

DRAFT 2026 IPS Calendar

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Walker, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Hines, and CM Sadalge Alternate: CM Bushnell Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Board of Building Appeals • Climate and Sustainability Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
January 14	Cancelled	--	--
January 28	Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair	--	--
	Urban Forest Priority Action Plan: Neighborhood Council Report Out	Council Member Kristina Walker, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, Tacoma City Council	Council Member Kristina Walker will report on her discussions with Neighborhood Councils about potentially expanding City maintenance of trees in the right of way and new land use and development regulations for tree canopy management and preservation.
	Evaluating Tacoma's Wood Waste Streams and Circular Economy Potential	Ryan Hebert, Urban Forestry Analyst; Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Environmental Services	Summary of findings from Council-commissioned study (Res. 41555) Urban Wood Reuse Program, characterizing and improving upon the current state of wood reuse in Tacoma, in alignment with adopted climate and waste diversion policies. Conducted by Cambium Carbon, the study estimated current wood waste generation and disposal volumes and identified five clear opportunities to improve Tacoma's wood reuse system.
February 11	PFAS Destruction Pilot Project and Forthcoming PFAS Regulations	Tiffany Ryan, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services	Staff will summarize findings from a 2024 joint EPA grant-funded project -- an Environmental Services, UW Tacoma, Aquagga, and ECT2 partnership -- that evaluated the efficacy of on-site PFAS destruction at the Central Treatment Plan (CTP). Additionally, staff will provide an overview of Washington Senate Bill 5033 and its impact on the City. Passed in 2025, SB 5033 addresses PFAS in biosolids and added PFAS monitoring to the CTP's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
February 25	Streets Initiative II	Corey Newton, Assistant Director, Public Works	Public Works will provide a presentation and update related to a potential future Streets Initiative.
	Parking Code Update	Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services	Staff will provide an update on the Parking Code Amendments, with a focus on project background and key policy options.
March 11	Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Annual Amendment	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager; Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works	Public Works staff will provide a presentation on the annual Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amendment process and proposed major changes. The presentation will include a draft list of new projects and projects proposed for removal. Staff will be requesting feedback prior to the final draft being presented at the April 22, 2026 Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting.
March 25	Tree and Landscaping Code Update	Adam Nolan, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services; Claire Mardian, Consultant, Mithun	Staff will provide an update on the Tree/Landscaping Code Amendments, with a focus on project background and key policy options.

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April 8	Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Commission for terms to begin July 1, 2026.
April 22	Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager, Public Works	Public Works staff will present the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2025 and 2026-2032 (draft final). Staff will be recommending the draft program be forwarded to the full City Council for review and comment.
	30% Design Update for Schuster Parkway Trail	Basel Kitmitto, Project Manager; Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager; Jack Niehuser, Division Manager, Public Works	Provide project update on the 10% design for the Schuster Parkway Trail project. The update will include details on trail alignment, section(s), urban & landscape design package, as well as project costs.
May 13	2025-2026 Public Works Capital Improvement Program	Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager; Jack Niehuser, Division Manager, Public Works	Provide update of Public Works Capital Program, 2025 accomplishments and highlights, and 2026 notable projects.
May 27	South Tacoma Tree Canopy Enhancement	Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Environmental Services	The City of Tacoma has partnered with the Washington Department of Ecology to strategize green infrastructure investments in the South Tacoma Neighborhood. This presentation will provide an overview of the scope of work with the City and Ecology, including anticipated investments, programs, and projects to increase tree canopy.
June 10	Planning Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Commission for terms to begin May 1, 2026.
	Parking Code Update	Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services	Staff will provide an update on the Parking Code Amendments, with a focus on the public review draft released by the Planning Commission and community input received as part of the public hearing process.
June 24	Tree and Landscaping Code Update	Adam Nolan, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services; Claire Mardian, Consultant, Mithun	Staff will provide an update on the Tree/Landscaping Code Amendments, with a focus on the draft code options being considered for release as part of the Planning Commission's public hearing process.
	NPDES/EPA Permit on Tribal Land & Stormwater Comprehensive Plan	Shauna Hansen, Stormwater Management Program and Permit Coordinator; Brandi Wallace Lubliner, Principal Engineer; Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services	The EPA is issuing a new, municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) Permit to City stormwater discharges to tribal waters, adding 18 identified outfalls in Tacoma to the existing citywide Department of Ecology MS4 Permit. Staff will explain the new permit's similarities, differences, and City compliance efforts. Staff will also provide an update on the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.

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July 8	Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Gas Utilization Facility Status Update	Matt Torrey, Engineer; Teresa Peterson, Principal Engineer; Dominic Greco, Business Services Manager; Nathan Crain, Senior Business Services Analyst, Environmental Services	The Central Wastewater Treatment Plant's Gas Utilization Facility (GUF) is a renewable natural gas (RNG) facility constructed around 2020 to capture, process, and sell excess biogas (methane) produced as a byproduct of the plant's biosolids digestion process. Staff will present on the GUF's operational and financial performance to-date.
July 22	Board of Building Appeals Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Board for terms to begin August 1, 2026.
	ADA Transition Plan	Veronica Munyao, Project Manager; Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager; Jack Niehuser, Division Manager, Public Works	Staff will provide a presentation on the ADA Self-Evaluation Transition Plan, which will develop a prioritized schedule to fund and construct improvements that remedy identified defects resulting in a pedestrian transportation network that will help to eliminate fatality and serious injury risk. The presentation will include progress already made in the project, such as self-evaluation efforts and community outreach, and next steps.
	Urban Forestry Priority Action Plan Update: Right-of-Way Tree Analysis	Ryan Hebert, Urban Forestry Analyst; Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Environmental Services	Resolution 41682 directs the City to prepare level-of-service options for expanding the maintenance of City trees in rights-of-way. This presentation will quantify Tacoma's urban forest assets in rights-of-way, present different level-of-service options, and discuss potential funding mechanisms to expand the City's street tree management program.
August 12	Transportation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Board for terms to begin September 1, 2026.
	Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Update	Chris Storey, Project Manager; Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager; Jack Niehuser, Division Manager, Public Works	Provide review of the funding strategy, selected bridge type and next steps.
August 26	Automated Traffic Enforcement Update	Eric Huseby, Assistant Division Manager; Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, Public Works	Staff will provide an update on the expansion of the automated enforcement program, including program outreach and metrics.
	Mountain Division Rail/Future Trail Project	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager, Public Works	Staff will provide an update on the Mountain Division Rail/Trail study. The study is expected to determine what use or uses would best serve the community, such as new roadway connections to improve connectivity and mobility, converting the property to a linear park or trail, or selling portions of the property, for the remaining rail segments within Tacoma city limits.
September 9	Puyallup Avenue Update	Charla Kinlow, Project Manager; Darius Thompson, Assistant Division Manager; Jack Niehuser, Division Manager, Public Works	Staff will provide an update on the Puyallup Avenue Corridor project, including developments in the permitting and right-of-way acquisition process, estimated construction timeline, and anticipated costs.
	Solid Waste Management Fleet Alternative Fuels	Andy Torres, Assistant Division Manager; Joel Sipes, Fleet Manager, Environmental Services	A report on the significant environmental and financial benefits of using renewable diesel, compressed/renewable natural gas, and electric powered vehicles in the Solid Waste Management fleet.
	Green Blocks South Tacoma - Plantable Space Inventory Findings and Project Progress	Lisa Kenny, Community Tree Program Coordinator; Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Environmental Services	This presentation will highlight the findings from the South Tacoma Plantable Space Inventory, and provide an overview of the Green Blocks South End planting program, funded through the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan, Resolution 41698, and the Urban Forestry Program's annual Community Tree Program budget
September 23	Committees, Boards, and Commissions Update	IPS Commissions, Boards, and Committees Chairs and Staff Liaisons	An opportunity for Committees, Boards, and Commissions assigned to IPS to give short 10-15 minute informational briefings. All IPS Committee, Board, and Commission members are welcome to attend.

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October 14	Streets Initiative II Next Steps	Corey Newton, Assistant Director, Public Works	Public Works will provide a presentation and update related to Streets Initiative II.
	Planning Commission Work Program	Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services	Staff will provide an overview of the Planning Commission's proposed work program for 2026-2027 for review, input, and concurrence by the Committee.
October 28	Urban Design Board Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill vacancies on the Urban Design Board.
	Transportation Impact Fees Update	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager, Public Works	Public Works staff will provide an update on the newly adopted Transportation Impact Fee program, including permits submitted, exemptions/partial exemptions, and fee collection.
	System Development Charges Update		
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December 9	Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Commission for terms to begin January 1, 2027.
	Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Upgrade and Nutrient Regulations Update	Teresa Peterson, Principal Engineer; Cassandra Moore, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services	Staff will present on the the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant's Solids Upgrade to address aging infrastructure and expand capacity of the wastewater treatment plant's biosolids system. This presentation will also present the Washington State Department of Ecology's nutrient regulations approach and how it impacts the City of Tacoma's comprehensive wastewater utility planning efforts.