

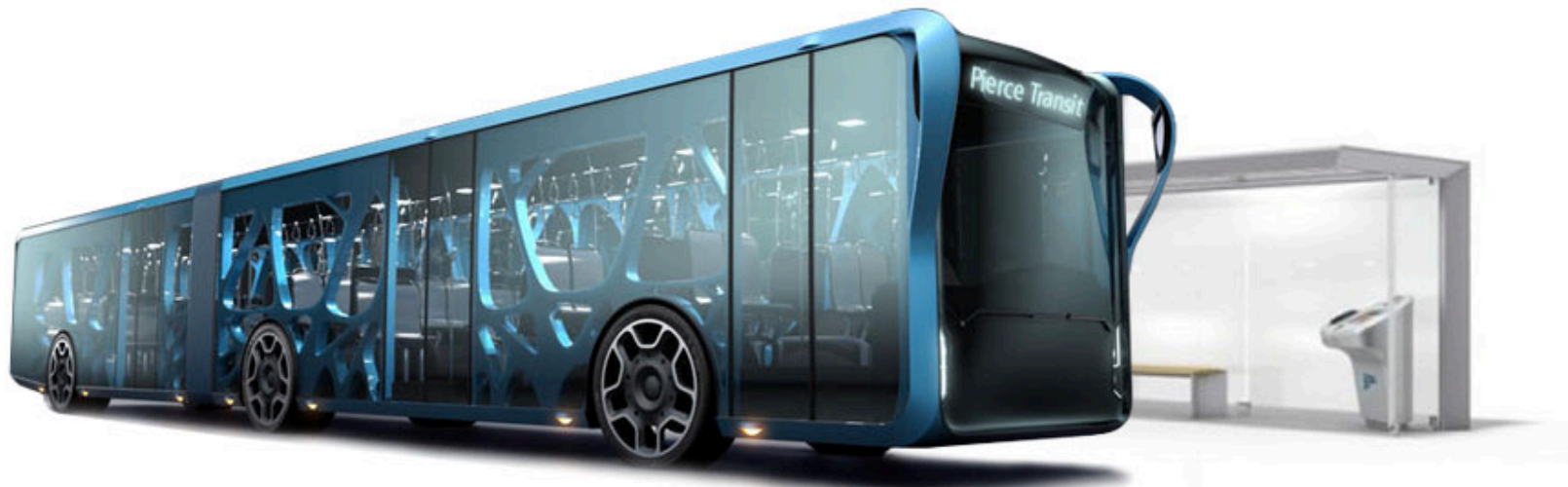


**Pierce Transit**  
***Destination 2040* Long Range**  
**Plan**

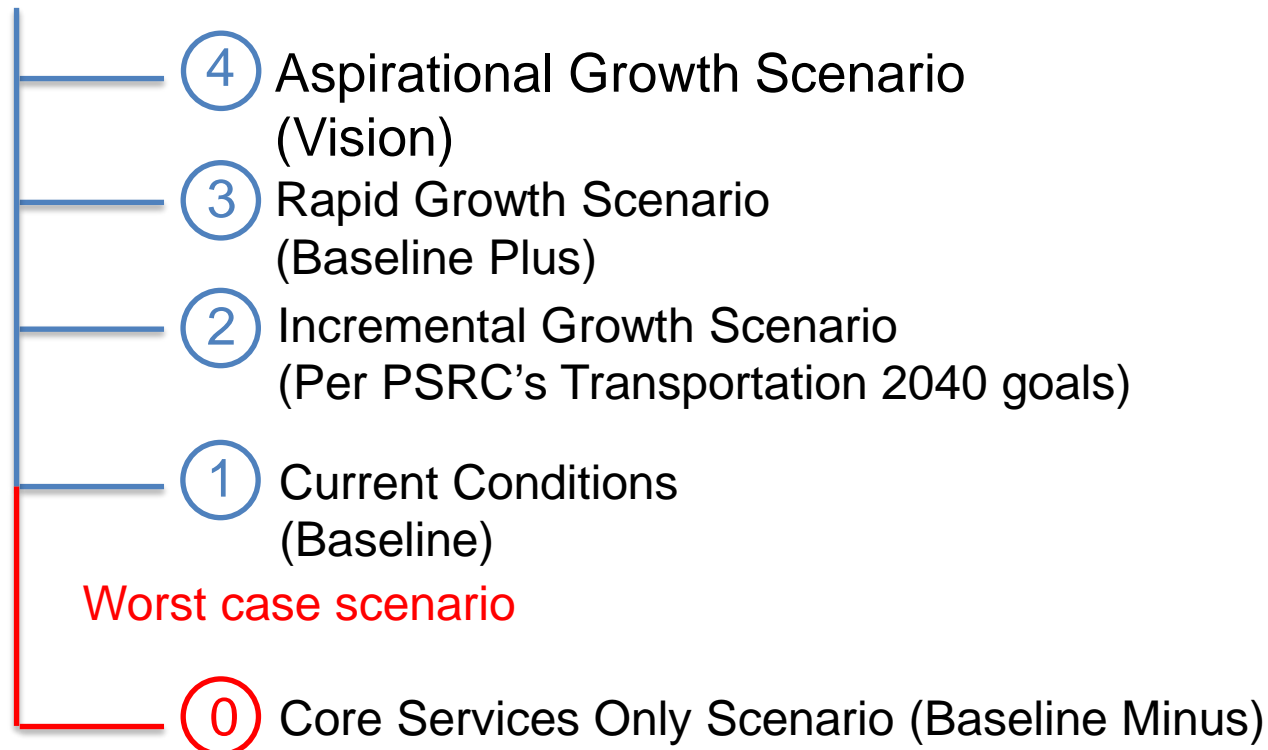
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**Commission Meeting**  
**January 20, 2016**

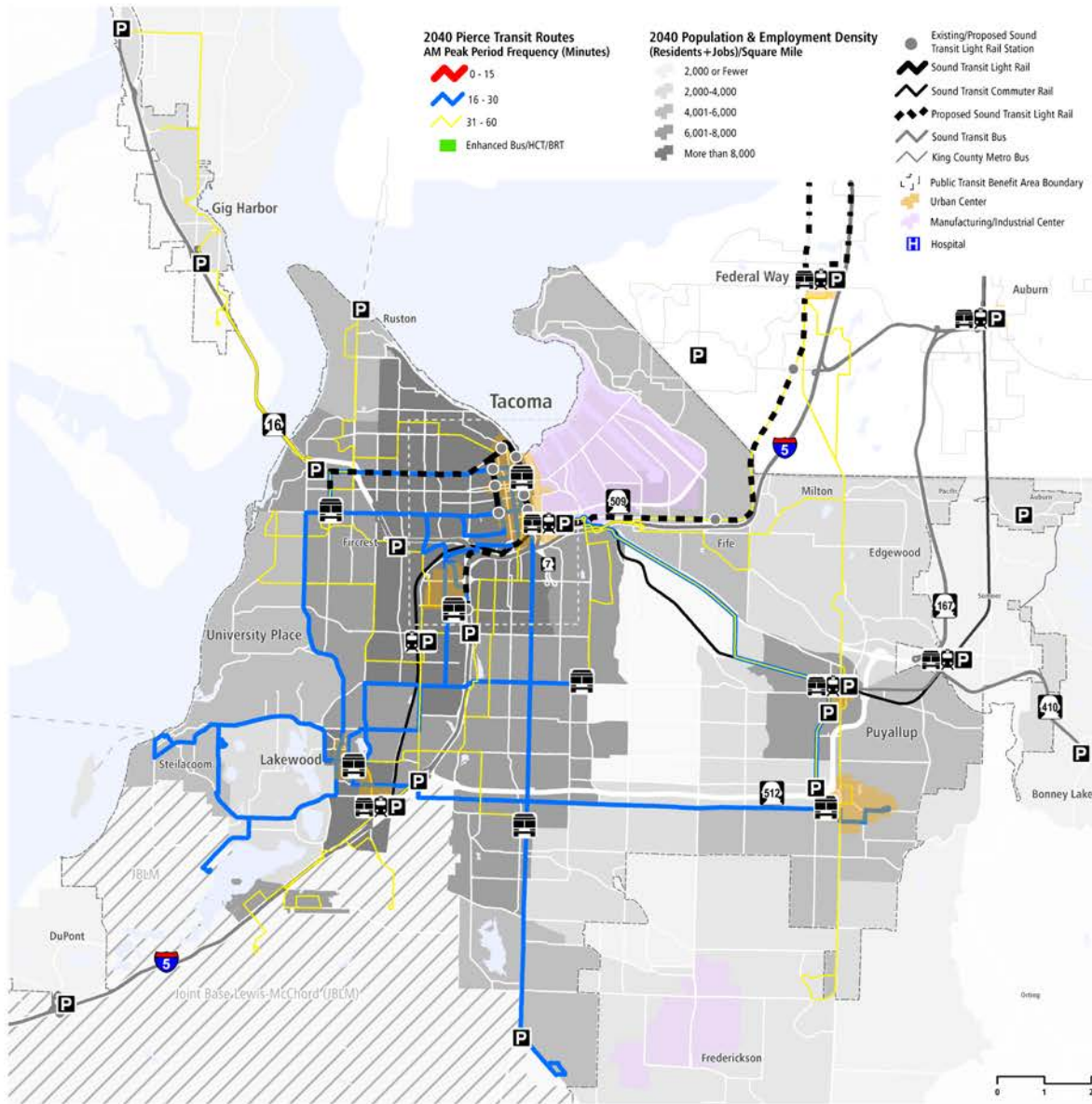
## Two Key Long Range Transit Plan Components

- A range of future alternative service scenarios for growth through 2040.
- The PSRC's travel demand modeling and evaluation of the scenarios for potential ridership.



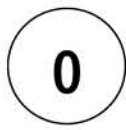
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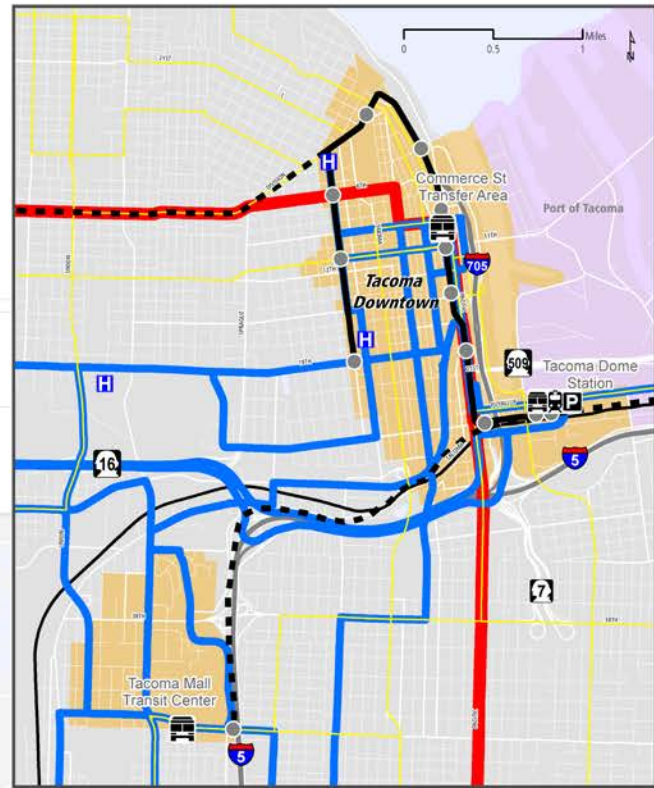
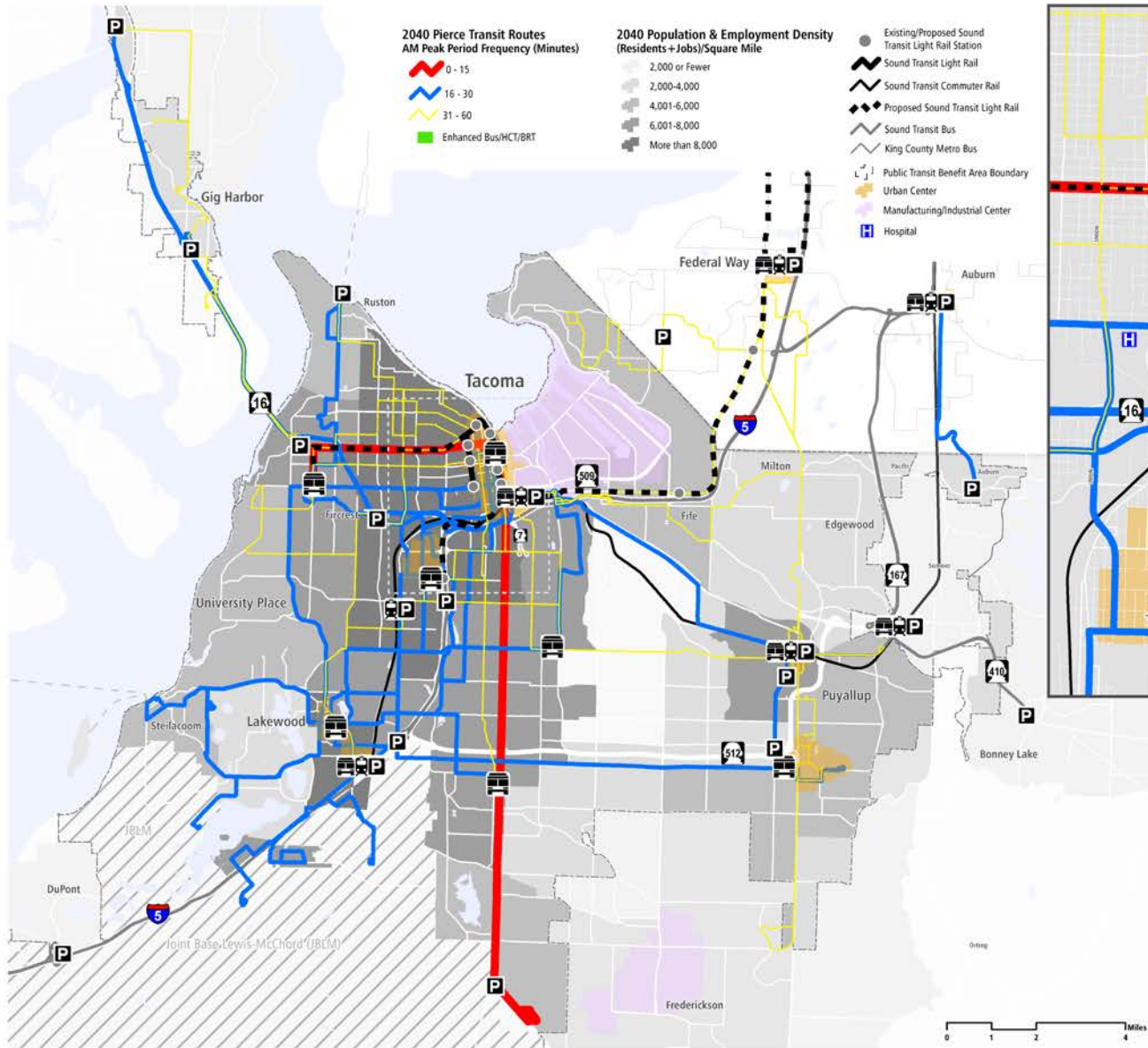


**Core Service Only Scenario**  
(Baseline Minus)

*Reduction to 300,000 Annual Service Hours*







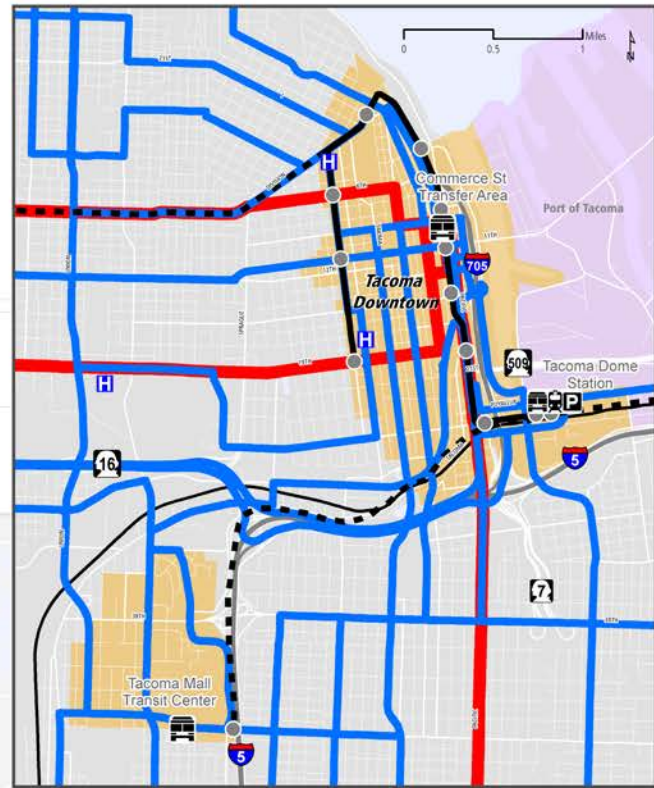
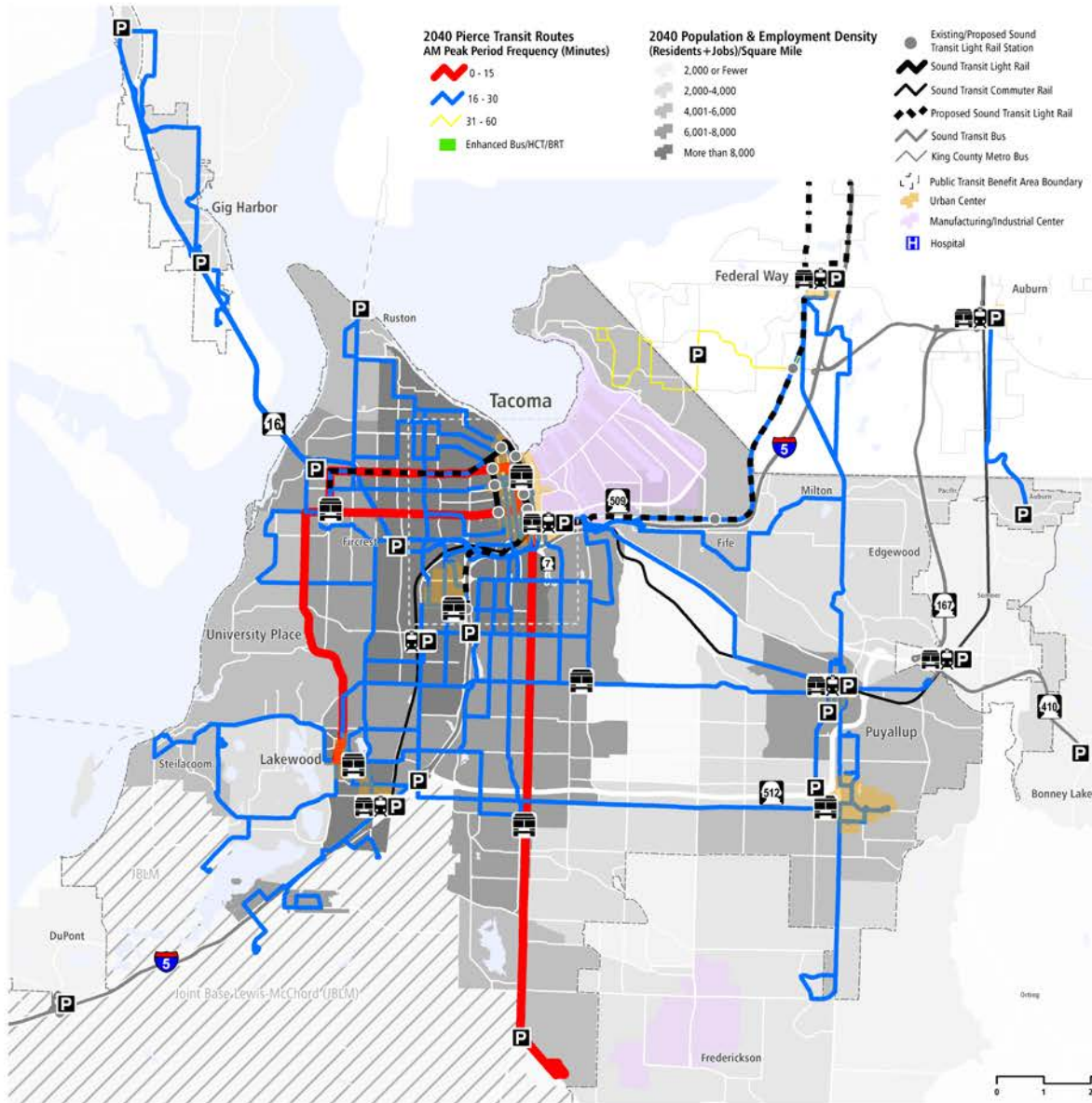
**Current Conditions Scenario**  
(Baseline)

0% Annual Service  
Hour Growth Rate  
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2040..... 454,000

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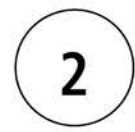
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**Incremental Growth Scenario**  
(per Transportation 2040)

2.0% Annual Service Hour  
Growth Rate

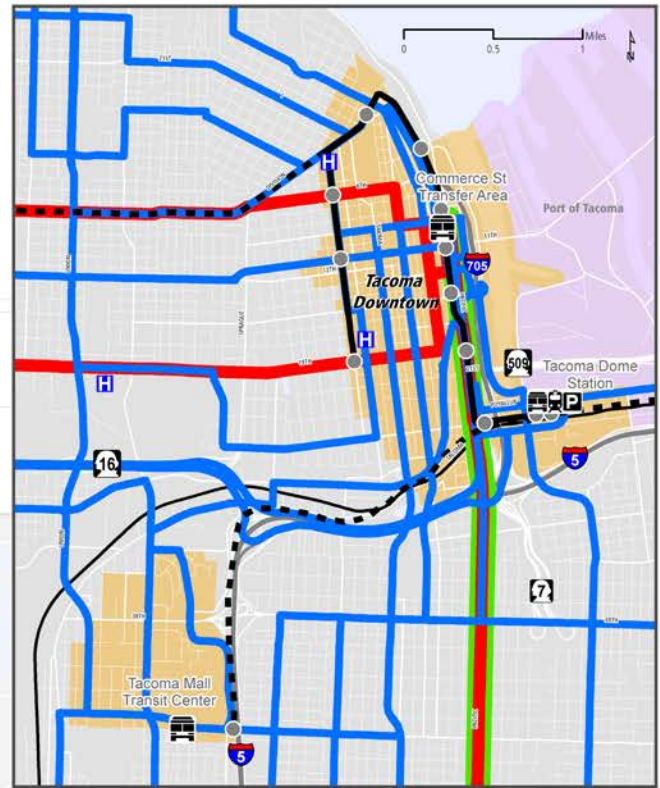
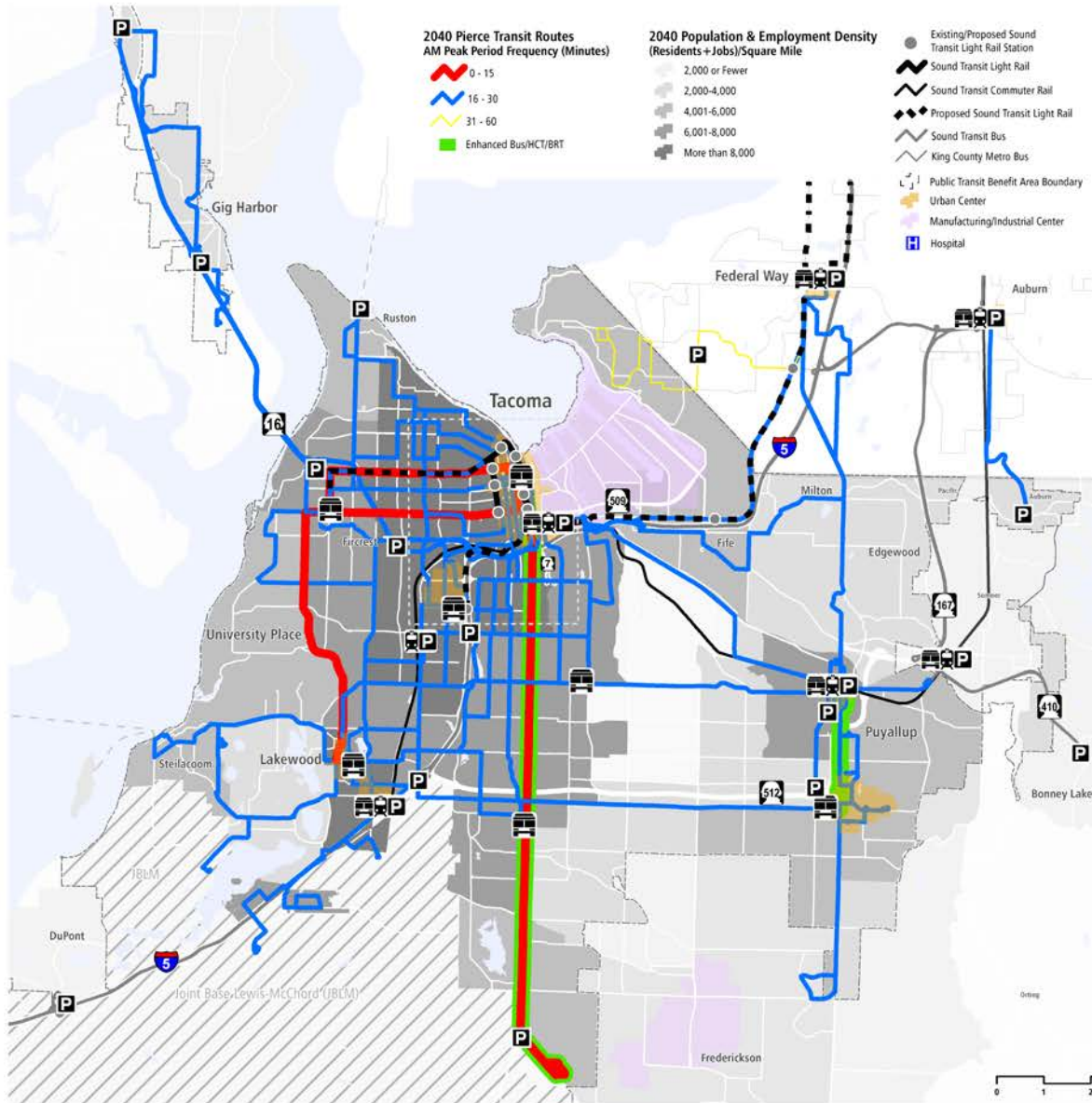
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| 2020..... | 488,000 |
| 2030..... | 595,000 |
| 2040..... | 726,000 |



Sources: Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, King County Metro, Puget Sound Regional Council, Pierce County







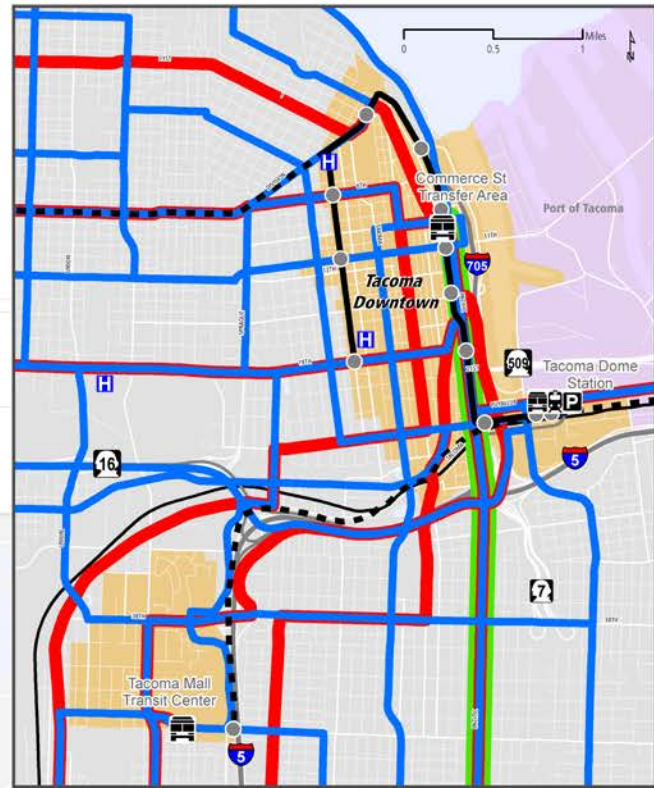
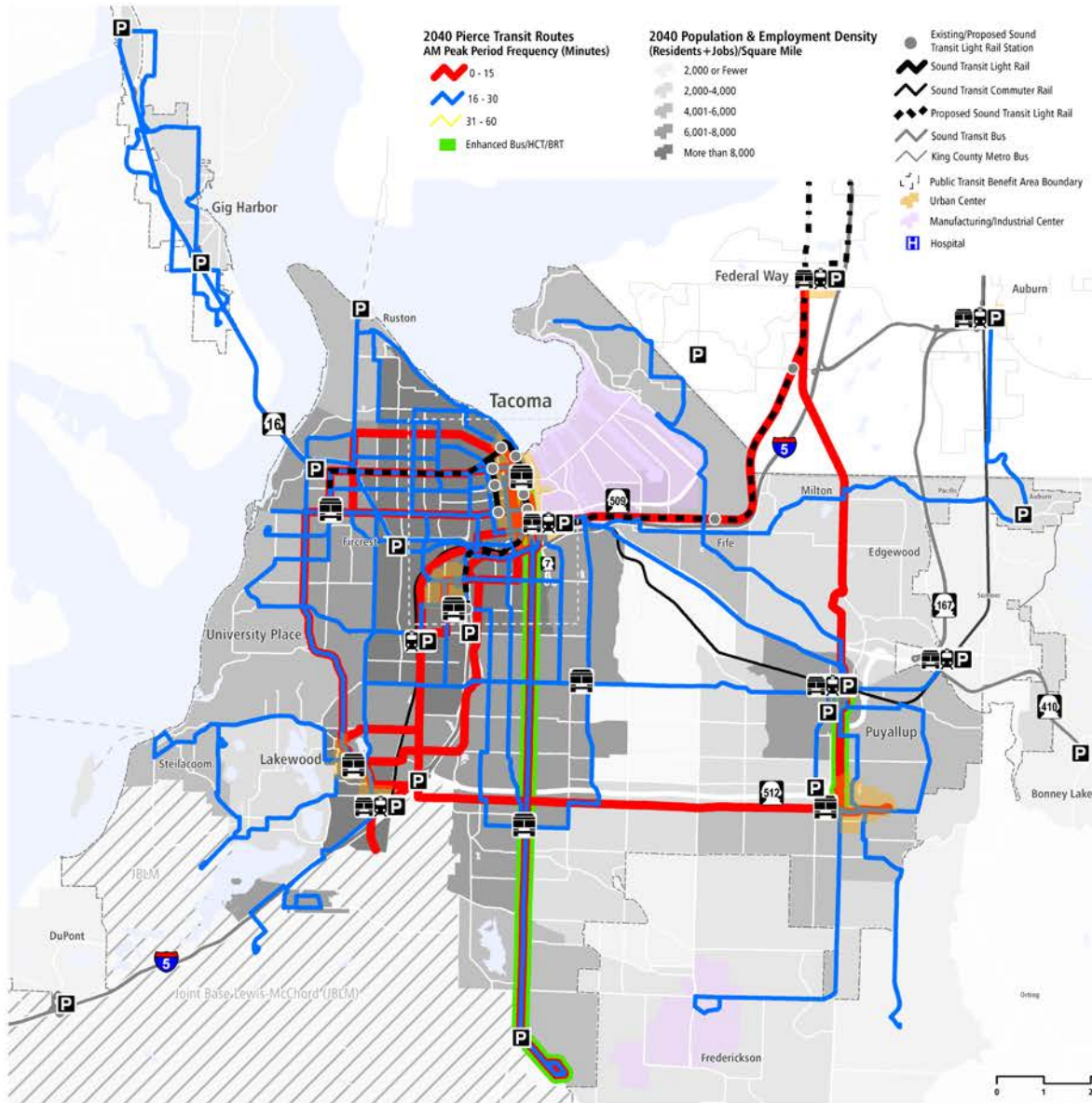
**Rapid Growth Scenario**  
(Baseline Plus)

*2.5% Annual Service Hour Growth Rate*

|      |       |         |
|------|-------|---------|
| 2020 | ..... | 500,000 |
| 2030 | ..... | 640,000 |
| 2040 | ..... | 820,000 |



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## Aspirational Growth Scenario (The Vision—Within PTBA)

3.0% Annual Service Hour  
Growth Rate

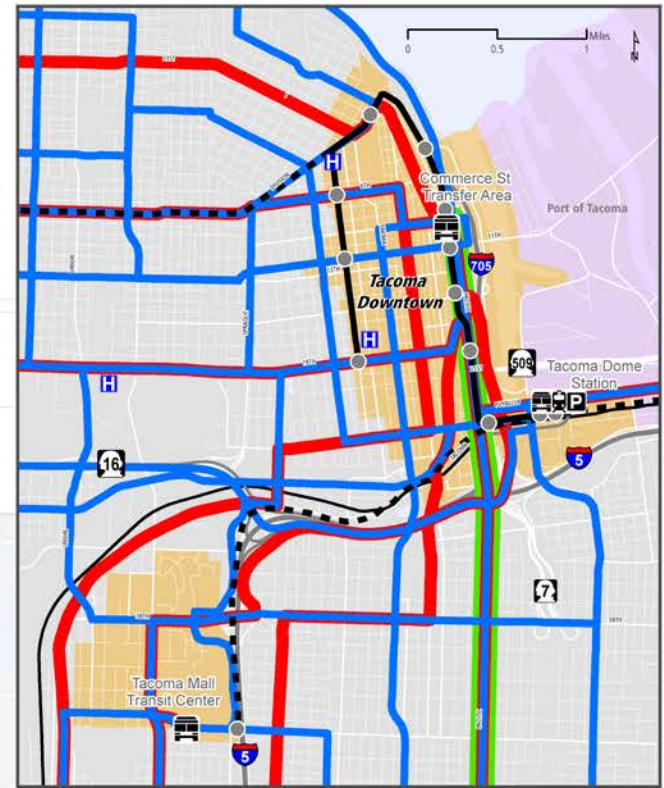
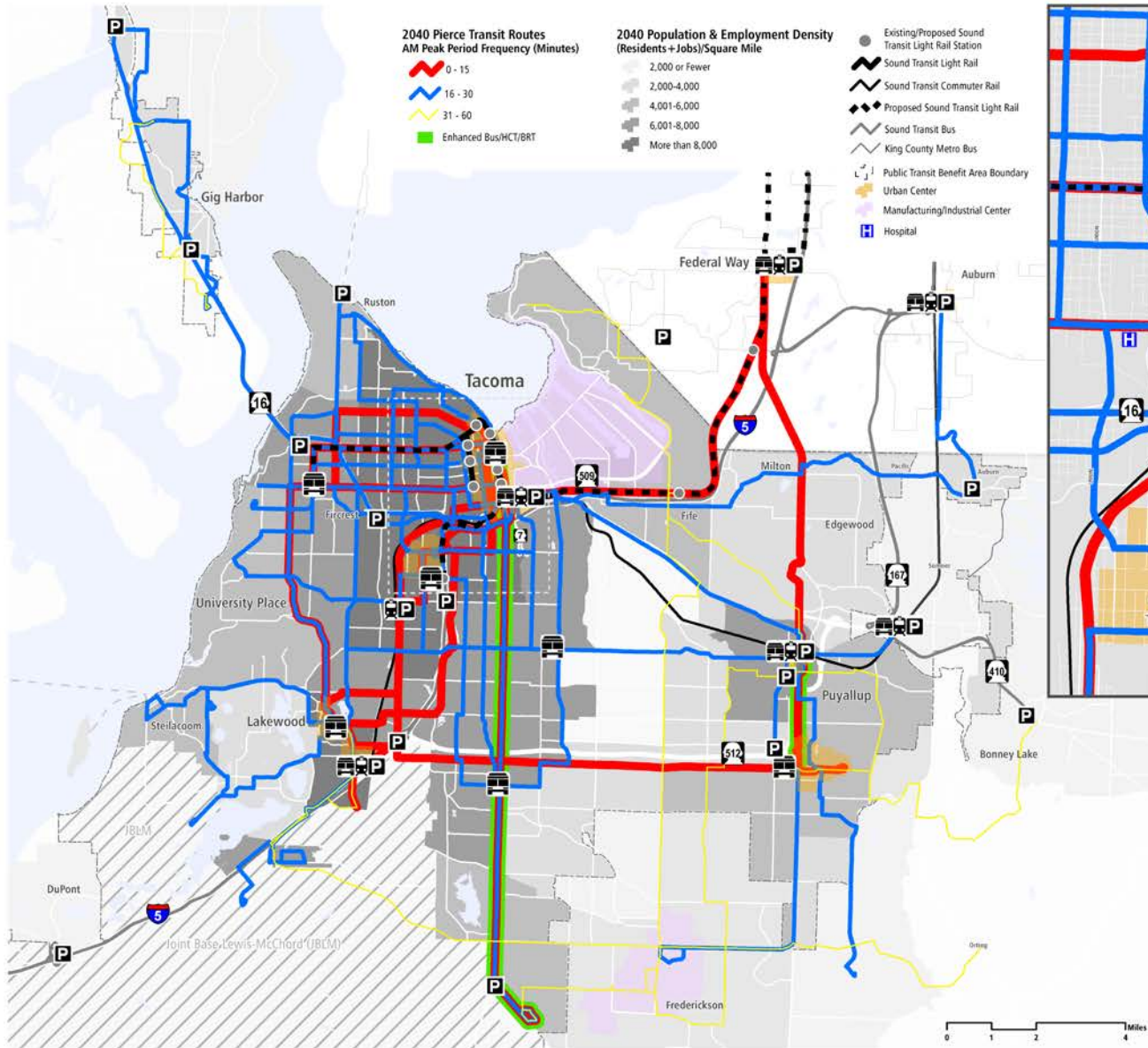
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2030.....689,000  
2040.....927,000

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### Aspirational Growth Scenario (The Vision—Beyond PTBA)

3.0% Annual Service Hour  
Growth Rate

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 2020..... | 513,000 |
| 2030..... | 689,000 |
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## Internal Challenges or Obstacles

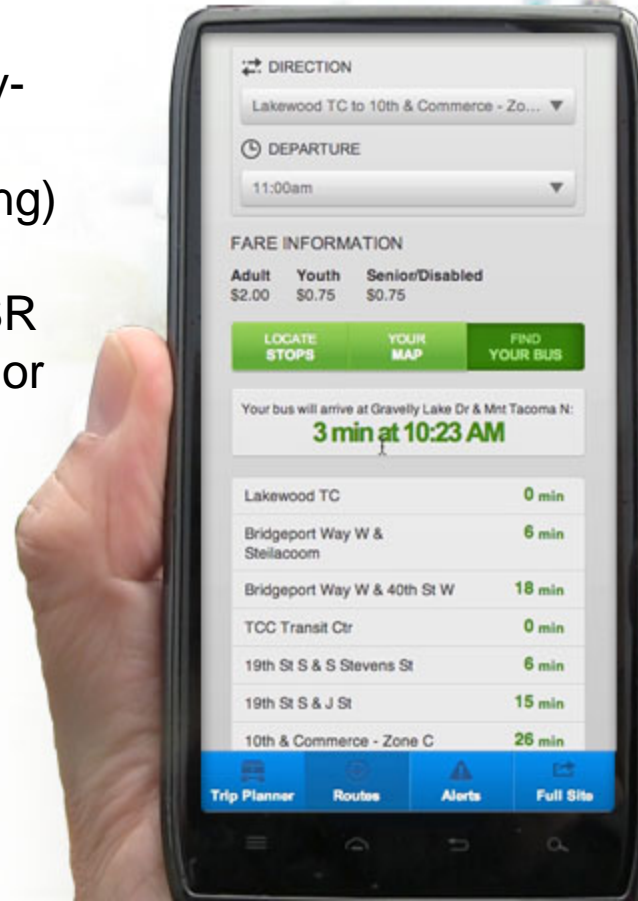
- Uncertain or unstable financial outlook (e.g., currently too much reliance on sales tax revenues).
- Vehicle conditions and replacement schedules.
- Human Capital and the "aging out" of the current Pierce Transit workforce.

## External Challenges or Obstacles

- Improving and maintaining the public's perception of the agency. Looking for new customers and "choice" riders too - not just serving "captive" or transit-dependent riders.
- Creating a culture of greater transit usage in Pierce County where the car is still the preferred and usually more convenient mode choice.
- Suburban land use patterns that are not conducive to transit usage beyond the Tacoma CBD. Vast distances between intra-county destinations that are only accessible by car in many cases.

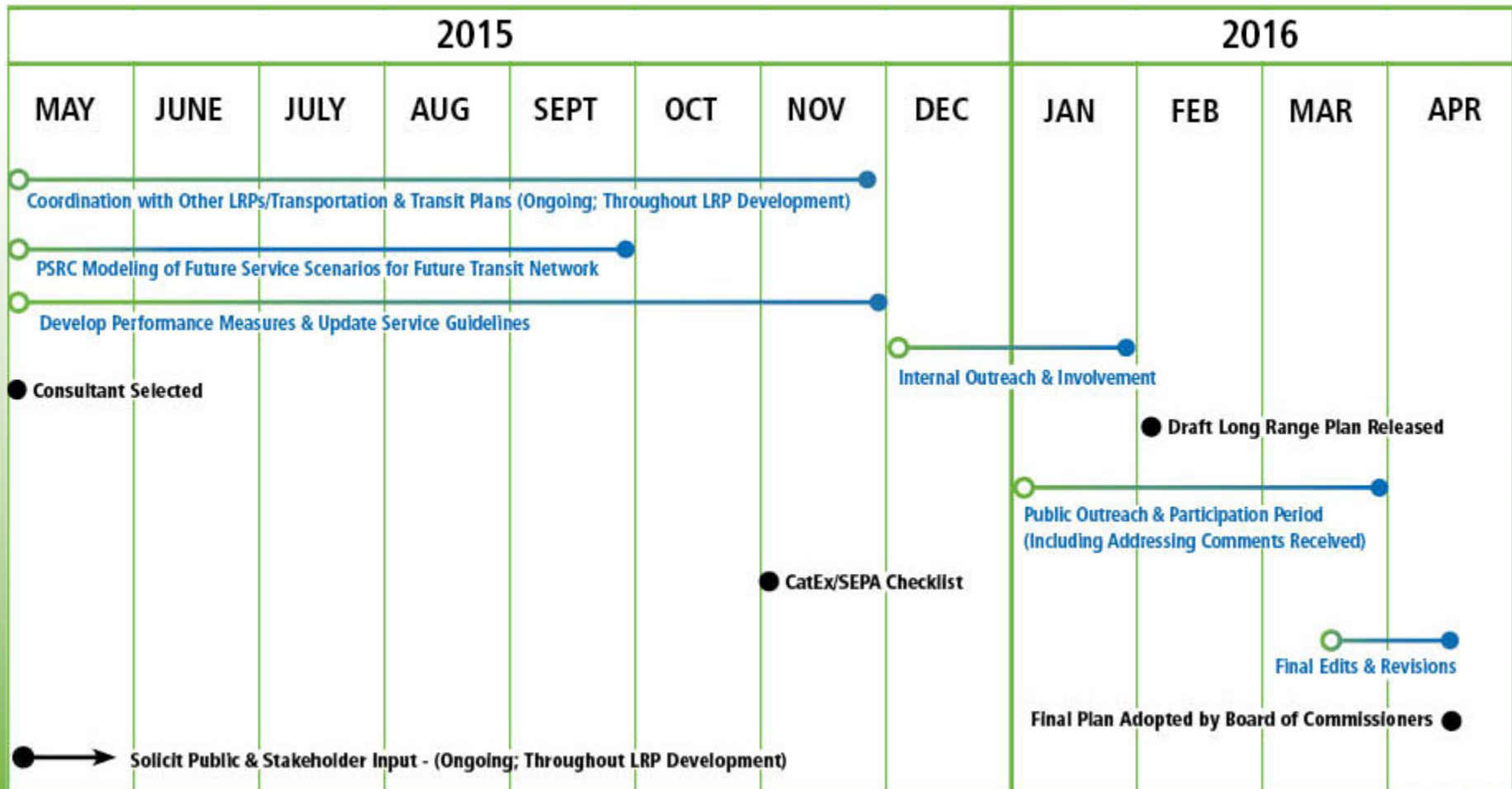
# Opportunities for Growth

- Underserved transit-dependent population areas; Pierce County-targeted infill areas within the PTBA (e.g., employment, housing)
- Evaluating the Pacific Avenue/SR 7 Corridor for a higher-capacity or even Bus Rapid Transit service
- Emerging Technologies
- Potential Riders (New Demographics)
- Regional Connections to ST3





# Next Steps | Latest Destination 2040 Timeline & Milestones



DRAFT PROPOSITION 3 AND A CAPITAL PROJECTS

| PROPOSED PROJECTS   | ALIGNMENT WITH TMP  |
|---|---|
| <b>Arterial Street Improvements</b>   |   |
| East 64 <sup>th</sup> St. from Portland Ave. to Pacific Ave.  | Tier 1: Bicycle Priority  |
| S. 21 <sup>st</sup> St. from Jefferson Ave. to Tacoma Ave.  | Tier 1: Auto Priority   |
| St. Helens from 1 <sup>st</sup> St. to 7 <sup>th</sup> St.  | Transit and Bicycle Priority  |
| Taylor Way from SR 509 to E. 11 <sup>th</sup> St.   | Tier 1: Freight and Auto Priority (Heavy Haul Corridor)   |
| Portland Ave. from Puyallup Ave. to E. 11 <sup>th</sup> St. (We could look at this as an overlay project) | Intersection improvements in Tier 1 and Tier 2: Freight and Auto Priority (Heavy Haul Corridor) |
| N. 21 <sup>st</sup> St. from Pearl St. to Adams   | Tier 1: Transit and Auto Priority   |
| Puyallup Ave. from Portland Ave. to Pacific Ave.  | Tier 1 Corridor Study: Transit/Bicycle Priority and Freight/Bicycle Priority                    |
| Mildred St. from S. 9 <sup>th</sup> to S. 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Tier 2: Bicycle and Transit Priority  |
| S. 56 <sup>th</sup> St. from TMB to STW (construction & r/w only)   | Tier 1 Corridor Study: Transit and Auto Priority (Bicycle Secondary Priority)                   |
| <b>Non-Motorized</b>  |   |
| Water Flume Line Phase III  | 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program   |
| Prairie Line Phase II   | Tier 1  |
| Art Park  | Part of Prairie Line Trail - Tier 1   |
| Schuster Parkway phase 1 construction   | Tier 1  |
| Pipeline Trail from E. McKinley at E. GI to S. City Limit   | Tier 2  |
| <b>Preservation (overlay projects.)</b>   |   |
| Union Ave. from S. 19 <sup>th</sup> St. to Center St.   | Transit Priority  |
| S. 38 <sup>th</sup> St. from Sprague to Pine  | Tier 1: Transit and Auto Priority (Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan to refine street typology)          |

Year: 2016

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| Grant  | Grant Applicability to Projects   | Funding Timeframe  | Projects  | Minimum City Match Requirement |
|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)   | Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds can only be used for projects that improve air quality in certain areas.   | Approximately every two years (sometimes annually). Next project selection scheduled for 2016.                 | Pacific Avenue Streetscape (\$800,000); Hilltop & South Downtown Pedestrian Improvements (\$850,000); Water Flume Line Trail Phase 3 & 4 Design (\$600,000); Water Flume Line Trail Phase 4 Construction (\$1,840,104); Hazardous Sidewalks (\$568,555)   | 13.5%                          |
| Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP)   | The Surface Transportation Program (STP) provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.   | Approximately every two years (sometimes annually). Next project selection scheduled for 2016.                 | Stadium Way (\$8,325,394); (Pacific Avenue Streetscape (\$799,863); Prairie Line Trail (\$465,000); 56th & Cirque Drive (2 grants: \$389,250 & \$2,040,000); Schuster Parkway (\$1,170,172); South Tacoma Way 43rd - 47th and 56th - 66th (\$2,294,196); Port of Tacoma Road (\$429,040); Top 4 Priority Bikeways ( \$500,000); Puyallup River Bridge (\$12,200,000); Foss Esplanade Site 11 Phase 2 (\$1,510,000); Water Flume Line Trail Phase 2 (\$1,495,000); Milwaukee Way Phase 2 (\$347,000); Traffic Model Update/Pavement Mgmt (\$420,000) | 13.5%                          |
| Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)  | Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds are for non-traditional projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, etc.  | Approximately every two years (sometimes annually). Next project selection scheduled for 2016.                 | Prairie Line Trail (\$1,919,372); Top 4 Priority Bikeways (\$95,000)  | 13.5%                          |
| Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)  | Federal safety money provided to jurisdictions in Washington State to use engineering countermeasures to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.   | No funding available at this time, anticipate offering funding in 2019 per WSDOT website.                      | Mildred Street (\$942,792); SR7/Pacific Avenue Signalized Intersections (\$945,166); S. 25th Street Corridor Signal Improvements (2 grants \$880,000 & \$251,097)   | 10%                            |
| Federal Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)                         | The Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program provides funding for a comprehensive initiative including planning grants, implementation grants, and research to investigate and address the relationships among transportation, community, and system preservation plans and practices and identify private sector-based initiatives to improve those relationships.  | Program has been terminated.   | Pacific Avenue Streetscape (\$978,300); Top 4 Priority Bikeways ( \$1,000,000)  | NA                             |
| Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)  | Eligible projects must be on a strategic freight corridor and be listed as part of a state or local transportation plan. Projects should improve the movement of freight and/or mitigate the movement of freight through local communities.   | Next call for projects expected February 2016  | Port of Tacoma Road (\$1,000,000); Puyallup River Bridge (\$5,000,000)  | 50%*                           |
| Federal Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)  | The purpose of the Safe Routes to Schools program is to improve safety and mobility for children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. Funding from this program is for projects within two-miles of primary, middle and high schools.  | Currently there is an Open Call for projects with applications due May 13, 2016.                               | Sheridan Elementary Sidewalks and Bulbouts (\$379,960)  | 0 - 10%                        |
| Bridge Advisory Review Committee (BRAC) Local Bridge Program                                     | The local bridge program focus is to preserve and improve the condition of bridges that are physically deteriorated or structurally deficient through replacement, rehabilitation and systematic preventive maintenance, that are owned by cities and counties.   | 2016 Call for Projects cancelled due to lack of funding. No information on schedule of next call for projects. | Tacoma Avenue South Bridge (\$9,205,000); Schuster Parkway Bridge Deck Resurfacing (\$1,880,000); Union Avenue Viaduct Deck Resurfacing (\$3,000,000); Puyallup River Bridge (\$12,628,538); Hylebos Bridge (\$11,750,000)  | 20%                            |
| State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) - Urban Arterial Program and Urban Sidewalk Program | <b>Urban Arterial Program:</b> The Urban Arterial Program funds projects in the areas of Safety, Growth and Development, Mobility, and Physical Condition. The project must be on a federally classified route (principal, minor, or collector).<br><b>Urban Sidewalk Program:</b> The intent of the project must be transportation and not recreation. The project must be on a federally classified route (principal, minor, or collector). Funding for projects that improve pedestrian safety, access, connectivity, and address system continuity. | Annual call for projects generally in June.  | Stadium Way (\$1,393,846); Vassault Wall (\$448,121); South Tacoma Way 43rd - 47th and 56th - 66th (\$1,595,500); Port of Tacoma Road (\$6,364,494); Tacoma Avenue South Bridge (\$2,000,000); Alaska Street (\$3,584,747)  | 0-20%                          |
| State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) - Complete Streets Program                          | \$160 million over 16 years for the Complete Streets Grant Program, grants to cities for street retrofit projects that provide safety and usability improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.  | New Program - details to come.   | None  | TBD                            |
| State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)   | Projects improve pedestrian safety, access, connectivity, and address system continuity. Completed projects must be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).  | Ongoing application acceptance, requires developer component.  | Foss Esplanade Site 11 Phase 2 (\$500,000)  | 20-50%                         |
| Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)   | On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act." It is the first law enacted in over ten years that provides long-term funding certainty for surface transportation, meaning States and local governments can move forward with critical transportation projects, like new highways and transit lines.  | New Program - details to come.   | None  | TBD                            |
| State Recreation Conservation Office Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)           | Provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities.   | Next grant cycle due 5/16 with award in 6/17   | Foss Esplanade Site 1 (\$300,000); Water Flume Line Trail Phase 2 (\$69,832)  | 50%                            |
| State Recreation Conservation Office Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)                  | The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program provides funding to develop and renovate boating facilities targeting guest recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Grants also may be used for boater education.   | Next grant cycle due 5/16 with award in 6/17   | Foss Waterway North Moorage Float Phase 2 (\$750,000)   | 25%                            |

\*FMSIB minimum match requirement is 35% however no awards have been made for projects with less than a 50% match.

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# BREWERY DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION STUDY.

FEHR & PEERS  
December 21, 2015

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# STUDY AREA.

## Purpose and need.

Plan for the changes coming to the Brewery District in the near and long term.

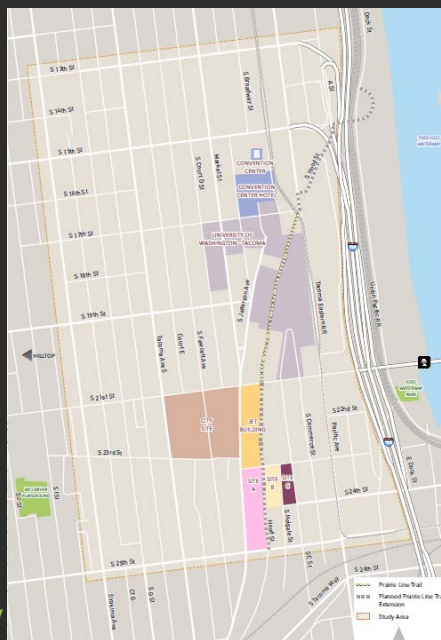
Companion to other recent subarea plans

Identify locations requiring mitigation.

Identify multimodal improvement projects for the Brewery District.

## Proposed development.

- Tacoma Convention Center Hotel
- City 6.4 Acre Site
- Jet Building
- Sites A, B, and C
- UWT
- Nearby growth in Hilltop



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# EXISTING CONDITIONS.

For all modes.

## Non-Motorized Network

- Dense sidewalk network
- Limited bicycle network
- Fewer facilities in southern end of study area
- Prairie Line Trail
- Limited connectivity to waterfront

## Roadway Operations

- **Volume-to-Capacity Ratios**  
One segment operates below LOS C: Southbound Market St between 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Intersection LOS**  
Four intersections along S 21<sup>st</sup> Street operate at LOS F
- **Transit**  
Robust transit network, generally running north-south through the study area
- Tacoma Link light rail

## Parking Utilization

- Approximately 3,100 on-street spaces
- Peak utilization occurs between noon and 1 PM
- Peak utilization is 68 percent
- Substantial variability by block with highest demand between Tacoma Ave S and Market Street.

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# PRIORITY NETWORKS.

Multimodal approach.

2015 Transportation Master Plan developed a priority network for each mode

The priority networks provide the framework for the Brewery District Transportation Study recommendations

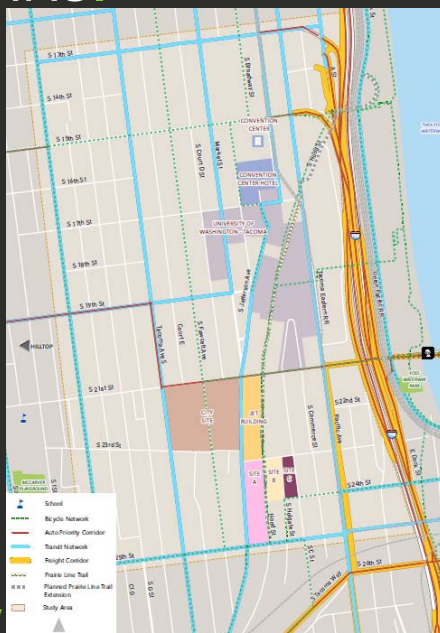
## 2040 project list.

21<sup>st</sup> Street widening

Puyallup Avenue road diet

Tacoma Link extension

Prairie Line Trail extension



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# PERFORMANCE MEASURES.

For all modes.

We looked to two sources for performance measures: the Transportation Element adopted in 2004 (most recently amended in 2010) and the Draft Final October 2015 Transportation Master Plan.

### System Completeness

The transportation system as defined in the TMP will be constructed at a rate equal to or ahead of the pace of development

### Roadway Operations

**Volume-to-Capacity Ratios:**  
85 percent of arterial lane-miles must operate at LOS E or better (0.99 or below)

**Intersection LOS:**  
LOS E or better

### Parking Utilization

No greater than 85 percent occupancy

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# ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY.

## Horizon years.

2022 – all the currently proposed developments would be in place by that time

2040 – more sweeping land use changes within the Brewery District and citywide

## Forecasting tools.

2022 – MainStreet to estimate trip generation for individual developments, layered on background traffic with one percent annual growth

2040 – Travel demand forecasting model developed for the TMP

## Traffic operations tools.

Synchro software to evaluate traffic operations for 43 study intersections

SimTraffic micro-simulation

# 2022 CONDITIONS.

For all modes.

### System Completeness

Proposed land use growth accounts for ~13% of 2040 growth assumed in TMP

### Roadway Operations

**Volume-to-Capacity Ratios**  
Two segments operate below LOS C: Market St between 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and eastbound 21<sup>st</sup> St between Fawcett and Market

**Intersection LOS**  
Five intersections along S 21<sup>st</sup> Street operate at LOS F  
Four other intersections operate at LOS F

### Parking Utilization

TCCH and City 6.4 Acre Site will include parking garages to serve their users, however demand for nearby on-street curb space will also grow

Increased parking demand on already popular blocks

Increased number of blocks with 85%+ utilization as core parking area grows

City should consider expansion of paid parking as area develops

# POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES

- S 21<sup>st</sup> Street – add signals at S Yakima St, S Tacoma Street, and S C St
- Add signal at S 17<sup>th</sup> Street & S Yakima Avenue
- Add westbound left turn pocket at S 17<sup>th</sup> Street & Tacoma Avenue
- Fawcett Avenue bicycle boulevard – remove through vehicle traffic along Fawcett Avenue. Parallel routes are expected to accept diverted traffic without substantial adverse effect.
- Vacation of Court C and Court D near UWT – increase in delay at Market & 17<sup>th</sup>, could consider signalization
- Prairie Line Trail completion
- Bicycle Improvements near Convention Center to develop the bicycle priority network, including a connection along 17<sup>th</sup> to Pacific.
- Transit improvements along Market Street to develop the transit priority network

# ROADWAY CROSS-SECTIONS



# FAWCETT AVENUE.

## Bicycle boulevard.

Low speed, low volume street with traffic calming measures such as speed humps, roundabouts, chicanes, and/or stop signs.

Bicycle boulevard is indicated by signs and pavement markings, including sharrows.



Source: NACTO

## Bicycle lanes.

Designated lane for exclusive use by bicycles



## Buffered bicycle lanes.

Added buffer to provide greater sense of safety, give additional clearance from vehicles



# FAWCETT AVENUE.

## Branding and signage.











# HILLTOP ACCESS.

Between Hilltop and highways.

Two Options

- 21st Street – four-lane cross-section west of Jefferson
- 21st Street to Tacoma Avenue to 19th Street – would require five-lane cross-section and intersection geometry changes at 21<sup>st</sup>/Tacoma and 19<sup>th</sup>/Tacoma to accommodate turning movements.

Four lane cross-section.



Five lane cross-section.



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# 2040 CONDITIONS.

For all modes.

## System Completeness

By definition, the City is expected to achieve its system completeness goal by 2040

The 2040 Project List is expected to be complete and the 2040 TMP is expected to be in place

## Roadway Operations

**Volume-to-Capacity Ratios**  
Some segments expected to be over capacity due to substantial land use growth

**Intersection LOS**  
More widespread operational issues may require additional mitigation measures

**Transit**  
Tacoma Link light rail extension

## Parking Utilization

Increased parking demand on already popular blocks

Increased number of blocks with 85%+ utilization as core parking area grows

Paid parking would need further expansion as area develops

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# Thank you for your time.

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City of Tacoma  
Planning and Development Services

***Letter to the Community***  
***Re: Planning Projects and 2016 Annual Amendment***

January 12, 2016

Dear Community Members:

Season's greetings! I hope that 2015 has been a productive year for you all and wish the New Year brings you health, prosperity and happiness.

We in the Planning Services Division look forward to your continued support and shared efforts to realize the City of Tacoma's vision and our goal to guide community growth and development in a manner that protects environmental resources, enhances quality of life, promotes distinctive neighborhoods and a vibrant downtown, and involves citizens in the decisions that affect them.

We also want to keep you informed of some of the significant planning projects we are working on, such as the Marijuana Regulations, Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan, Capital Facilities Plan Update, Infill Pilot Program Design Guidelines, Unified Development Code Update, and coordination on local and regional projects, just to name a few. More information about these and many other planning projects can be viewed at the Planning Services Division's home page at [www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning).

In particular, I would like to call your attention to the "2016 Annual Amendment." As many of you know, every year the City considers amendments to its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code through a consolidated package, which we refer to as the "Annual Amendment." The 2016 Annual Amendment package contains the following six important proposals (or "applications"):

1. Future Land Use Implementation and Area-wide Rezones – Phase 1
2. Multifamily Design Standards
3. Plan and Code Cleanup
4. Wireless Facility Code
5. Short Term Rentals and Bed-and-Breakfasts
6. Sign Code Minor Amendments

The Tacoma Planning Commission is currently in the process of reviewing the staff analyses for individual applications. Based on our tentative schedule, the Commission will conduct a public hearing in May and make a recommendation to the City Council in June, and the Council will conduct its review and adoption of the proposed amendments in June-July 2016.

This is an opportune time for you weigh in on the 2016 Annual Amendment or to learn more about the potential changes being considered. Here are just a few ways to get involved or stay informed:

- Visit the Planning Services Division's website at [www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning), and click on "2016 Annual Amendment" (or click on any other link to review the various exciting projects).

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- E-mail us at [planning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:planning@cityoftacoma.org) or call us at (253) 591-5531.
- Get on the Planning Commission's E-mail Distribution List to receive the Commission's meeting agendas twice a month and other announcements.
- Request a meeting with staff. You are welcome to visit us at the Tacoma Municipal Building, or we are happy to come to meetings of your affiliations to provide a briefing on any of these subjects and solicit your comments, concerns and suggestions.
- In addition, please keep your eyes out for a public notice pertaining to the Future Land Use Implementation – Phase 1. Staff will be sending out an early notice to potentially affected properties regarding the scope of work for that annual amendment application.

Attached for your review is a summary of applications and the project schedule for the 2016 Annual Amendment. If you have any questions about any of these applications or would like additional information about them, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



BRIAN BOUDET, MANAGER  
Planning Services Division

### Attachments

c: Peter Huffman, Director

*This letter is distributed to the following organizations:*

- Planning Commission (Lihuang Wung)
- Blue Ribbon Panel (Sue Coffman)
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission (Kristin Lynett)
- Transportation Commission (Jennifer Kammerzell)
- Foss Waterway Development Authority (Su Dowie)
- Growth Management Coordination Committee (Toni Fairbanks)
- Tacoma Public Utilities (Vikki Lawson)
- MetroParks Tacoma (Nancy Davis)
- Port of Tacoma (Evette Mason)
- Tacoma School District (Ethelda Burke)
- Bates Technical College (Marty Mattes)
- Tacoma Community College (Pamela Transue)
- University of Washington Tacoma (Milt Tremblay)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium (Denny Hunthausen)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce (Gary Brackett)
- Master Builders Association of Pierce County (Jeremiah LaFranca)
- Association of General Contractors – Southern District (Tim Attebery)
- Cross-Cultural Collaborative of Pierce County (Maria Salado)
- Downtown Merchants Group (Judi Hyman)
- Green Tacoma Partnership – Forterra (Gene Duvernoy)
- Tacoma Urban Land Trust ([tacomaurbanlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:tacomaurbanlandtrust@gmail.com))
- Hillside Development Council (Milt Tremblay)
- Tacoma Waterfront Association (Jayna Marshall)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors (Catherine Rudolph)
- Walk the Waterfront (Lara Herrmann)
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay (Bill Anderson)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Business District (Daniel Smith)
- Dome Business District (Janice McNeal)
- Fern Hill Business District (Kim Anderson)
- Hilltop Business District (Kevin Grossman)
- Lincoln Business District (Debbie Bingham)
- McKinley Hill Business District (Shari Hart)
- Oakland-Madrona Business District (Debbie Bingham)
- Old Town Business District (Ruth Dalenius)
- Pacific Avenue Business District (John Hoover)
- Portland Avenue Business District (Carol Wolfe)
- Proctor Business District (Gail Caldwell)
- Ruston/Point Defiance Business District (John Trueman)
- South Tacoma Business District (Brenda Truman)
- Stadium Business District (Leah Knoll)
- Tacoma Narrows Business District (Shari Hart)
- Cross District Association (Kevin Grossman)
- Central Neighborhood Council ([Chair@cnc-tacoma.com](mailto:Chair@cnc-tacoma.com))
- Eastside Neighborhood Council (ENACT) (Lynnette Scheidt)
- New Tacoma Neighborhood Council (Elizabeth Burris)
- North End Neighborhood Council ([chair@nenc.org](mailto:chair@nenc.org))
- Northeast Neighborhood Council (John Thurlow)
- South End Neighborhood Council (Earl Brysdon)
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (Skip Vaughn)
- West End Neighborhood Council (Ginny Eberhardt)
- Community Council of Tacoma (Andy Morhorst)
- Tacoma Neighborhoods Together (Bill LaVergne)
- South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (Tiffany Speir)



## 2016 ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE REGULATORY CODE

### SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

January 6, 2016

| APPLICATION   | APPLICANT  | PLAN / CODE AMENDMENT | DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT   |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|
| <b>1. Future Land Use Implementation – Phase 1</b>  | Planning & Development Services Department (PDS) | Plan & Code Amendment | This will be phase 1 of a multi-year effort to implement the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by evaluating inconsistencies between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning map and to rectify the inconsistencies. The first phase will be limited in scope due to the compressed time frame for the 2016 amendments. A –     |
| <b>2. Multifamily Design Standards</b>              | PDS  | Code Amendment        | Review and amend the development standards for the R-3, R-4L, and S-4 Zoning Districts to ensure consistency with Comprehensive Plan policies pertaining to street and pedestrian orientation, connectivity, building design, site layout, and off-site transitions.  |
| <b>3. Plan and Code Cleanup</b>                     | PDS  | Plan & Code Amendment | The code cleanups include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments to TMC 13.06 to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan;</li> <li>• Limited amendments to the Shoreline Master Program TMC 13.10;</li> <li>• Signature Trail connections;</li> <li>• Permit notification;</li> <li>• Nonconforming uses.</li> </ul> |
| <b>4. Wireless Facility Code</b>                    | PDS  | Code Amendment        | Evaluate the code in response to recent Federal legislation that identified wireless facilities as an important basic infrastructure and to make sure local jurisdictions don't put these facilities through any unnecessary or punitive processes.   |
| <b>5. Short Term Rentals and Bed-and-Breakfasts</b> | PDS  | Code Amendment        | Evaluate whether there should be limitations on what might be considered a commercial operation in residential zones.   |
| <b>6. Sign Code Minor Amendments</b>                | PDS  | Code Amendment        | Evaluate the implications of a recent Supreme Court case from Arizona that might have some effects on how many distinctions can be made in the code. Conduct other clean up actions as necessary.   |



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### SCHEDULE (As of January 6, 2016)

**Color Keys:**

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| City Council                |
| Council Standing Committees |
| Planning Commission         |
| Staff                       |

| Date                           | Actions  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| November 4, 2015               | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Planning Work Program for 2016-2017, including the 2016 Annual Amendment Package (potential issues)                           |
| December 9                     | <b>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</b> – Review Planning Work Program for 2016-2017  |
| January – June 2016            | <b>Public Outreach</b> (including community workshops, meetings with Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders, and correspondence and online communications) |
| January 6, 2016                | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Review and approve the Assessment Report that contains scope of work, key issues, and schedule                                |
| Feb. 3 & 17<br>Mar. 2, 16 & 30 | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Review various proposed amendments  |
| Feb. 24 & Mar.                 | <b>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</b> – Progress check and feedback   |
| Mar. 7 & Apr. 4                | <b>Neighborhood and Housing Committee</b> – Progress check and feedback  |
| April 6                        | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Release proposal package for public review, and set a public hearing date   |
| April 26                       | <b>City Council Study Session</b> – Review 2016 Annual Amendment Package prior to Planning Commission's public hearing                                     |
| April 27                       | <b>Community Informational Meetings</b> – Pre-hearing informational session  |
| May 4                          | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Public Hearing; keep the hearing record open through May 13 to accept written comments.                                       |
| May 11                         | <b>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</b> – Review comments received at the Planning Commission's public hearing                        |
| May 16                         | <b>Neighborhoods and Housing Committee</b> – Review comments received at the Planning Commission's public hearing  |
| May 18                         | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Review public comments and consider modifications to the proposal   |
| June 1                         | <b>Planning Commission</b> – Recommendations to the City Council   |
| June 8                         | <b>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</b> – Review Planning Commission's recommendations and consider any potential modifications       |
| June 16                        | <b>Community Informational Meeting</b> – Pre-hearing informational session   |
| June 20                        | <b>Neighborhoods and Housing Committee</b> – Review Planning Commission's recommendations  |
| June 21                        | <b>City Council</b> – Study Session and Public Hearing   |
| June 22                        | <b>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</b> – Debriefing Council hearing comments and making a recommendation                             |
| June 28                        | <b>City Council</b> – First reading of ordinances adopting proposed amendments   |
| July 12                        | <b>City Council</b> – Final reading of ordinances  |
| July 21                        | <b>Notice of Adoption</b> (within 10 days) to State DOC and PSRC   |
| July 31, 2016                  | <b>Effective Date</b> of adopted amendments  |





City of Tacoma  
Transportation Commission

January 14, 2016

Ryan Mello, Chair  
Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee  
747 Market Street, Suite 1200  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: Sound Transit 3 Comments regarding Sound Transit Board Workshop

Dear Chair Mello,

The Transportation Commission received a presentation from Sound Transit on December 16, 2015 regarding an update on the ST3 project priority process. The presentation outlined the ST3 candidate projects that were presented to the Sound Transit Board at a December 4, 2015 workshop. Sound Transit has asked the City to provide comments and acknowledgment of the December 4, 2015 workshop. With this letter, the Transportation Commission respectfully submits our recommendations to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for consideration.

The Commission was pleased to see all the projects recommended in our July 7, 2015 letter to you were included in the review process for consideration and remain candidates moving forward. For reference, those projects are listed below.

- S-03, 05 Central Link to the Tacoma Mall, which includes Tacoma Dome Station
- S-06, 07, 08 Sounder Platform, Span and Frequency expansion
- S-11 Tacoma Link Extension to Tacoma Community College
- P-01 Future System Planning (ST4)

The Transportation Commission continues to support the projects previously outlined in the July 7, 2015 letter because they support our values and principles of greater multi-mobility for Tacoma residents and employees. They also help ensure implementation of Transportation Master Plan projects and priorities. The City of Tacoma should continue to support these projects in their letter to Sound Transit.

In addition to the listed projects above, the Commission supports S-012, Bus Capital improvements along Pacific Avenue/SR7. This project was added to the candidate list later in the summer after the Commission's last review. Pierce Transit will lead this project for future implementation of Bus Rapid Transit from Downtown Tacoma to Spanaway along the Pacific Avenue Corridor, a priority outlined in the TMP.

Finally, the Commission recognizes there may not be enough revenue generated in ST3 to complete all the projects. The Commission feels strongly that it is a high priority for Sound

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Transit to extend Central Link to Tacoma Dome. There were two alignment alternatives presented to the Commission: HWY 99 vs. I-5. While a HWY 99 alignment may make more sense for Transit Oriented Development and urban growth north of the Pierce/King County line, the Commission sees no added value in a HWY 99 alignment over I-5 because the two corridors are so close together. Not only does this alignment show a Portland Avenue station location, but it also is estimated to cost over a half billion dollars less than a HWY 99 alignment. Because of this, Sound Transit would be able to build out additional Pierce County priorities.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide the City its expertise and counsel on these very important issues that will transform our City in a positive way.

Sincerely,



Jane Ann Moore  
Co-Chair



Justin D. Leighton  
Co-Chair

cc: Mayor Marilyn Strickland  
Tacoma City Councilmembers  
Tacoma City Manager  
Chris Beale, Planning Commission Chair  
Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit