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**SUBJECT:** Home In Tacoma Review  
**DATE:** September 2, 2021

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

On September 8, 2021, the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee (Committee) will begin its review of the Planning Commission’s (Commission) recommendations regarding Phase 1 of the Home in Tacoma project. Staff will provide an overview of the Commission’s recommendations and the community input received as part of the City Council’s recent public hearing, to support the Committee’s review and discussion regarding potential amendments. A discussion outline for this first meeting is attached. This initial discussion will focus on:

- The IPS Review Schedule
- Planning Commission Recommendation Overview
- Mid-scale Definition
- Mid-scale Map Options

**BACKGROUND:**

In October 2020, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28695, which directed the Planning Commission to expedite the work to modify Tacoma’s housing growth strategy and associated zoning to promote housing supply, housing choice, and affordability by allowing a broader range of housing types in Tacoma’s predominantly single-family neighborhoods. In May 2021, the Commission finalized their Home in Tacoma Project Phase 1 recommendations, as directed by the City Council. The recommendations would change Tacoma housing growth strategy to support more housing supply, choice, and affordability. If this housing growth vision is adopted by the City Council, the City would begin a community dialogue on how to implement the vision through zoning, standards, and other actions.

On July 13, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing on the Planning Commission's Home In Tacoma Project Phase 1 recommendations. At the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, the City Council referred the recommendations to the City Council’s IPS for further discussion, with a focus on the following topic areas:

- Housing Growth Strategy Map and Mid-scale Refinements
- Design, Scale and Neighborhood Compatibility
- Affordability and Infrastructure
- Phasing and Process for Phase 2

For additional information and details regarding the Commission’s recommendation and City Council review of the topic, please visit the project webpage: [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma).



**ISSUE:**

The City Council Committee of the Whole requested this Committee review and provide recommendations regarding the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 1 by the end of October 2021.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.