

# Planning and Development Services

**2025-2026 Proposed Budget Work Session  
October 2024**

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- Community Issues and Considerations
- 2025-2026 Services and Major Initiatives

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# Departmental Overview

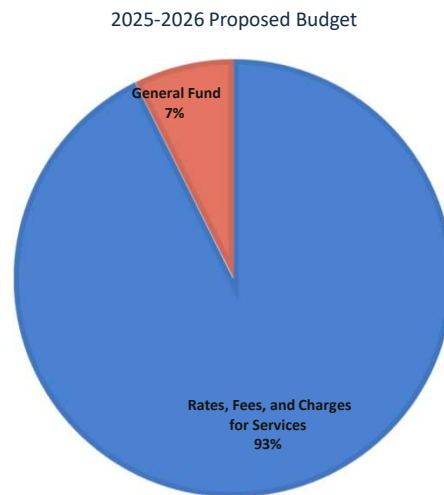
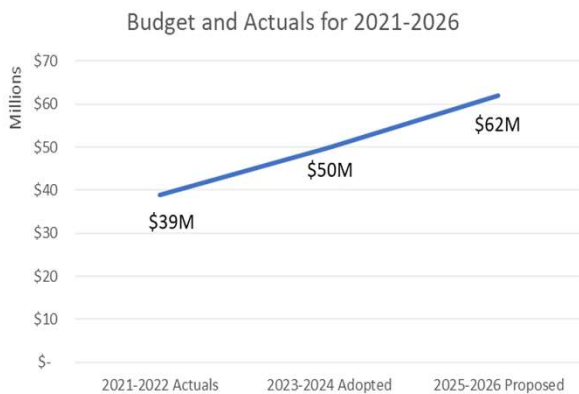


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# Financial Overview



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## 2023-2024 Major Accomplishments

- Advanced the Tideflats Subarea Plan
- Advanced the Home in Tacoma Project
- Created a Permit Compliance Team
- Priority/Expedited Affordable Housing Projects

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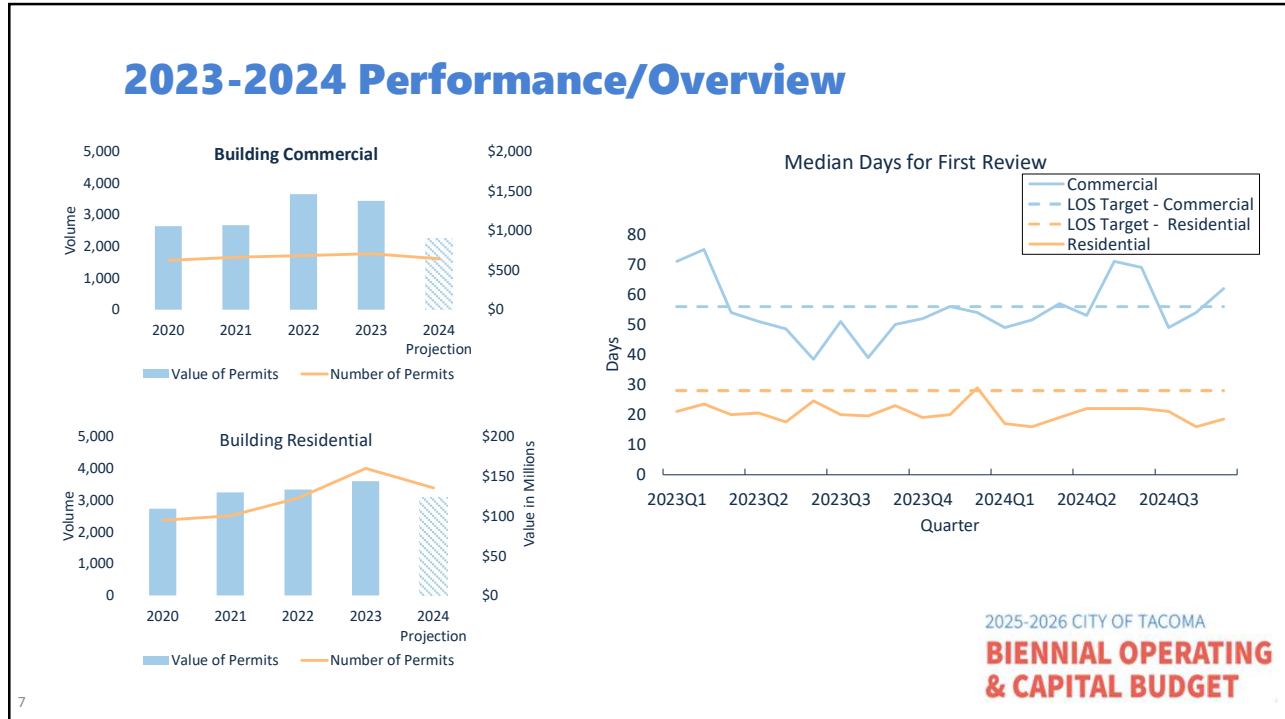
## Community Issues and Considerations

- Partner with utilities to ensure necessary infrastructure
- Neighborhood Planning Efforts
- Maintain/Improve Levels of Service
- Urban Design

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## 2025-2026 Major Initiatives: Policy & Code Updates

- **Complete Tideflats Subarea Plan** - work with stakeholders and partner governments to create and adopt a shared vision
- **Adopt the Comp Plan Periodic Update** - work with the community and stakeholders to update the One Tacoma Plan
- **Complete the update to the Historic Preservation Plan** - engage the community in better aligning historic preservation policies with housing and equity goals
- **Complete South Tacoma Initiatives** - continue to work with the community to complete the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan and Groundwater Protection code update
- **Align fees** - adjust fees in accordance with the CPI-U (3.8%) and adopt fees for the new Urban Design Program

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## 2025-2026 Major Initiatives: Affordable Housing

- **Prioritize affordable housing** - continue to dedicate resources and review permit processes to improve timelines
- **Launch ADU Accelerator** - pre-approved building plans program
- **Leverage Comp Plan Update** - codify prioritization of affordable housing projects
- **Continue AHAS Implementation** - advance partnerships with internal and external customers to facilitate streamlined permitting

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## 2025-2026 Major Initiatives: Regulatory Compliance

- **Consolidate PDS and NCS Compliance Teams** - create operational efficiencies by combining resources; implement new Regulatory Compliance Group
- **Improve Operational Effectiveness** - reduce redundancy, increase coordination, utilize shared resources, faster response times and improved community experience
- **Support Equity and REAP goals** - increase access to resources, ensure an improved response to community concerns, and provide safe and resilient structures

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## 2025-2026 Major Initiatives: Communication Team

- **Stand Up New Communications Team** - reallocate existing vacant positions to create a dedicated PDS communication and engagement team in partnership with the Media and Communications Office
- **Enhance Operational Capacity** - increase community engagement on both permitting projects and planning initiatives to improve communication, transparency, and inclusivity
- **Improve Belief & Trust** - build community trust through broader proactive outreach and language access in all aspects of planning and permitting to advance equity goals

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## 2025-2026 Major Initiatives: Salvage/Deconstruction

- **Implement new Salvage/Deconstruction Program** - reallocate vacant position to enhance focus on sustainable efforts
- **Progress/Advance Salvage Assessments** - develop a salvage assessment process and evaluate decarbonization opportunities
- **Track Tacoma's 2025 Goals and Climate Action Plan Efforts** - develop and implement metrics to track salvage assessments and its sustainability and environmental impacts

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