

City Council Public Hearing September 13, 2022

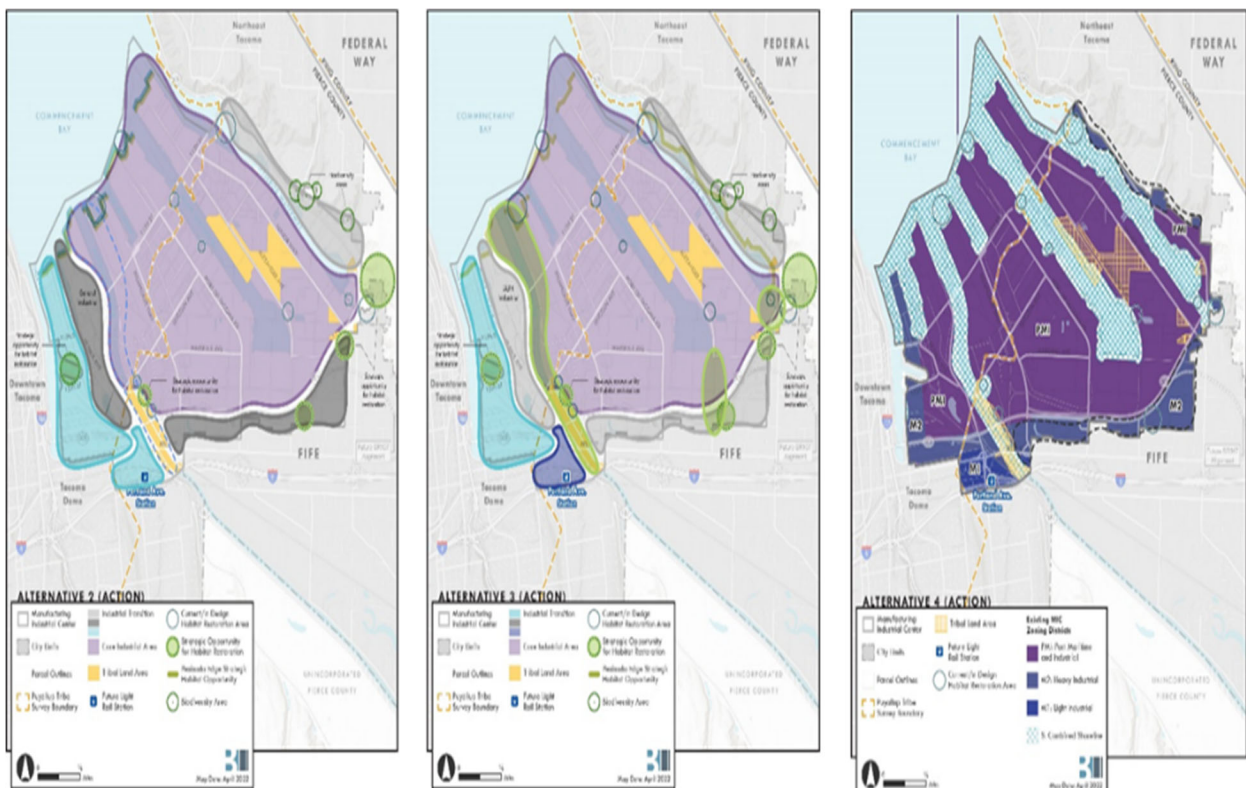
Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the Tideflats Subarea Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). You may comment on the alternatives, probable significant adverse impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.

VISIT: www.cityoftacoma.org/tideflatsplan

QUESTIONS? E-mail: planning@cityoftacoma.org

What might the future look like for Tacoma's Tideflats?

The following maps represent three potential future development scenarios. The Plan and EIS will also consider future development that may occur under the City's baseline plans, programs, and regulations.



The Tideflats subarea planning process is intended to create a shared long-term vision and more coordinated approach to development, environmental review, and strategic capital investments in the Tideflats. Completion of the subarea plan will support the ongoing eligibility for and prioritization of transportation funding in the regionally-designated manufacturing and industrial center.

BACKGROUND

Located in the heart of Commencement Bay, the Tidelands is a unique environment containing marine shoreline, river delta, tidal creeks, and freshwater and salt marshes, providing vital saltwater and estuarine habitat for salmon, shellfish, and other marine life. The Tidelands subarea is within the ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and continues to serve as an important location for cultural traditions and the practice of tribal treaty rights. The area is also designated as the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC). In recognition of the regional significance of the Tidelands, the City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, City of Fife, and Pierce County have partnered to develop a Subarea Plan for adoption by the City of Tacoma as part of

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required: The City of Tacoma has determined that the Tacoma Tidelands Subarea Plan is likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact. An EIS under RCW 43.21C.030(2) (c) will be prepared. This decision was made after review of information on-file with the City. Preliminary indications are that the following environmental parameters will be evaluated in this EIS:

- Air Quality
- Stormwater and Water Quality
- Plants and Animals
- Land and Shoreline Use/Plans and Policies
- Population, Employment, and Housing
- Cultural Resources
- Transportation
- Public Utilities
- Public Services

Alternatives: It is proposed that the EIS analyze several alternatives as part of the Tacoma Tidelands Subarea Plan. The Alternatives include a No Action Alternative and three Action Alternatives. It is anticipated that the alternatives will be based on variations of elements such as the mix of industrial zoning and land uses, employment growth scenarios, transition areas, housing types and location, sea level rise adaptation strategies, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, and shoreline public access and recreation.

For purposes of the No Action Alternative, it is assumed that development would occur within the Tacoma Tidelands Subarea based on existing zoning and development standards. Development or redevelopment that is proposed within the Tacoma Tidelands Subarea in conjunction with the No Action Alternative would undergo environmental review on a project-by-project basis. Such projects would be subject to site-specific mitigation and potential SEPA-based appeals.

The alternatives are described in more detail on the project webpage found at www.cityoftacoma.org/tidelandsplan.