



**YOUR PARKS**  
Metro Parks Tacoma 2021-2022 Biennial Budget  
**YOUR VOICE**

City of Tacoma Study Session- October 27, 2020  
Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Budget Briefing

## About MPT

**Vision-** Metro Parks Tacoma envisions a vibrant, active and engaged community

**Mission-** Creating health opportunities to play, learn and grow

**Portfolio-**

- 70 park and recreation properties
- 2,960 total park acres
- 81 trail miles
- 8.2 miles of publicly accessible beach and shoreline
- 46 playgrounds
- 10 spraygrounds
- 5 community centers
- 5 pools (three outdoor and two indoors)
- Unique attractions such as Point Defiance Park, Point Defiance Marina Complex, Tacoma Nature Center, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Fort Nisqually Living History Museum, and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park



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## MPT-COT Relationship

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- **Interlocal Agreements (ILA)**- relates to parks and facility operations and maintenance and provides over-arching structure to COT-MPT relationship
  1. Regional and Signature Parks
  2. Community Parks and Facilities
  3. Neighborhood Parks
  
- Provides for execution of other agreements and MOU's

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## MPT-COT Relationship

- **Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's)**- relates to fee for service agreements in maintaining and operating specific City-owned properties:
  - Old Town
  - Julia's Gulch
  - People's Center
  - Water Walk
  - Wapato Hills
  - Chinese Reconciliation Park
  
- **Public Art Administration**
- **Nursery Management**
- **Tacoma Creates/Whole Child**
- **Point Defiance Park Development Regulation Agreement**



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# Metro Parks Tacoma & City of Tacoma Funding



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## 2021-22 COT Funding \$7,616,706

### Maintain Essential Services

- Park Rangers, Ambassadors and Park Watch Programs
- Homelessness response in parks and remediation of encampments and homelessness impacts
- Hours & access to park restrooms



### Changes in 2021-22 (-\$600K)

- Reduced maintenance, repair and replacement of site furniture and equipment
- Delay of fleet & equipment replacement
- Reduced summer season level of service by 6 + weeks
- Reduced access to spray grounds and park amenities
- Reduced irrigation ~ brown grass in parks; less frequent maintenance ~ longer, shaggier grass
- Reduction in maintenance and restoration of paths, trails and sidewalks
- Annual flower beds and planter boxes left fallow, less frequent maintenance ~ weeds in landscapes

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## Budget Process & Engagement

### Outreach & Engagement

#### Workshops:

- All Staff Workshops
- Advisory Councils
- Co-Facilitated Workshops w/Partner
- General Public
- Public Hearings

### On-Going Efforts of Outreach & Engagement Team

- Communities of focus
- Underrepresented and underserved populations

### Leveraging City Budget Outreach Efforts

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## COT-MPT Collaboration

- Capital Improvements & Planning
- Property Transfers
- Shared Services/Re-Alignment



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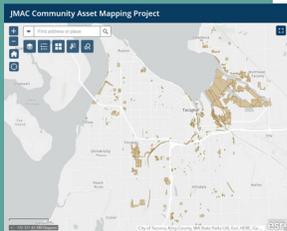
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## Capital Improvements & Planning

- Active Transportation--Bike/Ped. Routes (2021)**
- Gas Station Park (2021)**
- Shared Parking Management Strategies (2021)**
- Safe Routes to Parks Planning (2021)**
- Foss Waterway- Melanie's Park (2022)**
- Ruston Way Vision Plan/Sustainability (2022)**
- People's Park Planning (2022)**



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# Property Transfers

**FWDA Park Properties (2020)**

**Gas Station Park (2021)**

**Other Parcels & Parks (2021-22)**

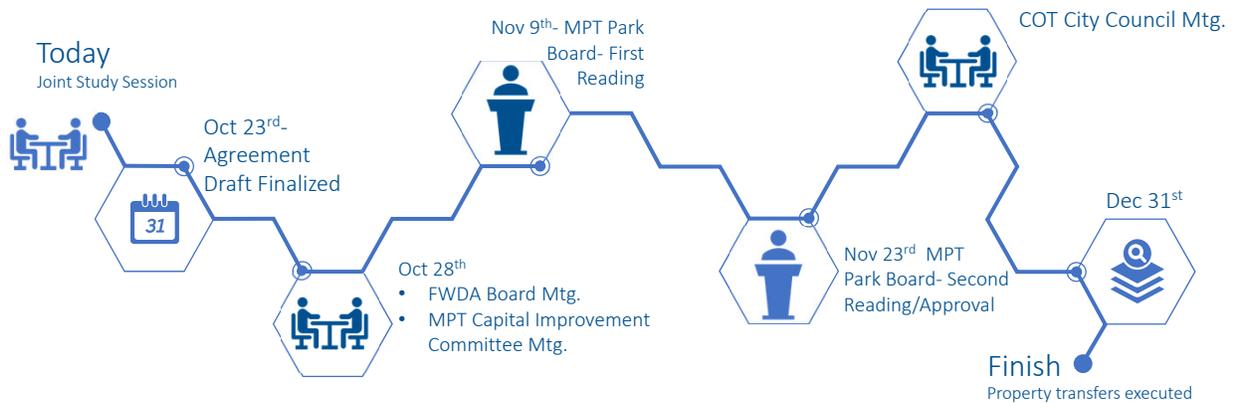
“Parcel clean-up”

City of Tacoma owned & operated parks



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# FWDA Property Transfer Critical Path



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# Shared & Re-Aligned Services

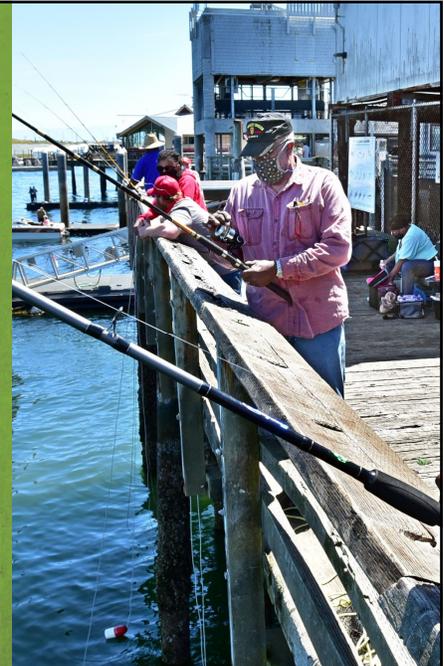
- Public Assembly- Events & Venues**
- Natural Area/Gulches Management**
- Urban Forestry & Nursery Management**
- Economic/Community Development**
- Refuse/Garbage**
- Storm/Wastewater Management- Catch Basins**
- Cultural Art & Historic Preservation**
- Fleet Management, Administration, Use & Repair**
- Park & Visitor Safety/Security**
- Transportation Infrastructure**
  - Bridges
  - Streets
  - Parking
  - Infrastructure Management



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## Questions & Discussion

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