



## **2020 Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code**

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

### **Study Session**

**11/24/20**

**ITEM #2**



## **Overview**



- Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code
- Planning Commission recommendation for Council consideration
- Analysis/outreach conducted in support of the amendments
- Next Steps

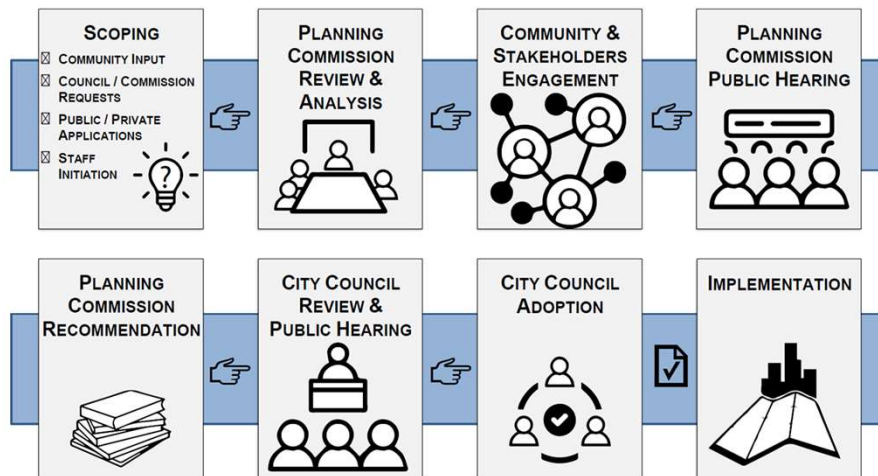
## ●●● Applications



Application	Amendment Type	Applicant
1. Heidelberg-Davis Site – Land Use Designation Change	Comp Plan	Metro Parks Tacoma
2. View Sensitive Overlay District – Height Limit Change	Zoning Code and Areawide Rezone	West Slope Neighborhood Coalition
3. Minor Plan and Code Amendments	Comp Plan and Zoning Code	Planning and Developments Services; Public Works

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## ●●● Amendment Process



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## Public Outreach and Engagement

- **Direct Notices:**
  - Mailers to taxpayers and occupants (20,000+ mailers, 3 rounds)
  - E-mails (900+ recipients, multiple messages)
  - Notices to Puyallup Tribe of Indians, JBLM, adjacent jurisdictions, and State
- **Community Meetings:**
  - In-person public meetings (5 meetings, 250+ attendance)
  - Virtual open houses (September 2020)
  - Planning Commission public hearing
- **Media:**
  - Social Media postings
  - News releases
  - Ads in Daily Index and Tacoma News Tribune
  - Website ([www.cityoftacoma.org/2020amendment](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/2020amendment))

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## 1. Heidelberg-Davis Site

- **Proposal:**  
Change the land use designation for the 16-acre site from “Parks and Open Space” to “Major Institutional Campus” to allow future development of a soccer stadium and possibly accessory educational and healthcare facilities.
- **Site Location:**  
S. 19th St. & S. Tyler St.
- **Existing Land Uses:**  
Baseball fields; parking

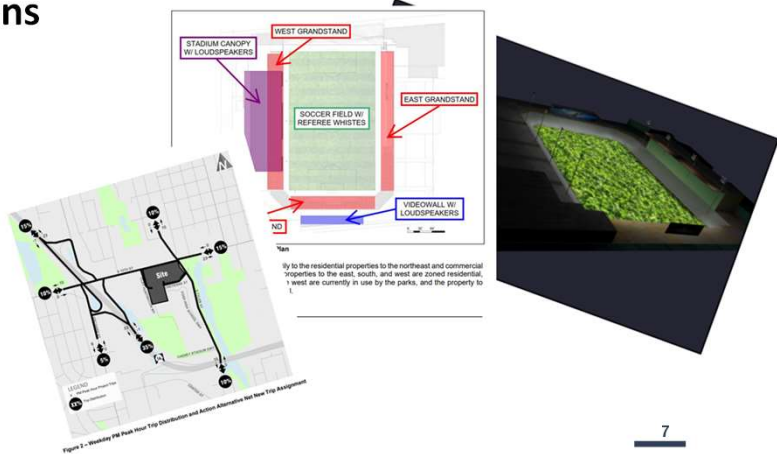


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### • Community Concerns

- Noise
- Traffic
- Light



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## 1. Heidelberg-Davis Site

### • Planning Commission analysis and findings:

- Proposed land use designation consistent with those in the vicinity
- Appropriate location for more intensive mix of uses, especially given planned transit improvements and surrounding uses
- Public ownership of property (Metro Parks Tacoma)
- Consistent with Comprehensive Plan
- Possible impacts (noise, light, traffic) can be reasonably mitigated
- **Recommendation:** Approve as proposed; Consider future master planning for the site and vicinity.

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## 2. View Sensitive Overlay District

- **Proposal:** Create a View Sensitive Overlay District with 20' Maximum Height Allowance
- **Applicant:** West Slope Neighborhood Coalition
- **Study Area:**
  - Approximately 450 acres, 830 parcels
  - 5 nodes



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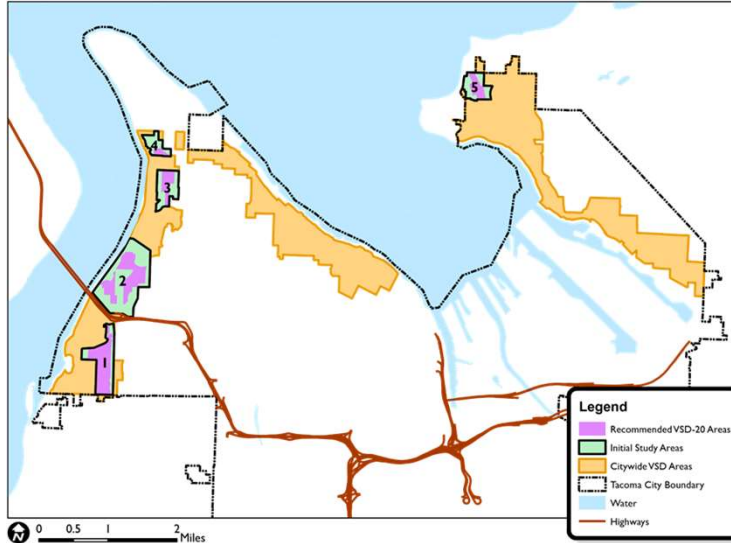
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- **Analysis and Location Criteria**
  - Within existing View Sensitive District
  - Concentrated building height of 20' or less (measured using LIDAR)
  - Slope more than 5% - Less than 15%
  - Views of Puget Sound/Narrows Bridge



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- **Planning Commission Findings and Recommendations:**
  - Inconsistent with One Tacoma Plan view policies
    - Protecting private views rather than public views
  - Did not demonstrate adequate public benefit from proposed height reduction
  - Some concerns with potential impacts on infill housing
  - While majority of comments were supportive, some property owners requested to be excluded or otherwise opposed
- **Planning Commission Recommendation:** Deny the proposal

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### **3. Minor Plan and Code Amendment**

- **Proposal:**
  - Non-policy revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code
  - Update information, correct errors, improve clarity, and enhance applicability of the Plan and the Code.
- **Examples:**
  - Acknowledging Puyallup Tribal Sovereignty, consultation processes, and applicability
  - Updating and reprioritizing transportation projects
- **Planning Commission Recommendation:**
  - Adopt proposed amendments

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### **Planning Commission Recommendation**

- The Planning Commission makes the following recommendations, as proposed in the Findings of Fact and Recommendations Report:
  - Approve the Heidelberg-Davis Land Use Designation Amendment
  - Deny the View Sensitive Overlay District Height Amendment
  - Approve the Minor Plan and Code Amendments

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## ● ● ● Next Steps



- November 24, 2020 – Public Hearing
- December 1, 2020 – Study Session (follow-up)
- December 1, 2020 – First Reading of Adopting Ordinances
- December 8, 2020 – Final Reading of Adopting Ordinances
- January 1, 2021 – Adopted amendments become effective