



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INFORMATIONAL SESSION DOWNTOWN PLAN UPDATE

ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 5:00 pm City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

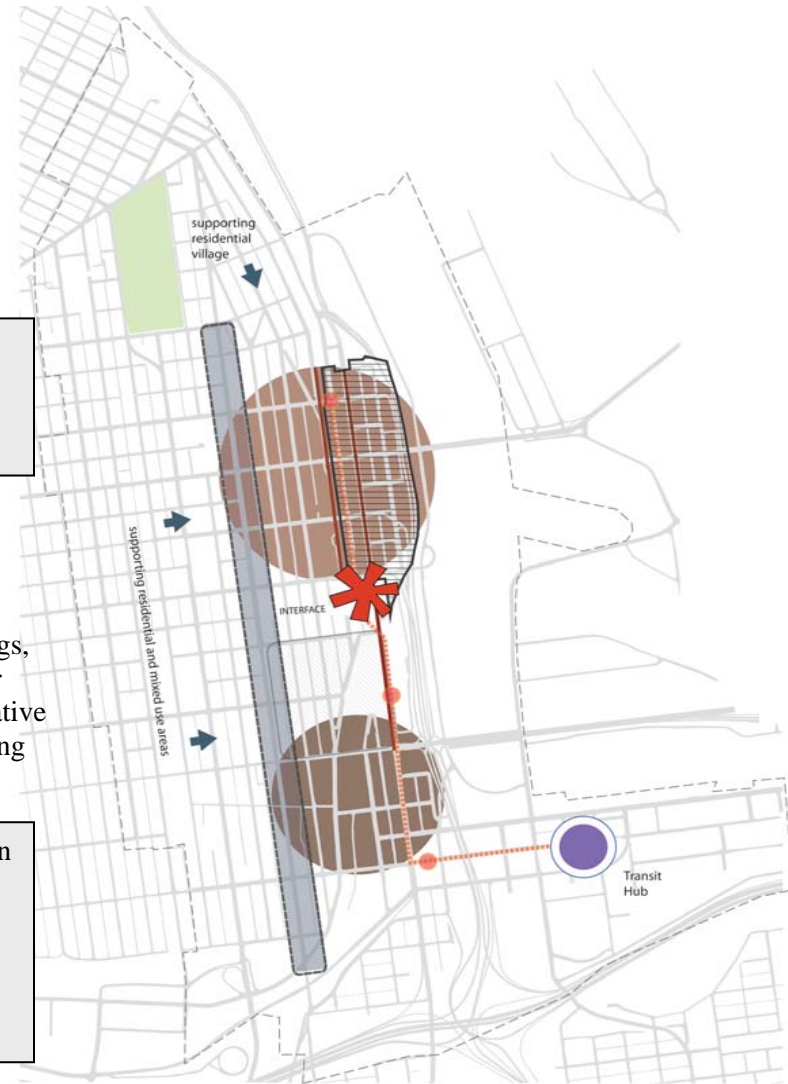
The proposed plan update includes goals, policies and actions coordinating land use, transportation, parking, sustainability and economic development strategies aimed at realizing a healthy, vibrant downtown.

Changes include a refined vision and new Urban Design Principles to guide buildings, streetscape, and public spaces. Other changes include policies for defining “character areas”, preserving historic structures, increasing mobility options, promoting the creative arts, encouraging greater housing choice, revising land use regulations and establishing guidance for best practices for street design.

To learn more or to ask questions, please join City staff for an informational session on the draft downtown plan update.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 5:00 pm City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor



Where can I get Additional Information?

The draft Downtown Plan Update is available from the Community and Economic Development Department, at all branches of the Tacoma Public library and on the Planning Division website:

www.cityoftacoma.org/planning

How do I provide comments to the Planning Commission?

You can testify at the hearing or provide written comments using the return address on this card no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2008 or by facsimile at (253) 591-2002 or via e-mail at

planning@cityoftacoma.org

If you have more questions please feel free to contact the Planning Division's inquiry line:

(253) 573-2529

Environmental Review

The lead agency for this proposal has made a preliminary determination that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A Determination of Environmental Non-Significance was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist, a copy of which is available upon request. Comments on the preliminary determination must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday October 10, 2008** in order to be considered. The City may reconsider or modify the preliminary determination in light of timely comments. The preliminary determination will become final on October 17, 2008, unless modified. Appeals may be filed with Pierce County Superior Court within 21 days after the final determination. Appeals shall be made in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in RCW 43.21C.075. (State Environmental Policy Act)



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