



## Tacoma Shoreline Master Program Workshop

### THEA FOSS PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS – October 23, 2008

- A. Need better security along Thea Foss Esplanade.
- B. Need better “way-finding” (signage).
- C. Need a “draw” restaurant
- D. In order to draw more people to retail on the Foss there needs to be a minimum of approximately 1,000 housing units constructed. Until then, it will be difficult to keep alive any retail or restaurants.
- E. Public access should not conflict with existing uses.
- F. Comments were received about vegetation and conservation on the site proposed for the Children’s Museum (commenter was updated on the use of the property as a park).
- G. As they currently are aligned now in the Foss Plan, view corridors are a problem and need to be more flexible. In one case, a building has been constructed so there is no longer a direct view corridor from up the hill in town to the waterfront. In another case, the view corridor splits a property into such a small parcel that it no longer has any development potential.
- H. More flexibility should be allowed for retail locations instead of requiring one on all four corners of public access.
- I. Consider including “office” as an interim use until there is a sufficient population living along the Foss to support retail and restaurants. Current retail does not work economically. Suggest allowing office use with a sunset clause.
- J. Bus service is limited along the west side of the Foss. Service should continue all the way to Thea’s Park and possibly along Ruston Way.
- K. Consider a bus or trolley along Thea Foss West Side on Dock Street and down to Ruston Way.