Homeless Services Update
City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session
April 27, 2021

OVERVIEW

• City of Tacoma 5-year Homelessness Strategy
  • Engagement and actions
  • Alignment with County Comprehensive Action Planning
• Mitigation/Stabilization Site Assessment
  • Community feedback

Purpose of Today’s Presentation
Homelessness Strategy Engagement Timeline

- **Explore Ideas** • January - June 2021
- **Refine Actions** • June – September 2021
- **Operationalize** • October 2021 – December 2026

The City’s 5-Year Strategy will Identify Effective Actions to Attain Outcomes in alignment with County Comprehensive Action Planning Effort

Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site Outreach

- Preference for smaller, scattered sites instead of a single larger location
- Option to continue to live outdoors
- Access to hygiene and basic services
- Supportive services available on-site, especially health and mental health services
- Desire for active site management, including security and police enforcement

Site Design and Management Model Must Be Responsive to Broad Community Input
Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization
Site Outreach

- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council
  - Concerns about impacts to the overall community
  - Concerns about managing the site and design
- Encampment Outreach
  - Covid Impacts
  - Service needs
  - Site requests
- The Coalition to End Homelessness
  - Location of sites
  - Variety of operations models tailored for specific populations

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Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization
Location Analysis

1,139 Sites
130 Sites
23 Sites
10 Sites
1 Site

All General Government and TPU Properties in Pierce County (including property under 10k sq ft)
Reviewed for outdoor space, at least 7,500 square feet and decent topography
Reviewed for adjacency to waterways, easy access to services, adjacency to transportation, community impact
Reviewed for operational uses/concerns

Understanding Community Impact and Potential Future Use is Required
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