



## Tacoma Shoreline Master Program Workshop

### SHORELINE PUBLIC ACCESS

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS – October 23, 2008

- A. We do **not** have enough public access.
- B. More access to both saltwater and freshwater is needed.
- C. Street trees are nice for ground level, but they are beginning to block upland views. We need to figure out what the best height is to prevent view blockage and specify which trees can be planted to reduce view impacts. This is especially true along Ruston Way. Same is also true for trees planted on-sites at the shoreline.
- D. Concern was expressed about the height of structures being allowed at Pt. Ruston development and whether they will obstruct upland views or change the aesthetics of views to the northwest.
- E. We need more direct access to the water, not just view access.
- F. The beaches are jam packed with people on nice days. We need more beach access.
- G. In Shoreline District S-6, the bike and pedestrian trail is loved to death. It is overcrowded, too narrow, causing friction between bikers and pedestrians.
- H. Need better connected trail system both in-city (check out Dome to Pt. Defiance Report prepared by City Club) and connected to regional system.
- I. It is dangerous along Pacific to Old Town. Check out Myrtle Edwards Park in Seattle to see how they dealt with railroad tracks and grain elevators.
- J. “Blue Trail” – need access for human-powered watercraft. Create more non-motorized boat launches, especially by the Port.
- K. There are no public “rack” facilities for sculls and row boats in the Northwest. With as much water as we have, it’s a shame.
- L. As baby boomers age, they need more options for aerobic exercise outdoors. Rowing is a great option. We need more rowing facilities – launches and storage – to make it more convenient to get out and about, even commute.
- M. The Old Town dock is a danger and an embarrassment.
- N. We need to create the option for seaplane service in the Tacoma area. Maybe the Old Town dock could be refurbished for that purpose.