



Fred Meyer Closure Update

City of Tacoma | Community and Economic Development

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OVERVIEW



- CoT staff have been communicating and coordinating with Pierce County staff, as well as State Senator Conway's office.
- (CEDD) is supporting this effort by coordinating communications between the three levels of government and stakeholders on the ground.
- Since this is a private property, CEDD has offered whatever support that Fred Meyer and the owners request.

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Fred Meyer plans to close sometime in mid- to late September.
- Fred Meyer currently leases the property and is in negotiations with the property owner.
- Fred Meyer understands that site upkeep is their responsibility.
 - This includes securing the building per international fire code and city vacant property code.
 - It also includes maintaining the landscaping.
- Fred Meyer has been made aware of the high-level community requests for other nonfood or pharmacy interim uses on the property.

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BUSINESSES ON SITE

- All of the retail stores attached to the Fred Meyer building and in the parking lot are independent private businesses who sub-lease from Fred Meyer.
- There are ongoing negotiations between the parties. Due to these being private business negotiations, the businesses will make any announcements which pertain to their establishments.
- Fred Meyer has been informed that CEDD is ready to support any business who subleases, whether they intend to continue business on-site or need support in relocating.

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••• INTERIM USES

- CEDD is actively researching interim possibilities for this site.
- These options will be provided to Fred Meyer and the property owner as they are formulated.
- CEDD will support efforts that Fred Meyer and the property owner choose by coordinating with the County, State, and other stakeholders involved in the potential solutions.
- If solutions are chosen; insurance, interim use, and funding will play a large role in solutions moving forward.
- Resources in any solution will have to be provided through multiple sources.
- It is also not clear how “interim” will be defined.

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••• SITE SECURITY

- TPD, TFD, and Code Enforcement teams are coordinating through an interdepartmental team (the BEST team) and proactively providing Fred Meyer with information pertaining to vacant property regulations.
- Fred Meyer has expressed understanding and a desire to comply, as long as they hold the lease.

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