



City of Tacoma
Planning and Development Services

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The subject of the public hearing is to receive input and feedback on the update of the *One Tacoma* Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a tool that helps cities proactively respond to growth and change. It is a long-range plan that looks ahead 25 years to anticipate the needs of current and future residents, business owners, workers, and visitors of a city. The plan is organized into sections that cover a range of issues, including housing, land use, transportation, utilities, parks, economic development, and more.

How is it used?

Comprehensive plans guide city decisions on how we use land and water, improve city streets, create options for transportation, build housing, and take care of public facilities and services such as parks, libraries, and utilities. City staff use the Comprehensive Plan to direct and coordinate actions, policies, and programs that serve community members to improve everyone's quality of life.

Project Summary and Background

Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan, *One Tacoma*, is the City's official statement about the vision for future growth and development. It identifies goals, policies, and strategies for maintaining the health, welfare, and quality of life of Tacoma's residents and is made up of individual elements, which address important issues such as urban form, design and development, environment and watershed health, parks and recreation, housing, economic development, and transportation and infrastructure.

The City of Tacoma amends its Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis as permitted by state law. In addition to these regular amendments, the [Growth Management Act \(GMA\)](#) requires counties and cities to periodically conduct a thorough review of their plans and regulations to bring them in line with any relevant changes in the GMA, and to accommodate updated growth targets. [RCW 36.70A.130](#) establishes the review procedures and schedule for Comprehensive Plan amendments and periodic review. Tacoma last completed such a "periodic update" in 2015 and is mandated to undertake and complete another "periodic update".

Additionally, the City of Tacoma is the designated "Metropolitan City" for Pierce County and is allocated, through [Vision 2050](#) and the [Countywide Planning Policies](#), to accommodate a significant share of the region's population and employment growth. The Puget Sound Regional Council evaluates and certifies local comprehensive plans for consistency with the multi-county planning policies and this update will include a review to ensure consistency with the goals and policies of Vision 2050.

Additional information

For additional information, visit [Tacoma's One Tacoma: Comprehensive Plan | City of Tacoma](#)

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