

2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Planning Commission

June 3, 2015



TACOMA 2040

comprehensive plan update

What We Have Discussed Previously

- **Goals of the Update**
 - » Equity, Climate, Tacoma 2025, Focus, Usability
- **Environment and Watershed Health**
- **Land Use Designations**
- **Transportation Master Plan**
- **Housing**
- **Public outreach**

current

CORE ELEMENTS

updated

Introduction]

[Vision/Planning Principles

Growth Strategy & Development Concept]

[Community Involvement
(new)

Historic Preservation]

[Urban Form

Downtown Tacoma]

Generalized Land Use]

[Design & Development

Neighborhood]

Environmental Policy]

Urban Forest Policy]

[Environment

Open Space Habitat & Recreation]

Capital Facilities]

[Public Facilities & Services

Utilities]

[Economy

Arts & Culture]

*(based on current stand alone
Economic Development Plan)*

Transportation]

[Transportation

Housing]

[Housing

Container Port]

[Container Port

Glossary

Administration & Implementation
(new)



Plan Framework



Policy Chapters

Programmatic Elements

Strategy, Implementation, and System Plans



Urban Form	Capital Facilities Plan	Economic Development Strategy
Design and Development	Shoreline Master Program	Human Services Strategic Plan
Transportation	Historic Preservation Program	Consolidated Plan
Environment	Sub-Area Plans	Utility System Plans
Housing	Transportation Master Plan	Metro Parks Strategic Plan
Parks and Recreation		Tacoma School District Plan
Public Facilities and Services		Urban Forest Manual
Economic Development		Surface Water Manual
Container/Port		Public Works Design Manual
Downtown		Design Guidelines
Public Engagement/ Administration		Zoning and Development Regulations

Introduction and Vision

- **Core Values of Tacoma 2025 and integration of Focus Areas.**
- **Regional planning context and Tacoma's role.**
- **Setting the stage for growth and development - sustainable cities model.**

Urban Form



CENTERS

Compact, mixed use urban areas targeted for growth will provide access to jobs, commercial services, transit connections and housing options.



PATTERNED CORRIDORS

Major city streets with growth potential that provide critical connections to centers, and links to transit, commercial services, jobs and housing options.



EMPLOYMENT AREAS

Diverse and growing areas of employment that host a variety of business sectors in different parts of the city.



TRANSIT STATION AREAS

Station areas along high frequency transit lines that connect people to important residential and employment destinations.



OPEN SPACE CORRIDORS

A system of enhanced open space corridors that connect fish, wildlife and people to key natural features throughout the city.



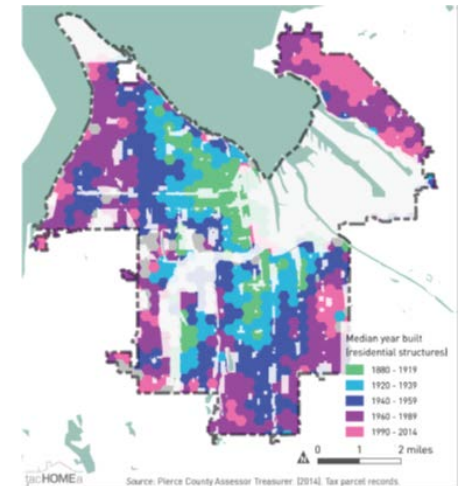
SIGNATURE TRAILS

A citywide network of shared-use trails that connect people to nature, parks and major destinations or centers.



HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PATTERN AREAS

Broad areas of the City with distinctive character and land use patterns that include centers and smaller concentrations of commercial activities and amenities that support the daily needs of the residents.



Design and Development

- **General Development Policies**
- **Residential Areas**
- **Centers and Corridors**
- **Transitions and Off-site Impacts**
- **Scenic Resources**
- **Historic and Cultural Resources**
- **Public Art and Creative Place-making**
- **Safety by Design**
- **Designing with Nature**
- **Resource-efficient Design and Development**
- **Hazard-resilient Design**
- **Access to Healthy Food**
- **Parking Management**
- **Signage**

Housing

- **Housing Diversity**
- **Equitable Access to Housing**
- **Healthy Connected City**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **High Performance Housing**

Public Facilities and Services

- Includes Schools, Parks, Libraries, Utilities, Telecommunications, Police and Fire
- Replaces current Utilities, Capital Facilities and Community Facilities Chapters
 - » Location, design and development of facilities
 - » Level of Service and forecast of future needs.
 - » Prioritization principles and criteria for reviewing projects to ensure consistency with Comprehensive Plan.
 - Equity – Address areas currently underserved
 - Growth – Priority to areas designated to receive growth
 - » Annexation/UGA/and Service Extension

Parks and Recreation

- **Stronger recognition of the shared responsibility for meeting recreational needs**
 - » traditional parks + schools + open spaces + trails + complete streets + community facilities + private facilities
- **Stronger focus on equitable distribution and access to parks and recreation facilities**
- **Park and recreation level of service that is tied to both proximity to parks as well as population density**
- **Updated inventory and goals for recreation (to meet RCO requirements)**

Economic Development

- **Support growth strategy**
 - » Employment targets, distribution, centers, household prosperity
- **People**
 - » Education, job training, connecting people to work
- **Place**
 - » Investing in infrastructure, creating vibrant places that are attractive and functional for employees and employers
- **Business**
 - » Efforts to retain, attract, expand businesses and key sectors
- **Key Industries**

Engagement, Administration and Implementation

- **Engagement**
 - » How we conduct public processes
 - » Outreach to underrepresented communities
 - » New tools
 - » Coordination and partnership
- **Administration**
 - » How the plan is used
 - » Update and amendment procedures
- **Implementation**
 - » Bridge to implementation strategies
 - » Land Use Designation Table and Zoning

Other Related Recommendations

- **Not Proposed to Change:**
 - » Downtown Element
 - » Historic Preservation Program
 - » Shoreline Master Program
 - » Subarea Plans
 - » Container Port Element
- **Superseded:**
 - » Neighborhoods Element
 - » Tacoma Dome Area Plan
 - » Community Facilities Plan
 - » Arts and Culture Element
 - » MLK Design Plan
 - » South 38th Street Design Plan
 - » Sixth Avenue Design Plan

Still to Come – 2016 and Beyond

- Put in place zoning to implement land use designations and growth strategy
- Development regulations updates
- Mixed-Use Centers work program
- Design guidelines/review
- Capital Facilities Program
- Other planning initiatives