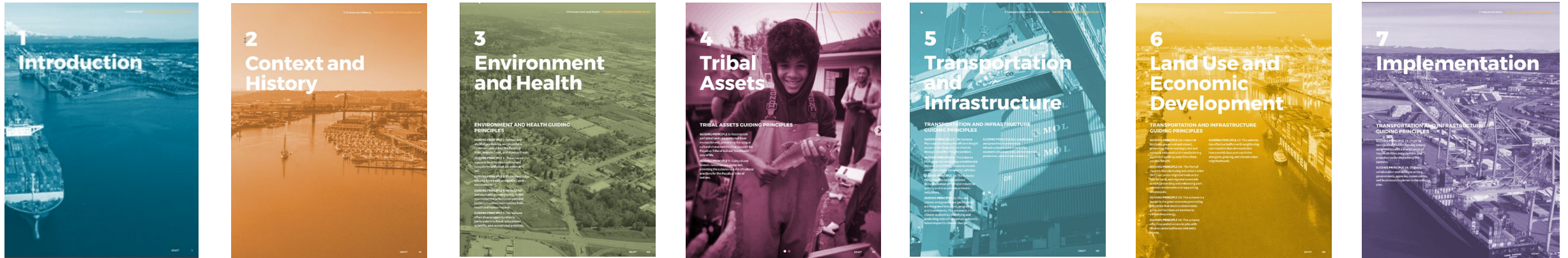
# Plan Overview – Context and History



- Location and Topography
- History of Development
- Tribal Resources
- Land Use Conditions
- Environmental Conditions
- Summary of Existing Plans and Policies



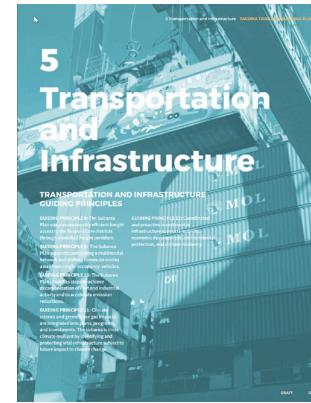
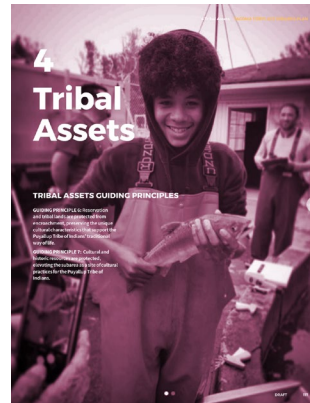
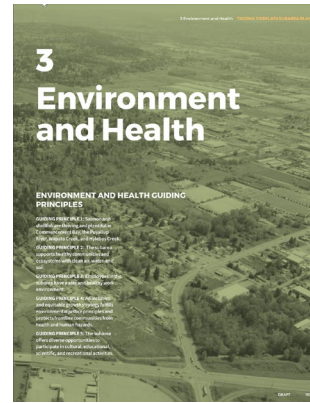
# Plan Overview – Environment and Health



## Goals, Policies and Actions:

- Community and Environmental Health
  - Such as Air, Water, Fish and Wildlife, Flooding
- Brownfields and Remediation
- Public Access and Recreation

# Plan Overview – Tribal Assets

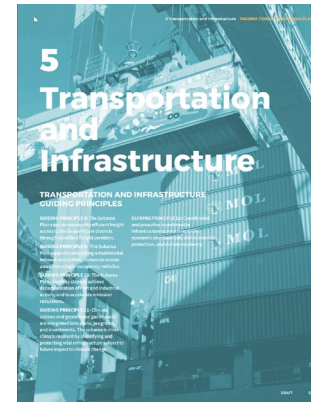
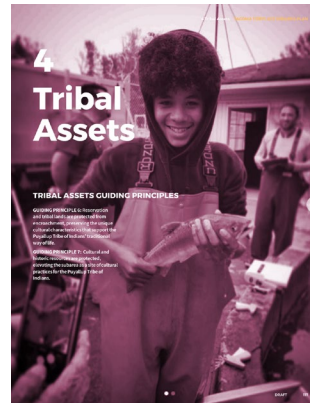
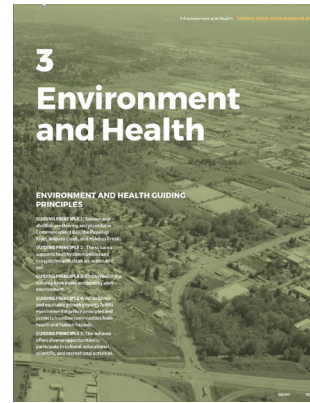


## Goals, Policies and Actions:

- Preserving unique cultural characteristics
- Protecting cultural resources
- Protecting Treaty rights

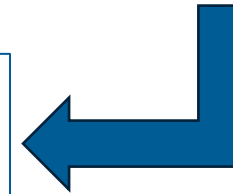


# Plan Overview – Transportation and Infrastructure

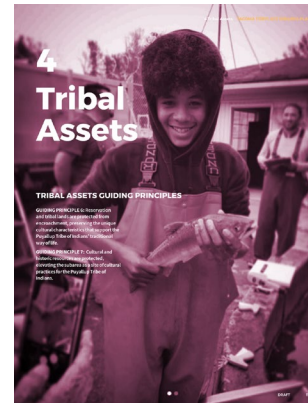
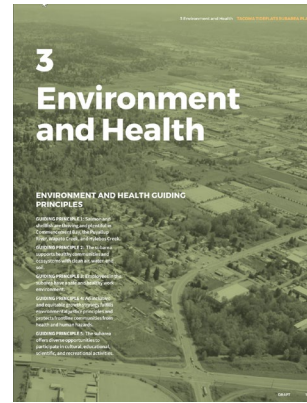


## Goals, Policies and Actions:

- Freight Access
- Active Transportation
- Transit
- Transportation Demand Management
- Priority Projects



# Plan Overview – Land Use and Economic Development

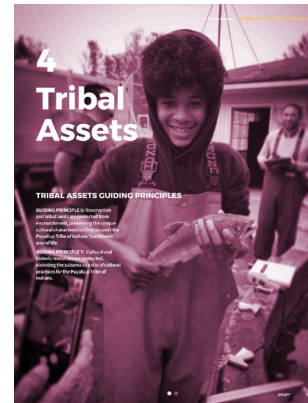
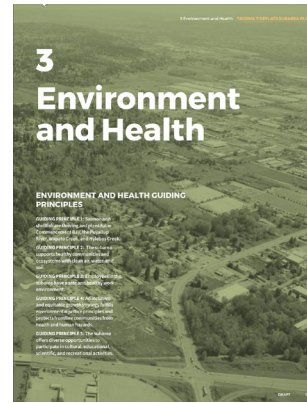


## Goals, Policies and Actions:

- Employment Targets
- Protect and preserve industrial lands
- Address incompatible land uses
- Effective buffers and transitions
- Priority sectors
- Zoning and Land Use Framework



# Plan Overview – Implementation



- Supports ongoing collaboration and dialogue
- Coordinated problem solving
- Proactive leadership
- Consolidated List of Actions and Priority Investments
- Performance Monitoring

# Tentative Schedule

Date	Topic(s)
March/ Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Public comment period; HIA; FEIS</b></li> </ul>
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning Commission Recommendations</b></li> </ul>
Late Summer Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>City Council Public Hearing and Adoption</b></li> </ul>







# SOUTH TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

CITY OF TACOMA  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
PLANNING  
PROGRAM

PLANNING COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

CITY OF TACOMA  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



# AGENDA



- Neighborhood Planning Program Update
- Background
- Alignment
- Methodology
- Engagement Summary
- Recommendations
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps



# PROGRAM UPDATE

- Due to recent budget reductions, the program will sunset in June 2025
- Program staff are transitioning future implementation responsibilities to departments and community
- Staff will now support engagement and communication efforts within Planning and Development Services
- Sharing and standardizing lessons learned from the program



# MCKINLEY UPDATE

## Adopted by Council March 2023

- **Art and placemaking:** Wall murals, training program, temporary and permanent art (forthcoming)
- **Quick wins:** Water bottle filling station; red curb painting
- **Trees:** 233 planted!
- **McKinley Overlook:** new public space, amenities, and placemaking
- **Intersection enhancement** and street mural at E Division Ln
- **Capacity:** Business District, Honk Fest

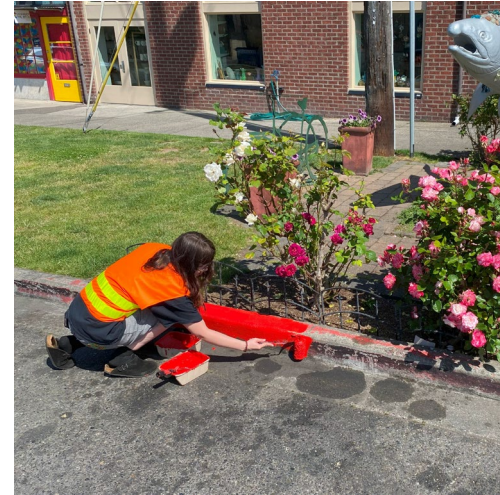




# PROCTOR UPDATE

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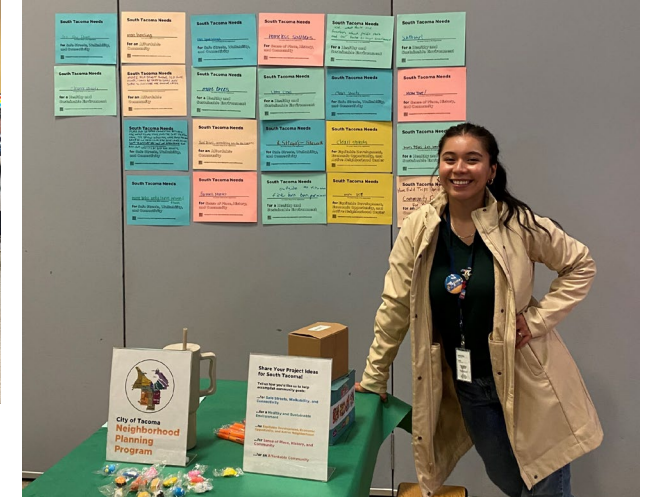
- **Open streets pilot:** Ten events in summer 2024 to activate non-arterial streets
- **Tree planting:**
  - Sustainability grant for outreach in low-canopy parts of the neighborhood
  - Business district tree replanting
- **Housing:** Mason United Methodist Church redevelopment support
- **Quick wins:** Red curb painting; depave project
- **Policy and capacity-building wins:** Business Improvement Area support





# LESSONS LEARNED

- Meeting community where they are
- Alignment and collaboration with partners
- Equitable engagement, including language access and in-person outreach
- Trauma-informed engagement and cultural humility
- Acknowledgement of past harms
- Accountability and reconciliation



# SOUTH TACOMA BACKGROUND

- **Comprehensive Plan alignment**
  - Mixed-Use Center and Neighborhood Business District
  - Regional rail; planned high-capacity transit
  - Historic resources
  - Displacement risk
- **History of lower engagement** and resources from the City
  - Equity index: “very low” to “moderate”
- **Coordination for policy and engagement**
  - High-profile and contentious issues
  - Spotlight on South Tacoma series





# ALIGNMENT

- Coordination with internal and external partners
- Policy alignment
- Community engagement collaboration

## What's Happening in South Tacoma



★ Current opportunity for you to share feedback



# PLAN OVERVIEW

- Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome Letter from Council Members
- *Executive Summary\**
- Introduction
  - Neighborhood Plan Approach
  - Historic Resources
- South Tacoma Major Characteristics

*\*Coming in second review*

## South Tacoma

### Neighborhood Plan

City of Tacoma











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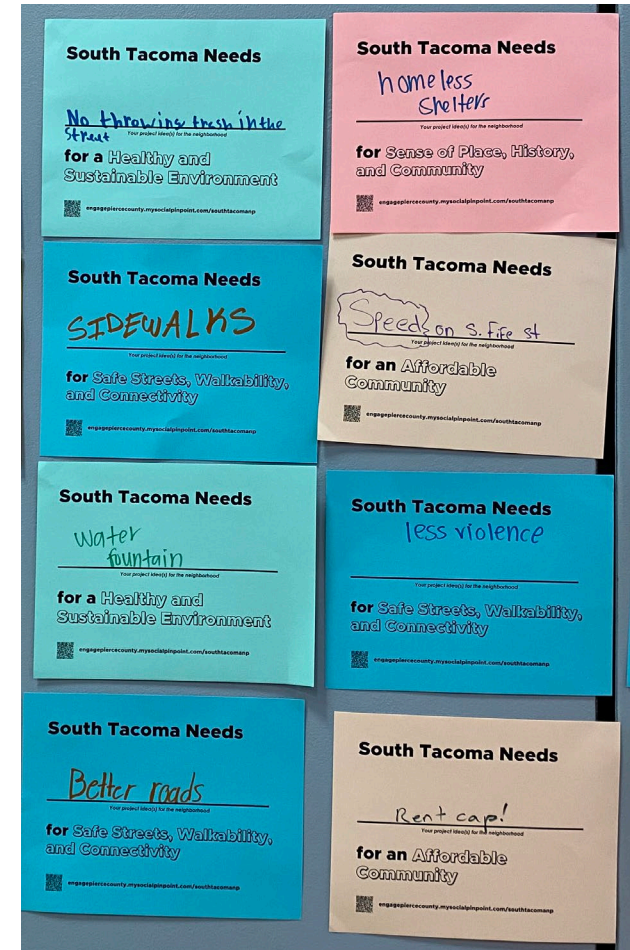
## PLAN OVERVIEW (CONT.)

- **Community Engagement Summary**
- ***Major Ideas Summary\****
- **Recommendations**
  - Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity
  - Health and Environment
  - Economic Development and Opportunity
  - Sense of Place and Community
  - Affordability
- **Lessons Learned**
- ***Glossary\****
- ***Works Cited\****
- ***Appendices\****
  - A. *Historic Resources*
  - B. *Event Summaries*
  - C. *Survey and Interactive Map Summaries*

See Neighborhood Plan Approach, page 5

# METHODOLOGY

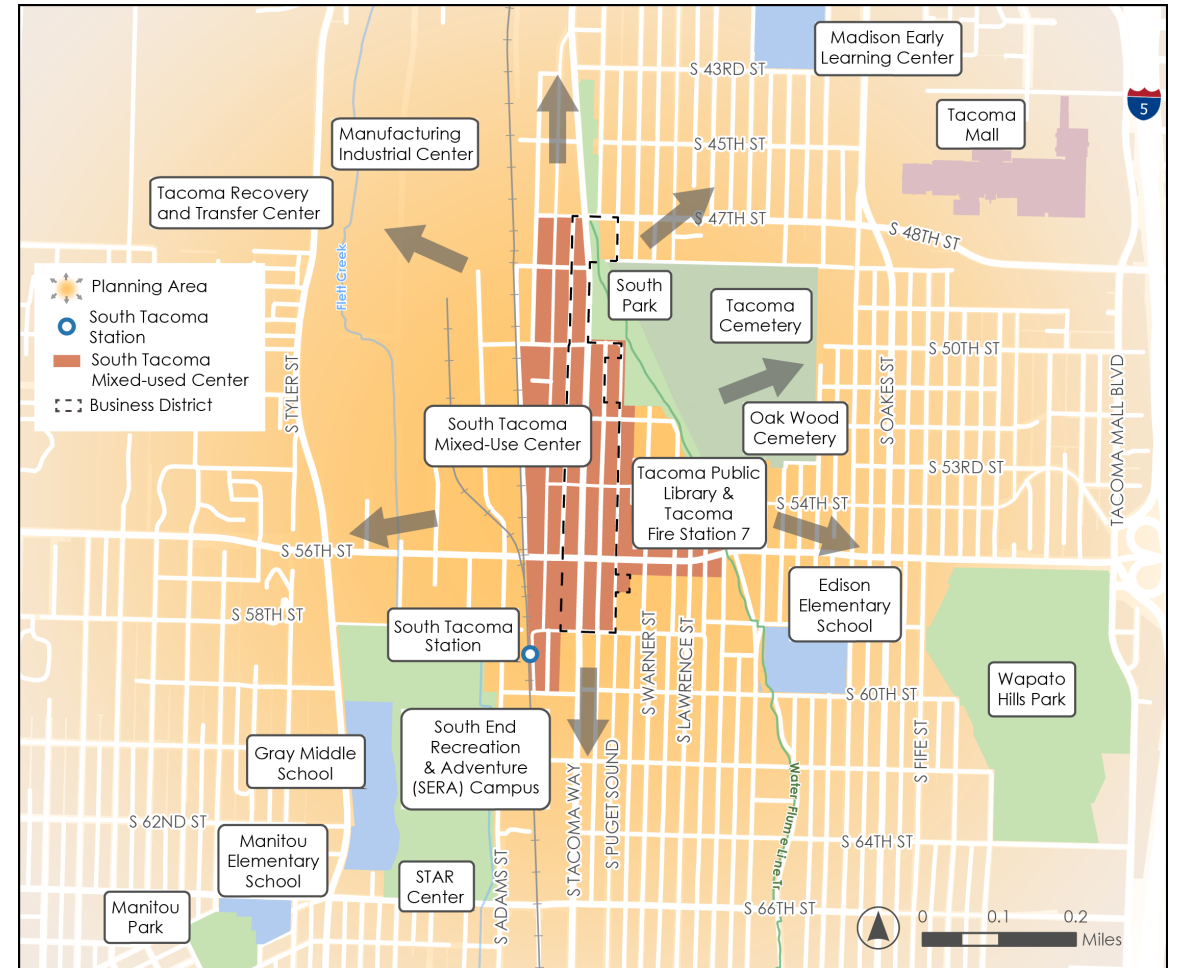
- **Community engagement**
  - Deep and broad, equitable, trauma-informed engagement
  - Informs every step of the process
- **Resource identification and matchmaking**
  - Assess feasibility
  - Work with other departments and organizations
- **Technical analysis**
  - Support for best practices and implementation



# MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS

See page 12

- **Regional Assets and City Designations**
  - Transportation hub
  - Tacoma Mall Subarea
  - Neighborhood Mixed-Use Center and Manufacturing Industrial Center
  - South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District
- **Community Assets**
  - Neighborhood Business District
  - Community capacity
  - Schools, parks, recreation
- **Demographics and Equity**
  - Compared to citywide, the neighborhood has lower incomes, higher renter rate, more language diversity, higher displacement risk
  - Equity index: “very low” to “moderate”

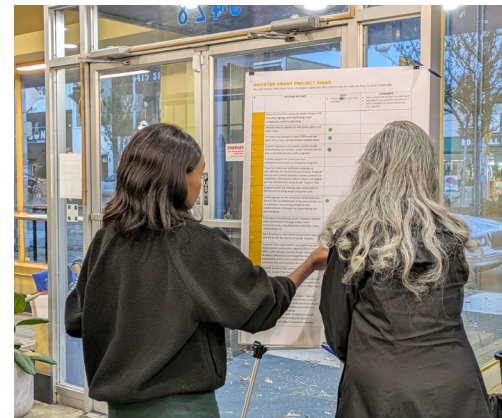




# STEERING GROUP

## Diverse mix of residents, local organizations, and business owners:

- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (2)
- South Tacoma Business District Association (2)
- Local business and property owners (4)
- Residents representing transportation, housing, environment, arts, education (10+)
- Local organizations, including South Tacoma library, STAR Center, APCC, Health Department, local manufacturing
- Districts 3 and 5 Council Members



# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

See page 35

## 1,300+ “engagements” with community members:

- **4 focused community events and meetings:** 200+ participants
- **13+ interview conversations** with key collaborators
- **2 online community surveys and interactive map:** 200+ replies
- **2 phases of multilingual outreach**(in 6 languages): 200+ responses in Vietnamese, Spanish, Korean, Russian, and Ukrainian
- **2 walking tours:** 50+ participants
- **4 pop-up events:** 190 comments received
- **2 focus groups:** 24 participants
- **Tabling at 3 community events:** 300+ participants
- **Community briefings** to the Neighborhood Council and Business District
- **Steering Group** (residents, businesses, organizations): 30 members



# ENGAGEMENT: PHASE 1 AND 2

## Phase 1: Engagement Launch

- **3 events:** *170+ participants*
  - Spotlight on South Tacoma: Community Conversation
  - Plan-a-Thon Kick-off event
  - Open House
- **Targeted Community Interviews:** *13+*



## Phase 2: Community Priorities and Goals

- **Community Survey:** *200+ responses*
  - Included multi-lingual surveys in Spanish and Vietnamese
- **Historic walking tour:** *40+ participants*
- **1 youth focus group:** *15 participants*



# ENGAGEMENT: PHASE 3 AND 4

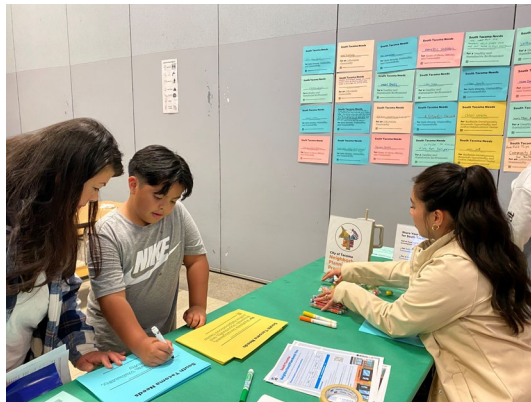
## Phase 3: Project Idea Generation

- **5 pop-up events:** 200+ participants
- **2 focus groups:** 24 participants
- **Interactive map and survey:** 100 responses
- **Multilingual survey (3 languages):** 100+ responses
- **Outreach to 2 Spanish-Speaking Businesses**

## Phase 4: Community Booster Voting

- **Tabling at 3 events**
- **2 voting stations:** STAR Center and ST Library
- **Online voting**

**Total votes: 687 Total respondents: 363**





# 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*

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS

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- **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*

# LEGEND FOR ACTIONS TABLES

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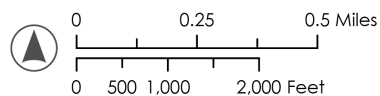
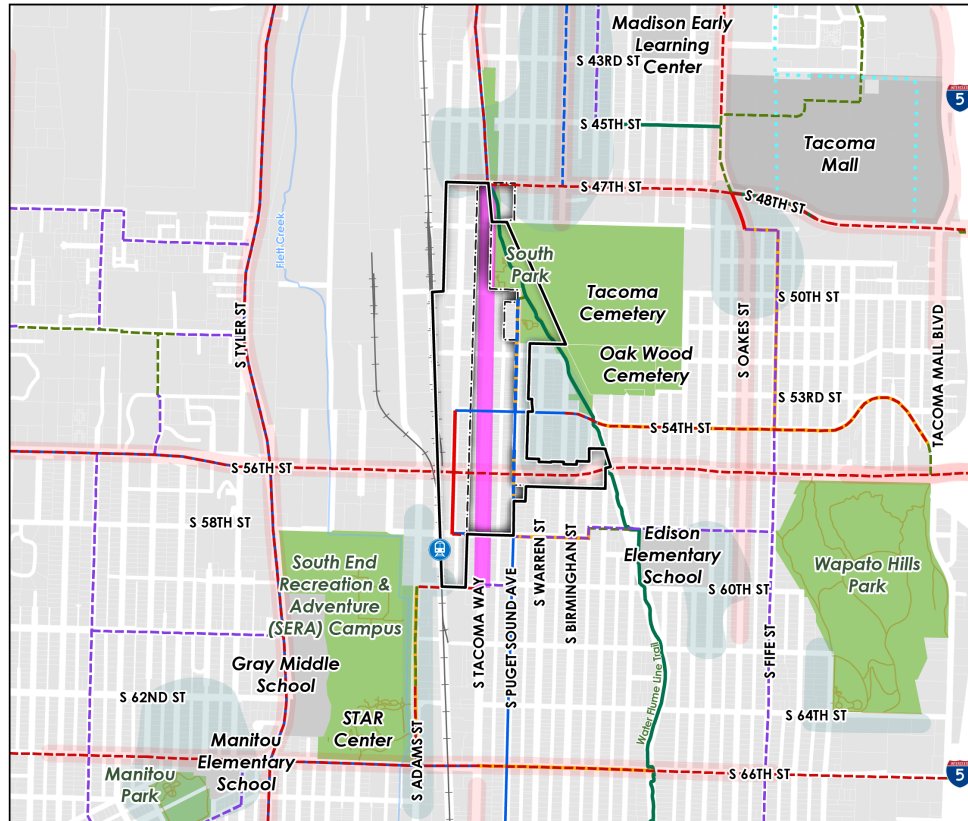
- **Feasibility:**
  - Key implementation opportunities ★
  - Booster Project Opportunity
- **Timing:** Short, Medium, Long
- **Responsible:** City department or external partner
- **Budget estimate:** Low, Medium, High, Major Project
- **Alignment** with other plans or policies, e.g.:
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Tacoma Mall Art Plan
  - South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Updates
  - Economic Green Zone ●





# Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity

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**NOTE:** This map is a draft per the draft Transportation Master Plan.

**NOTE:** Several of the bikeway projects connecting to the Sounder Station are currently in design as part of the Sound Transit Station Access projects and expected to be built by 2030.



- **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.

# Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity

## SAFE STREETS

Implement **Road Safety Audit recommendations** along South Tacoma Way:

- Conduct a corridor study and redesign, including a road diet through business district
- Improve pedestrian environment and public realm
- Look at opportunities from rechannelization, e.g. space for amenity zones and/or angled parking



Prioritize safety improvements along **Vision Zero high-risk network** and based on the South Tacoma Way Road Safety Audit.

Implement **traffic calming on neighborhood streets**, based on Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program prioritization, neighborhood greenways, and key community destinations like parks and schools, business district, and Sounder Station.

**Upgrade signalized intersections** to improve ADA access, pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and safety for all roadway users.

Improve **pedestrian-scale lighting**, prioritizing areas frequented by people who walk, bike, and roll.

# Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity

WALKABILITY & CONNECTIVITY	Support <b>Safe Routes to School</b> at South Tacoma Schools
	Complete <b>missing link and accessible sidewalks</b> and curb ramps
	<b>Advocate for improved transit</b> by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing bus service frequency, especially early morning, late night, and weekend service</li> <li>• High-capacity transit (such as bus rapid transit) to South Tacoma business district (long-term)</li> <li>• Adding connecting bus routes to the rest of the city and region (long-term planning)</li> </ul>
	Advocate for <b>improved Sounder Train service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement planned <b>Sound Transit station area access improvements</b> ★</li> </ul>
	Improve facilities, furnishings, and ecosystem services along the <b>Water Flume Trail</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add signage and wayfinding, trash receptacles, and tree planting</li> <li>- Study upgrading existing painted bike lane on South Tacoma Way</li> </ul>
	<b>Implement bicycle facilities</b> as recommended in other policy documents, including the Transportation and Mobility Plan, Vision Zero, and Safe Routes to School plans.



# Health and Environment

**HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT** –  
*Create a sustainable, healthy, resilient, thriving community with clean air and water, a healthy tree canopy, and access to health and wellness facilities.*

# Health and Environment

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HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	<p><b>Increase tree canopy</b> to reach 30% citywide coverage goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a South Tacoma Urban Forestry Implementation Plan to identify funding opportunities, partnerships, and plantable spaces in ROW and large sites</li> <li>- Support capacity-building for local organizations and individuals to plant trees</li> <li>- Support City code updates to reach 30% citywide canopy coverage</li> <li>- Preservation of passive and active publicly held open space</li> </ul>	★
	Identify sites to <b>depave and plant trees</b> .	●
	Support the ongoing South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District code updates and related efforts to protect <b>long-term water quality</b> .	●
	Advocate for the <b>preservation of passive and active publicly held open space</b> to preserve tree canopy and provide air quality and stormwater benefits.	●
	<p><b>Improve air quality</b> in South Tacoma by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supporting distribution of air cleaning tools</li> <li>- Collaborating with agencies for policy and regulatory changes</li> </ul>	●
	Support healthcare, programming and public health facilities and access to care, including coordination for <b>pharmacy and urgent care clinic</b> .	

# 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.



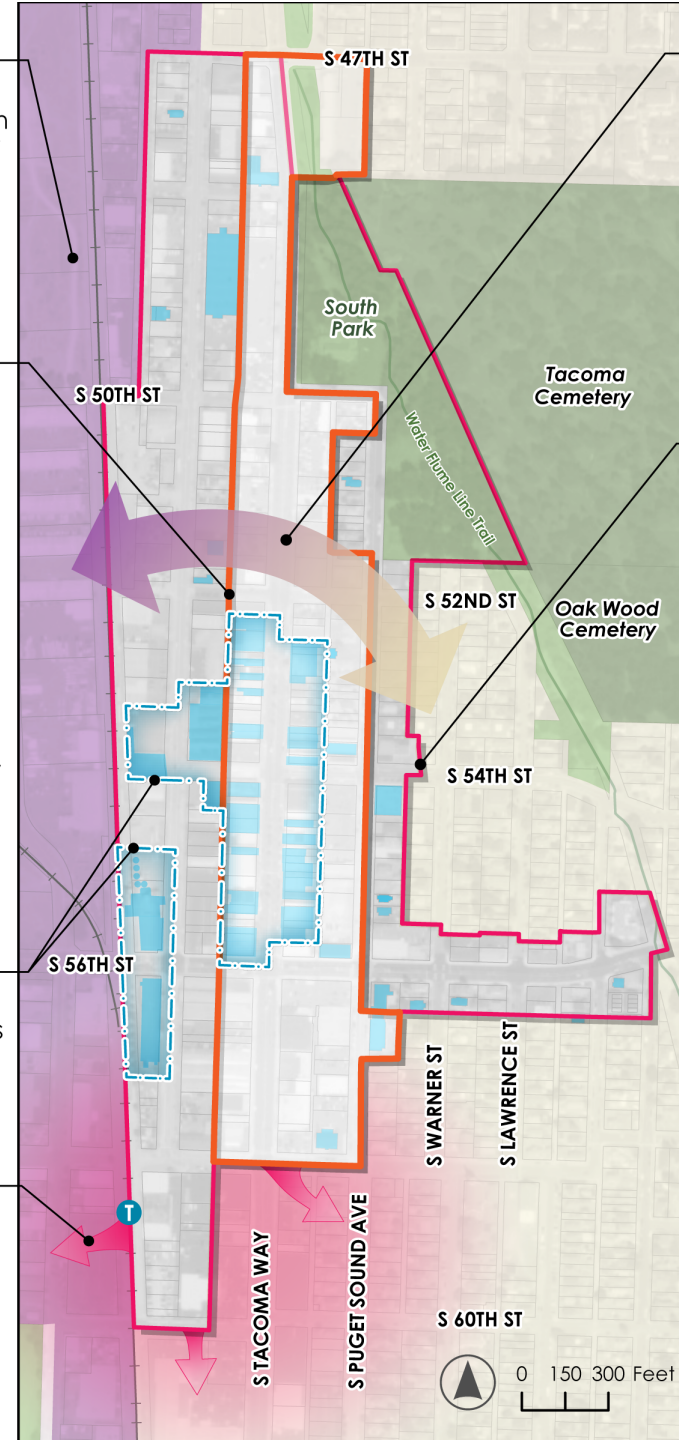
Foster a green economy through programs for green business vitality, EV charging stations, and job training.

Business District actions:

- Create a Business Improvement Area (BIA) and explore opportunities for expansion.
- Enhance the pedestrian environment through lighting, seating, parklets, streeteries, etc.
- Support community events.

Preserve and designate historic landmark buildings and districts.

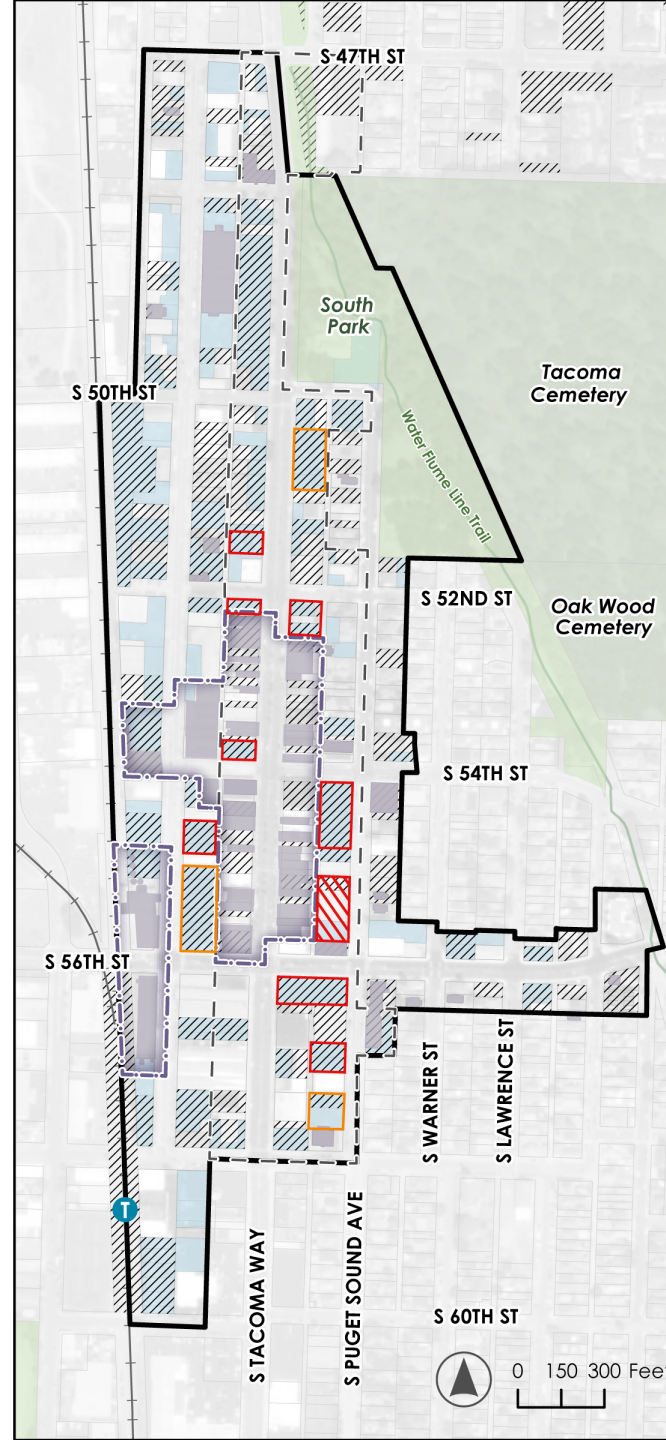
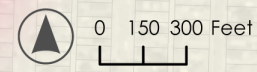
Study potential Mixed-Use Center boundary expansion.



Ensure compatibility between industrial lands and nearby neighborhoods through transition zones, design and development code updates and freight route planning.

Encourage socially responsible development with redevelopment, such as new outdoor community space and affordable housing.

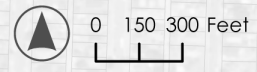
- Potential Mixed-Use Center expansion
- Eligible Historic Districts
- Eligible historic buildings
- South Tacoma Station
- Water Flume Trail
- Parks
- Cemeteries
- Residential
- Manufacturing Industrial Center
- Business District
- South Tacoma Mixed-Use Center



- Methodology**
- Focused only on properties located in MUC.
  - Identified sites within/near the business district with large surface parking lots and strong redevelopability rating.
  - Excluded eligible historic properties.

- Developability**
- Potential opportunity sites
  - Secondary/future opportunity sites
  - Vacant site
  - Surface parking
  - ILVR: 0-0.5 = Greatest Redevelopment Rating

- Eligible Historic Designation**
- Eligible Historic Districts
  - Eligible historic buildings
  - South Tacoma Station
  - Water Flume Trail
  - Parks
  - Cemeteries
  - Business District
  - South Tacoma Mixed-Use Center



# Economic Opportunity and Development

## ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

- Work with the business district on the creation of a **Business Improvement Area (BIA)** to support maintenance, security, lighting, landscaping and trees, beautification, community events, and business incubators. ★
- Improve **street furnishings and pedestrian environment** on South Tacoma Way and in the business district.
- Support **signature community events**, street festivals/pop-up markets, youth-friendly events, and accessible/sensory-safe programs. ★
- Support access to healthy and affordable foods by **incentivizing grocery stores** to locate within South Tacoma and partnering with a **food bank** for satellite location. ★
- Foster **small business entrepreneurship and vitality** by:
- Connecting existing businesses to resources
  - Supporting entrepreneurs that are youth and family-friendly, are BIPOC, and align with local South Tacoma manufacturing efforts
  - Removing permitting barriers to small-scale food purveyors
  - Potentially supporting a physical micro-retail incubator space.

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<b>SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<p>Update requirements and incentives for community benefits with redevelopment to support <b>equitable, context-sensitive development</b> in the Mixed-Use Center, including affordable housing, commercial space, and public gathering.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preserve <b>individual landmark buildings</b> as identified by the Historic Property Survey.-</li> <li>- Conduct business owner outreach to establish a <b>commercial historic district</b> of eligible parcels immediately along South Tacoma Way. ★</li> </ul>
	<p>Study an <b>expansion of the South Tacoma Mixed-Use Center boundary</b> to include the Sounder Station to improve transit-oriented development and transit-oriented manufacturing.</p>
	<p>Update the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code to address <b>land use compatibility review between industry and residential/commercial:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land use compatibility review and transition zones ●</li> <li>- Design and development code updates for industrial uses, including warehousing</li> <li>- Freight route planning</li> </ul>





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GREEN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	Incentivize/encourage the placement of <b>EV charging stations</b> in South Tacoma.
	Support <b>youth job training and mentorship</b> to find access to living-wage and green jobs.
	<p>Conduct an economic development study to <b>support green business vitality</b> in the Manufacturing Industrial Center, to set strategies for topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incentive program for creative industries and small-scale manufacturing</li> <li>- Local training/hire pilot program;</li> <li>- Local shopping incentive program</li> <li>- Industrial decarbonization and climate mitigation strategies</li> </ul>





# Sense of Place and Community

INVITING, ACCESSIBLE, BEAUTIFUL	Install <b>signage at the entrances to the business district</b> , and other entrances to the neighborhood, that is emblematic of the community, act as a gateway welcoming people to the neighborhood, and assist in placemaking and placekeeping.
	Find ways of enhancing South Tacoma's identity and maintenance through <b>public realm enhancements</b> , including new amenities, trees, landscaping, etc.
CELEBRATING HISTORY & IDENTITIES	Seek funding for and install <b>interpretive signage and art</b> to tell the stories of South Tacoma in the business district and along the Water Flume Trail.
	Support local organizations and gathering spaces that provide community to work together to <b>enhance community events</b> and enable new events that celebrate the community's diversity.
	Align with the Comprehensive Plan Engagement Chapter to create recommendations for more <b>inclusive and equitable engagement</b> by the City (language access, trauma-informed, and youth). 
	Build <b>neighborhood organizing and advocacy capacity</b> by creating opportunities for ongoing collaboration. 



# Sense of Place and Community

SENSE OF COMMUNITY & GATHERING	Identify locations for <b>community gardens</b> and provide support for startup efforts.
	Work with property owners to identify and turn small <b>vacant lot(s) along</b> South Tacoma Way within the Business District into small <b>gathering spaces</b> .
	Partner with local service providers (Tacoma Library, Metro Parks, and Asia Pacific Cultural Center) to offer <b>programs and spaces for youth, seniors</b> , and other vulnerable populations to safely spend time, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Skate parks and sport facilities for youth</li> <li>- Free indoor after-school play spaces</li> <li>- Activities and cultural events for seniors</li> </ul>
	Work with Metro Parks to provide future <b>enhancement to existing parks and facilities</b> , such as: Wapato Hills playground, skate Park at SERA, and wayfinding connections between South Park and the South Tacoma business district.
	<b>Activate publicly held open space</b> and right-of-way to create public access to green spaces, including locations noted in the Tacoma Mall Art Plan.
	Support future expansion of the <b>library's services and facilities</b> , if there is opportunity, at the South Tacoma Fire Station location along South 56th Street. If TFD vacates, in the future, consider facility for library expansion or other uses to address community needs, and services.



# Affordability

- **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.*

# Affordability

AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY	Identify <b>opportunity sites and facilitate affordable housing developer</b> /property owner matchmaking for new housing attainable for diverse incomes and needs, including families, multi-generational, and seniors.
	Support <b>affordable ownership opportunities</b> . Seek opportunities to collaborate with a community land trust for long-term affordability.
	Preserve existing attainable housing, especially multifamily, to <b>prevent displacement</b> .
	Identify opportunities to support people who are <b>experiencing homelessness with shelter and food</b> .
	Support local <b>organizational capacity-building</b> to better serve community members who need assistance and resources for youth and families.

# BOOSTER PROJECT

**Community Booster Voting** – 687 votes cast by 363 respondents

- **3 in-person events** (Santa Parade, Destiny Festival, Under the Big Top)
- **2 voting stations:** STAR Center and ST library
- **Online voting**

## Winning Projects:

- ✓ Tree Planting
- ✓ Signature Community Events/Programs for Youth and Seniors

## HOW DO YOU WANT TO SPEND

# \$50,000

to support implementation of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan?



### Business District Amenities

Add trees, signage and/or street furnishings to enhance identity of the South Tacoma business district (around South Tacoma Way and South 56th Street)



### Support Signature Community Events

Such as: Street Festivals, Pop-Up Markets, and Youth-Friendly Events

Partner with local organizations to build capacity for ongoing events in South Tacoma



### Programs and Spaces for Youth and Seniors

Partner with local service providers to offer programs and spaces for youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations



### Interpretive Signage

Create and install interpretive signage and art to tell the diverse stories of South Tacoma



### Tree Planting

Identify sites to remove pavement and plant trees, including along South Tacoma Way and other major streets



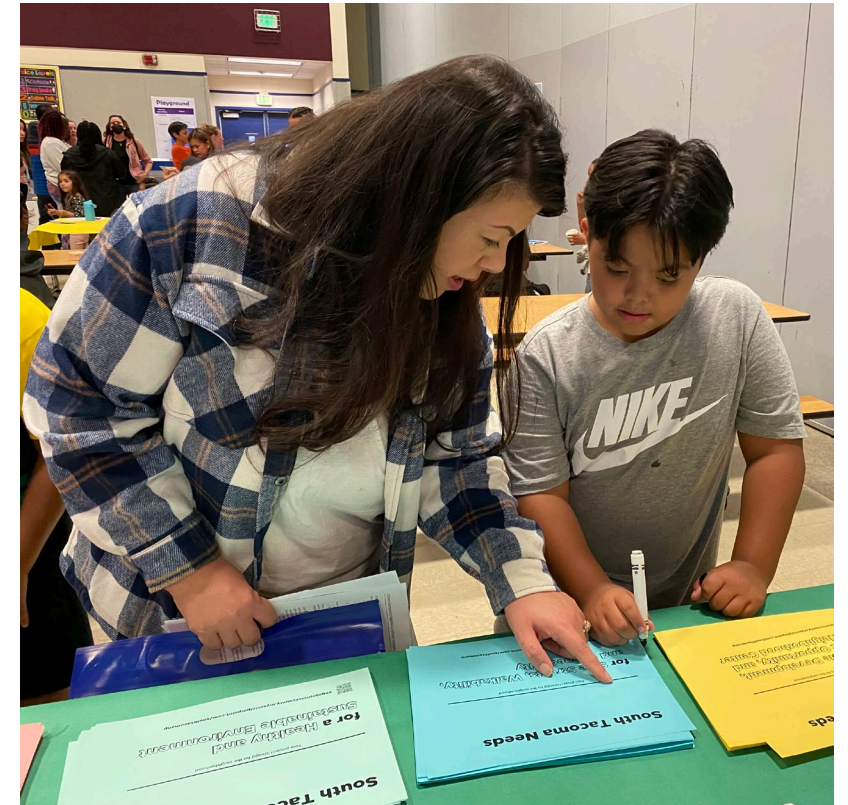
# PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

## PLAN ADOPTION

- Planning Commission Request for Recommendation to Council: *April 16*
- Study Session: *May 13 (TBD)*
- Council Resolution: *June 10 (TBD)*

## IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

- Steering Group Planning Session: *February 27*
- Collaboration with implementers: *Until June 2025*
  - **City:** e.g. Public Works, Office of Arts, Urban Forestry
  - **Partners:** Parks Tacoma, South Tacoma Business District Association, Tacoma Tree Foundation





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