



One Tacoma Plan – Periodic Update

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

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OVERVIEW



Purpose:

Provide an update on progress to update the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan consistent with State and Regional planning requirements.


Presentation Outline:

1. Background
2. State and Regional Planning Requirements
3. Project Timeline and Status
4. Draft Vision and Focus Areas
5. Transportation and Mobility Plan
6. Next Steps

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WHAT IS THE ONE TACOMA PLAN?



- Long-range perspective on topics that address the physical, social, environmental, and economic health of the City.
- It guides decisions on land use, transportation, housing, capital facilities, parks, and the environment.
- Establishes the basis for zoning and development regulations.

01
Introduction + Vision

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Growth Strategy

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Complete Neighborhoods

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Environment + Watershed Health

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Housing

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Transportation

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Economic Development

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Parks + Recreation

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Public Facilities + Services

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Historic Preservation


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Engagement + Administration

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HOW THE PLAN IS USED

Example – Permit and Development Process



Planning
Establishing Community Vision and Priorities

Outcome: Plans, Policies, Goals

Key Participants: Council, Advisory Commissions, Community, Staff

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Permit Review
Ensuring a proposal's consistency with community standards

Outcome: Development Permits

Key Participants: Applicant, Staff, Community (as appropriate)

03

Code Development
Establishing community standards

Outcome: Codes addressing Building, Zoning, Infrastructure, Environment, etc.

Key Participants: Council, Advisory Commissions, Community, Staff

02

Construction
Inspecting to ensure a project's consistency with approved permits

Outcome: Completed Project

Key Participants: Builder, Staff

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PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

STATE OF WASHINGTON
Growth Management Act
Shoreline Management Act


PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Vision 2050

PUYALLUP TRIBE
Treaty of Medicine Creek
Land Claims Settlement Agreement


PIERCE COUNTY
Countywide Planning Policies



137,000 new residents



60,000 new homes




94,000 new jobs

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PROGRESS AND STATUS



	JUNE – AUGUST 2024	SEPT. – NOV. 2024	FEBRUARY 5, 2025	FEB/MAR 2025	APRIL 2025
Community Engagement	One Tacoma Workshops	Early Chapter Review with Planning Commission	Public Draft Plan Release	Public Hearing and Comment on Draft Plan	Planning Commission Recommendation
Priority Setting	Equity Assessment				
	Baseline Conditions				

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COORDINATED PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT

- Spotlight on South Tacoma
- One Tacoma Community Workshops
- Ideas Wall
- Community Sponsored Events
- Citywide Survey



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PROPOSED VISION


The One Tacoma 2050 Vision is that every Tacoma resident is a safe and short walk, roll, bus, train, or bike ride away from daily essentials and community amenities, such as groceries, schools, parks, and healthcare. The chapters of the plan are focused on contributing to this vision and the focus areas of Equity, Opportunity, Public Health, Safety, and Sustainability.

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FOCUS AREAS




OPPORTUNITY is best reflected in neighborhoods where residents can reach their full potential. This means that daily essentials, such as healthcare, healthy food, and schools are within easy reach. It also includes amenities – gyms, personal services, bookstores, arts experiences – that inspire wellbeing and open new opportunities.




EQUITY refers to the ability for every resident to share in community progress. As Tacoma grows, care and attention must be paid to ensure that the benefits of this growth are equitably distributed. This includes attention to potential displacement and to how processes for public investment and access to services can be improved.



PUBLIC HEALTH encompasses all the public supports that people need to maintain healthy minds and bodies. The quality of the built and natural environment can have great impact on the local population's resilience against health hazards like heat events, water and air pollution, and behavioral health challenges.



SAFETY has been a top priority for the City of Tacoma and will continue to be in the future. This plan seeks to align policies and programs in a way that enables everyone to feel safe as they live, work, play, and move throughout Tacoma.



SUSTAINABILITY captures the intention to plan not only to 2050, but further beyond to consider the wellbeing of future generations of Tacomans and the natural environment in which Tacoma is situated. Integrating the Climate Action Plan and Adaptation Strategy in this update is a key part of planning for sustainability.

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POLICY ELEMENTS

POLICY AREAS

Policies within "Chapters" of the plan are the City's tools for making progress on the Vision and Focus Areas. Targets within each chapter measure successful implementation of those policies

URBAN FORM
Enabling a mix of home types and businesses across neighborhoods
· Key Targets: Jobs and residential growth

COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS
Guiding the design and development of our city's buildings

HOUSING
Providing fair and accessible housing for all Tacoma residents
· Key Targets: Housing units

TRANSPORTATION
Building and accessible and affordable transportation network
· Key Targets: Multimodal Level of Service

ENGAGEMENT + ADMINISTRATION
Ensuring community members meaningfully shape Tacoma's future

PUBLIC FACILITIES + SERVICES
Providing services and facilities such as roads, utilities, parks, education, and safety
· Key Targets: Levels of Service

PARKS + RECREATION
Creating fair access to parks and recreation services
· Key Targets: Access to a park or open space within a 10-minute walk

ENVIRONMENT + WATERSHED HEALTH
Protecting our watersheds, trees, open spaces, and wildlife habits

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Boosting economic opportunities for all residents

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Highlighting communities histories and the human stories behind them

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EQUITY OUTCOMES

EQUITY
Every resident shares in community progress.

OPPORTUNITY
Neighborhoods where residents can reach their full potential.

PUBLIC HEALTH
Support to maintain healthy minds and bodies.

SAFETY
A place where everyone feels safe to live, work, and play.

SUSTAINABILITY
Achieving climate goals and planning for future Tacomans.

EQUITY OUTCOMES

Measurable outcomes used to operationalize the Vision and Focus areas by guiding policy writing and identifying potential priority groups

- HOUSING COST BURDEN
- HOMELESSNESS
- FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYING
- LIFE EXPECTANCY
- ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD
- YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
- URBAN HEAT
- AIR QUALITY
- HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT ACCESS
- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- TRANSIT DEPENDENCY
- WALKABILITY
- POLICE RESPONSE TIME
- PERCEPTION OF SAFETY
- HOUSEHOLD INCOME
- CHILDHOOD POVERTY
- GOOD AND PROMISING JOBS
- ACCESS TO ARTS, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND/OR HERITAGE
- REPRESENTATION IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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TRANSPORTATION and MOBILITY PLAN

VISION

To create and sustain a transformative multimodal transportation system that connects people to places and people to people.




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GOAL 1

Advance Equity and Livability

GOAL 2

Ensure a Safe and Comfortable Experience

GOAL 3

Make Tacoma an Environmentally Sustainable and Healthy Place to Live

GOAL 4

Cultivate Meaningful Partnerships

GOAL 5

Promote Transparent Decision-Making

GOAL 6

Connect the Tacoma Community

GOAL 7


Maintain and Upgrade Tacoma's Transportation Resources

GOAL 8

Support a Thriving Economy

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● ● ● TRANSPORTATION and MOBILITY PLAN

Mode or Function Element	Element Vision or Outcome
Pedestrian	Safe, accessible, and comfortable mobility for people walking and rolling on all of our city streets.
Bicycle	All ages and abilities network provides safe, connected access to our city.
Transit	Frequent, reliable mobility connecting all neighborhoods and to the region.
Freight	Reliable access to Port facilities and regional freeways, and ensure essential items reach Tacoma businesses.
Auto	Streets designed to encourage slower speeds and support emergency response and goods delivery.
Curb Management	Effective and equitable curb allocation to assure access between destinations and the transportation network.
Public Realm and Activation	Places for people to connect and community life to unfold.

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●●● TRANSPORTATION and MOBILITY PLAN

- ❑ Performance Measures for Each Goal
- ❑ Strategies and Actions for Each Element
- ❑ Multimodal Level of Service Standards



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●●● UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

One Tacoma Open Houses:

- Thursday, February 20: STAR Center at 6:00PM
- Monday, February 24: Online at 6:00PM
- Thursday, February 27: Wheelock Library at 1:00PM
- Saturday, March 1: Eastside Community Center at 1:00PM

Public Comment Period:

- PC Public Hearing: March 5 at 6:00PM
- Comments due March 7 at 5:00PM

For more information: cityoftacoma.org/onetacoma

Public Notice:

- Citywide mailing
- Social media
- Interested parties
- News release
- Notifications to the State and Puget Sound Regional Council
- Letters to the Tribe and JBLM
- Adjacent jurisdictions
- Local newspaper
- TV Tacoma

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



Target Date	Meeting	Milestone
Late April	Planning Commission	Recommendation
June 3	City Council	Public Hearing
June 10	City Council	Debrief
June 17	City Council	First Reading of Ordinance
June 24	City Council	Final Reading of Ordinance
June/July	PSRC	Certification Submittal