

North Downtown Subarea Plan & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

City of Tacoma

Planning and Development Services

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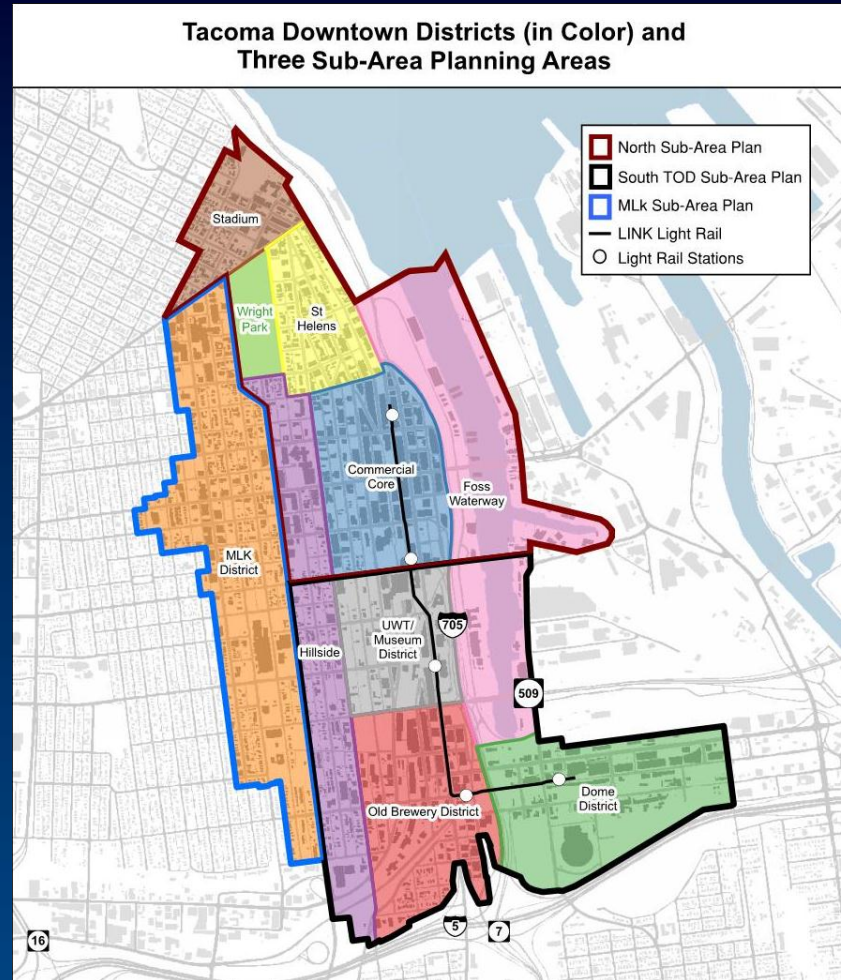


Agenda

- Context - Subarea Planning Efforts
- Draft Vision Statement
- Potential Catalyst Projects
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Next Steps/Schedule



Three Subarea Planning Areas



Draft Vision Statement

- A thriving, equitable, urban, mixed-use community that offers a robust range of opportunities for education, transportation, housing, health care, business, employment, shopping, and recreation opportunities.
- An environmentally-responsible urban center which values its green spaces and strives to maintain and enhance existing open spaces, parks, recreational opportunities, view corridors, community gardens, and the connections between each while carefully adjusting to local terrain conditions.
- A community that respects and preserves the mix of historic characteristics and vibrant business of all types while encouraging and celebrating the rich mix of cultures and heritages.
- An integrated component of the greater City that capitalizes on its unique characteristics and successfully blends and supports exchange between business districts while sustaining connections to surrounding neighborhoods, leveraging regional assets, and projecting a compelling identity to the region and beyond.

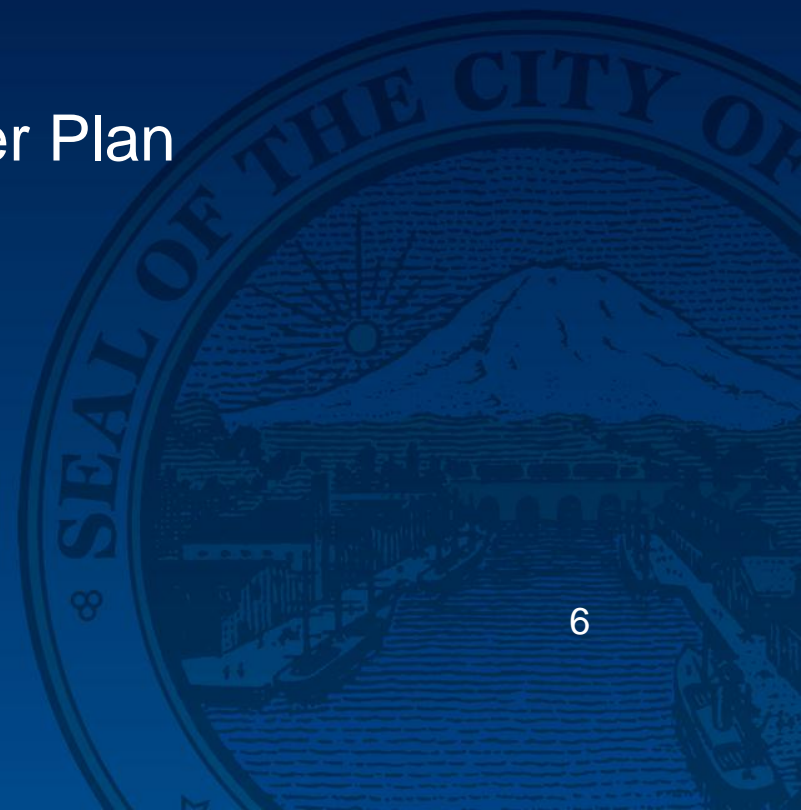
Draft Vision Statement

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- A Downtown Core area with significant economic development potential, incentives, and requirements to ensure that greater intensity of use has long term positive impacts on livability.
- A community that sets the table for public-private investments in order to address the needs and concerns of the business owners, residents, and visitors while at the same time supporting the arts, culture, tourism, infrastructure improvements, international trade, and social services for all segments of the population.
- A community that will maintains and enhances the existing development fabric and capitalizes on the extensive local and regional transit system within the subarea while supporting walkability, a variety of transportation modes, and future infrastructure improvements.
- A community that maintains its educational heritage while supporting and growing educational opportunities and facilities for all members of society at all educational levels.

Potential Catalyst Projects

- Stadium Business District boundaries
- Stadium to Schuster pedestrian connection
- Link extension integration
- Bicycle routes/Mobility Master Plan
- Off-street parking
- Community gardens
- Eco-district formation



Environmental Impact Statement

- City of Tacoma & Bates Technical College partnership.
 - Analyze cumulative impacts for the entire North Downtown subarea.
 - Eliminate the need for project-specific State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review.



Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement -Next Steps-

- November 2013: Draft Subarea Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- December 2013: Planning Commission Public Hearing and Recommendation to Council for Approval
- January 2014: City Council Public Hearing and Adoption

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