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# Overview

- Report on Infrastructure, Planning, & Sustainability (IPS)
   Committee work to date
  - Infill design policies
  - Mid-scale Residential map
  - Phasing of Mid-scale Residential
- Feedback
- Confirm City Council schedule





	Meeting	Topic(s)	
9/8	IPS	Overview, Schedule, mid-scale definition, mid/low-scale map principles	
9/22	IPS	Mid-scale map alternatives, design principles/controls	
9/29	IPS	Special meeting – Mid-scale map, design, phasing	
10/5	COW	IPS review status update, City Council schedule	
10/13	IPS	Design, affordability, infrastructure, mid/low-scale map	
10/27	IPS	Phase 2 review and engagement process, IPS recommendation	
11/9	COW	IPS recommendation, City Council process	

Home In Tacoma (Phase 1)

PC Recommendation: <u>Vision</u> and <u>Policy</u> for changes to housing rules Current housing rules limit supply, affordability, and choice

- Shift from exclusively single-family zoning (to scale and design) citywide
- Support mid-scale housing near shopping and transit
- Commit to design and standards prior to zoning changes
- Strengthen regulatory tools to promote affordable housing
- Prioritize affordable housing, anti-displacement and anti-racism



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## Mid-Scale Residential - Purpose

- Supports diverse housing types (up to medium-scale multifamily)
- In walkable areas, near shopping and transit
- Establishes a scale transition between low and high-scale areas
- Builds on the existing "Multifamily Low-Density" designation



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# Commission Recommendation

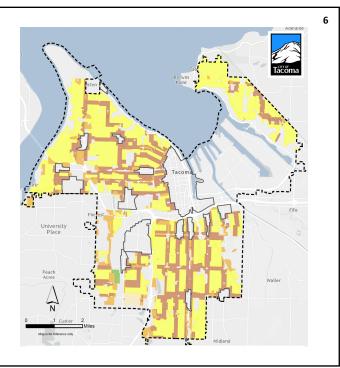
- High Frequency Transit
- Center Transition
- Designated Corridors
- Other Transit Routes

### **Current:**

Single-family: 90%Multifamily Low: 10%

### Proposed:

Low-scale: about 62%Mid-scale: about 38%



Potential Alterations to Mid-scale Map

Alternative maps (all reduce Mid-scale amount and target locations)

### **FACTORS:**

- Frequency of transit service
- Existing land use patterns (what's there today?)
- Key Arterials
- 1 block distance (or about 300 ft)
  - From Centers, Corridors, transit, etc.



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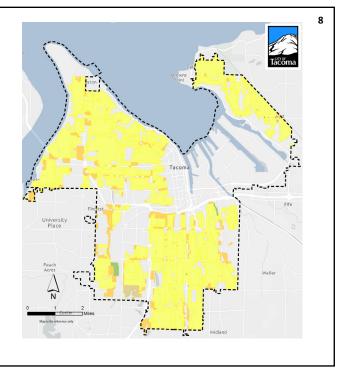
# Map 1: No New Mid-scale

### **Current:**

Single-family: 90%Multifamily Low: 10%

### Proposed:

Low-scale: 90%Mid-scale: 10%



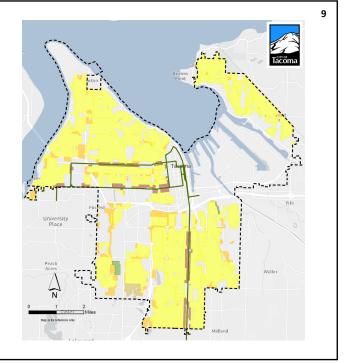
# Map 2: High Frequency Transit Routes

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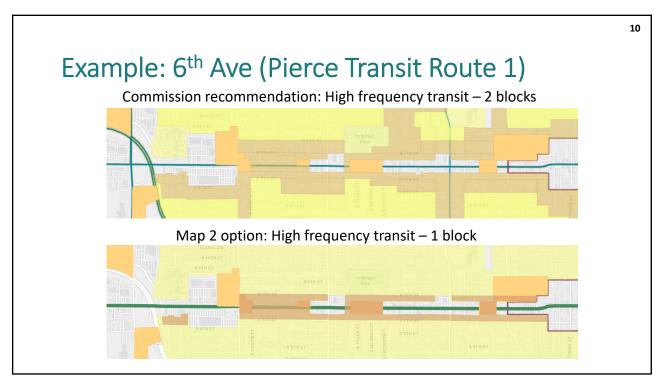
Single-family: 90%Multifamily Low: 10%

### **Proposed:**

Low-scale: about 87%Mid-scale: about 13%



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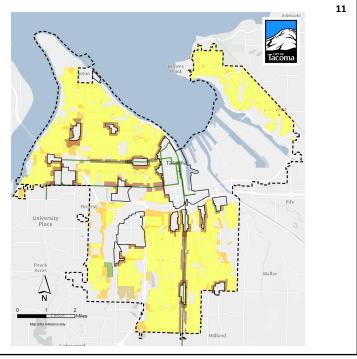
# Map 3: Add Centers Transitions

### **Current:**

Single-family: 90%Multifamily Low: 10%

### Proposed:

Low-scale: about 80%Mid-scale: about 20%



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# Centers Examples Proctor Center Recommendation: • Center – 1 block • Corridors – 1 block • Corridors – 1 block • Corridors – 1 block

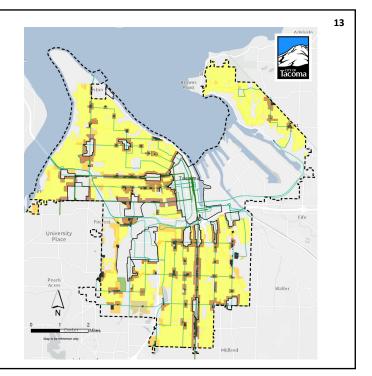
## Map 4: Add Transitions Around Neighborhood Commercial Nodes (along transit)

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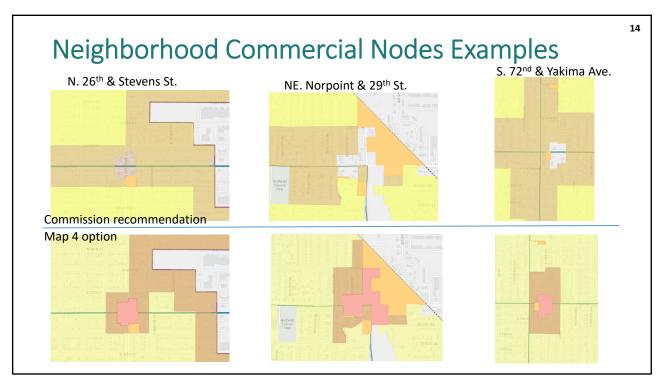
Single-family: 90%Multifamily Low: 10%

### Proposed:

Low-scale: about 76%Mid-scale: about 24%



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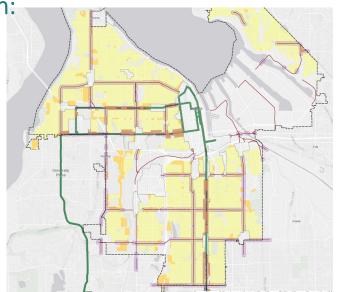


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Potential New Criterion: Principal Arterials

Principal arterials

- Serves major activity centers, highest traffic volume, longest trip demands
- 1 block distance?
- Rough estimate
  - Low-scale: 80%Mid-scale: 20%



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# Potential New Criterion: Nonconforming sites

Example – North 30<sup>th</sup> & Stevens







# **Potential New Criterion:** Nonconforming sites

Example – South 56th & Cushman





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# Recommended Infill Design Policies

- Focus on design instead of number of dwellings
- Focus on "residential patterns" (size, height, setbacks, orientation, yards, access, etc.), not architectural style
- Context-sensitive (tailor standards to different neighborhoods)
- Consistent massing and scale with neighboring structures
- Walkable context and pedestrian orientation
- · Reduce appearance of density with design features
- Integrate shared open spaces
- Reduce vehicular/parking orientation



Mid-Scale Residential Definition

Standards to reflect residential patterns

• Max height

• 35 ft (3 stories)

• 45 ft (4 stories)

• Limited building footprint/mass

• Required front yards

• Required side setbacks

• Required open space

• Off-street parking in back

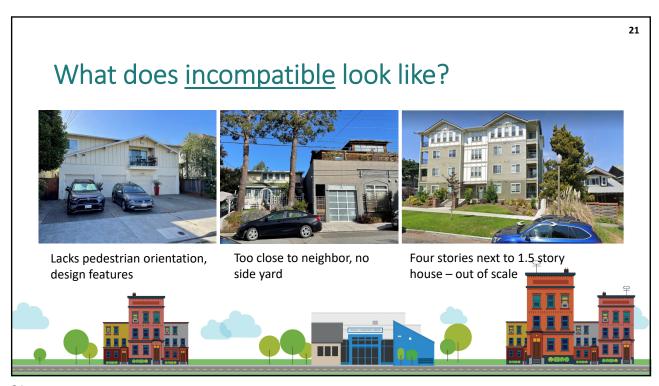
• Pedestrian orientation

• Required landscaping

EXAMPLE: Medium multifamily

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# Midscale Examples – how big is too big?



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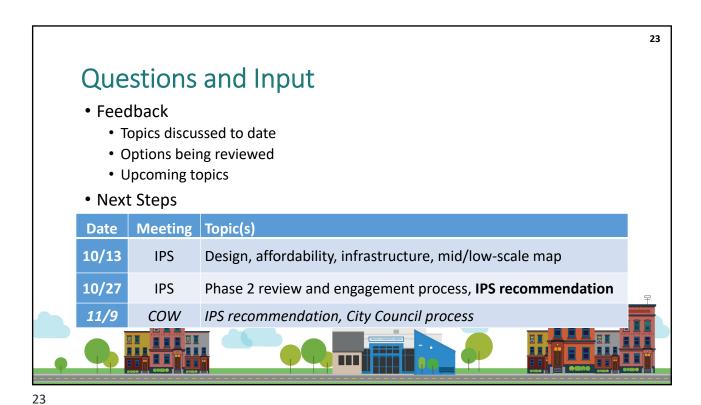
# **Phasing Options**

• Recommendation calls for evaluation of phasing options within Phase 2 (and more time for Phase 2)

• Council could provide more direction, such as:

	Option A	Option B	Option C		
Phase 1	Policy and Map for Low- scale & Mid-scale	Policy and Map for Low-scale and Mid-scale	Policy and Map for Low-scale & limited Mid-scale		
Phase 2	Implementation of Low & Mid-scale	Implementation of Low-scale	Implementation of Low-scale		
Phase 3		Implementation of Mid-scale	Implementation of limited Mid-scale		
Phase 4			Possible Mid-scale expansion, after testing		
All	Ongoing evaluation of outcomes and refinements				

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