

**South Tacoma  
Neighborhood Planning**

**Steering Group Meeting #7**

September 26, 2024



# GROUP NORMS

## Discussion guidelines for our work together:

- **Respect each other's time.** As much as possible, please be on time, attend meetings, and come prepared. Listen to each other for understanding.
- **Take space, make space.** Share your ideas, then step back to actively listen. If you're talkative, remember to step back; if you're quiet, remember to step up.
- **Expect the best.** When someone says something, assume the best intentions; ask clarifying questions. And keep in mind that sometimes impact is different than intent.
- **Apply a trauma-informed framework.** Recognize past harm and ground our work in principles of safety, trustworthiness/transparency, neighborhood strengths, peer support, collaboration, empowerment and choice, and cultural, historical, and gender issues. Allow space for reflection and healing.
- **Make room for messy, incomplete, and imperfect.** There's no one right answer, and a final plan is not the end. Move at the speed of trust.
- **Be positive and solution oriented.** Keep moving forward. Be aware of what we can and cannot change.
- **Know that you are valued.** You are making a big contribution to the South Tacoma neighborhood – thank you!



# AGENDA

- **Housekeeping:** *Department of Ecology Grant*
- **Small Groups:** *Questions for Pierce Transit*
- **Q & A with Pierce Transit**
  - Updates
  - Discussion
- **Engagement Update**
  - October 24 Workshop – in-person!
  - Booster Grant
  - Fall Event/Holiday Drive Planning
- **Wrap Up & Next Steps**





# HOUSEKEEPING



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## Steering Group Evaluation:

- No responses 😊
- How are we doing?



**Share your thoughts on the evaluation:**

<https://forms.office.com/g/B2gnqRvnXC>

# SOUTH TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GOALS

## **Transportation, Mobility, and Connectivity**

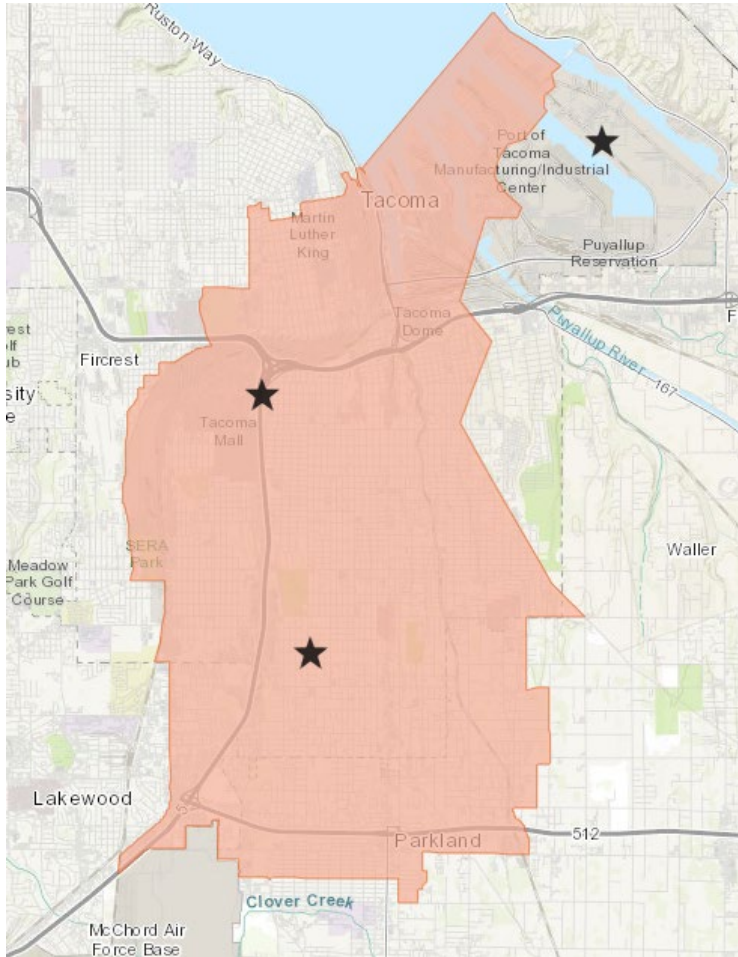
- **SAFE STREETS:** *Increase safety on South Tacoma streets by reducing dangerous vehicle activity impacting drivers, pedestrians, and property.*
- **WALKABILITY & CONNECTIVITY:** *Safely and comfortably connect South Tacoma residents to amenities and the rest of the city by improving infrastructure for people walking, biking, and rolling (i.e., wheelchair, stroller), and transit network and service.*

## **Health and Environment**

- **HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT:** *Create a sustainable, healthy, resilient, thriving community with clean air and water and a healthy tree canopy.*



# HOUSEKEEPING



## Department of Ecology Grant Opportunity

Now accepting applications for projects that reduce air pollution in 16 communities, includes South & East Tacoma

The City of Tacoma plans to apply (\$700,000)

Project ideas:

- 🚲 E-bike purchase rebates (around 500 \$1,200 rebates) and safety/learn-to-ride programs
- 🔥 Replacing wood stoves w/ heat pumps(around 30)

We want your feedback! [sustainability@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:sustainability@cityoftacoma.org)

Scan these QR codes for Ecology's grant info webpages:





# SMALL GROUPS





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# RELATED PROJECT ACTIONS WE HAVE BEEN HEARING

## Transit

- **Pierce Transit:**
  - More bus stop shelters & benches (heat; tree canopy)
  - More bus routes, inter-neighborhood connections, more than just to downtown
  - Reduced headways and earlier and later service
    - “Safer bus stops for students”
- Link expansion
- Sounder service improvements

## Multimodality

- Finishing & repairing sidewalk network
- Flume Line Trail activation
- Better bike lanes

## Traffic Calming

- South Tacoma Way
- South 56 Street
- South Fife Street
- South Oakes Street
- South 66 Street
- Roundabouts

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:** Based on the goals and what we've been hearing from the community, what are questions you have for Pierce Transit for transit network and service?



# PIERCE TRANSIT Q&A



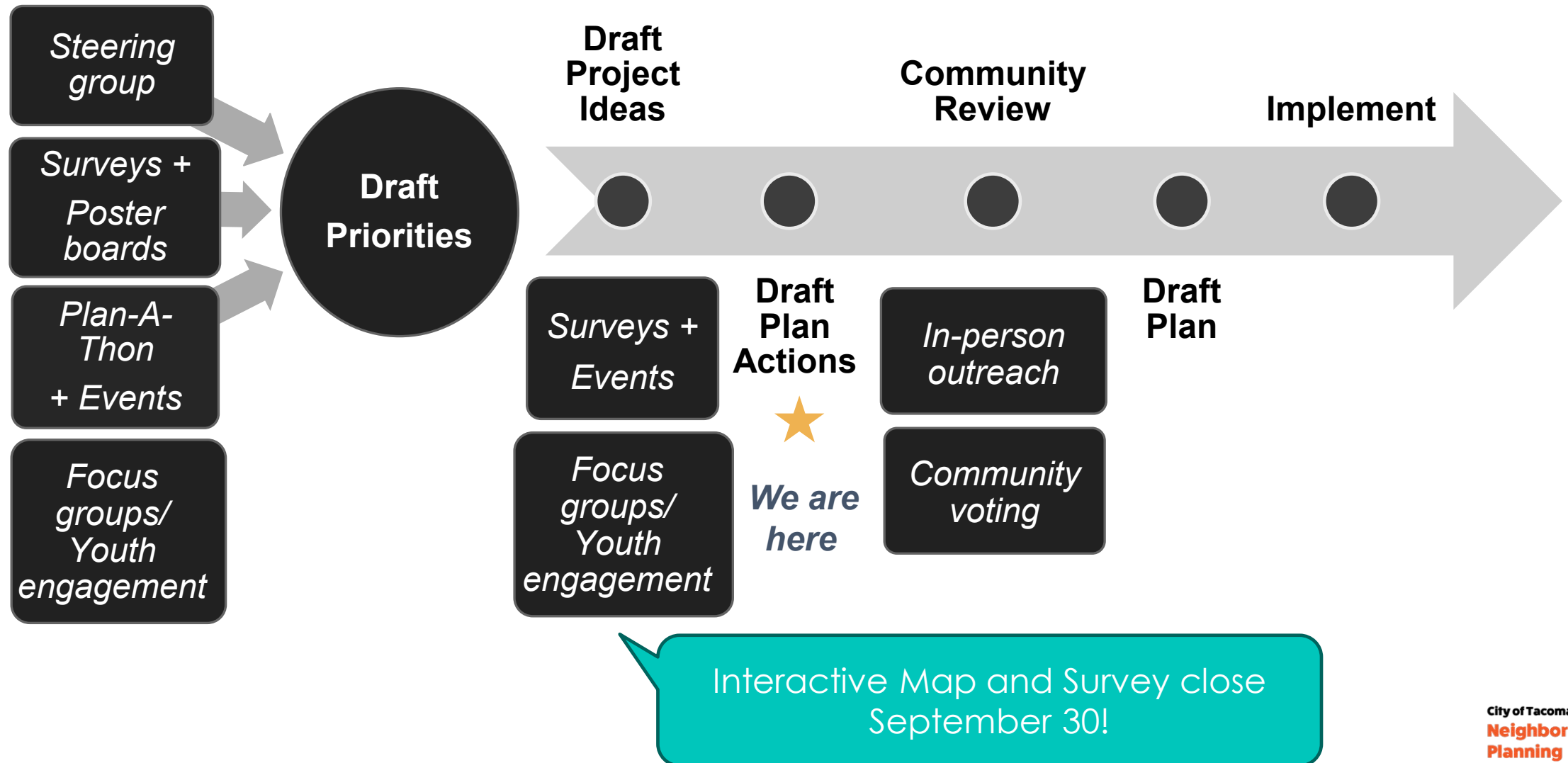


# ENGAGEMENT UPDATE





# Neighborhood Plan Process



# Summer Engagement Plan

## July-September: Project Ideas Engagement

- Pop-up events – 2 down, 1 more to go! – **volunteer!**
  - Setup at Hive Co. at 9:30 AM Saturday!
- **Multi-lingual engagement and focus groups:**
  - Slavic focus group; Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean language ambassadors
  - Ludwig Senior Apartment focus group
- **Youth Engagement: Back-to-school events**
  - Edison, Manitou, Gray and Mt. Tahoma

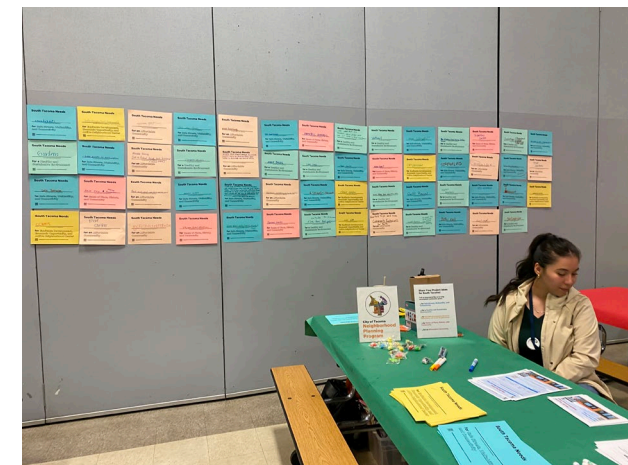
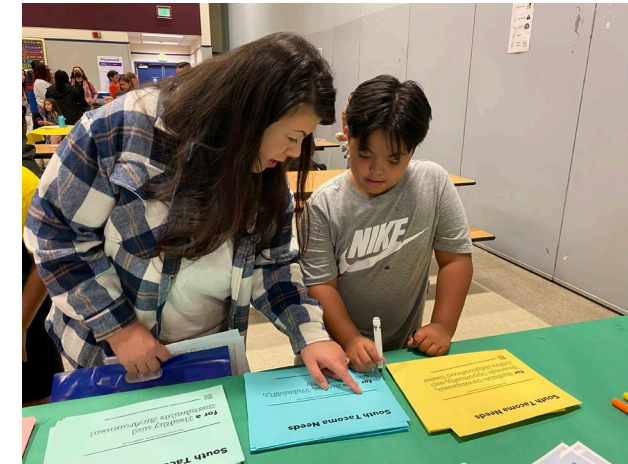
## Fall: Booster Voting & Draft Plan

- Community booster voting
- Outreach: City of Destiny Festival (Oct 27); Halloween Trunk or Treat?
- Fall/Winter Celebration Event: Santa Parade?



# Focus Groups/Tabling

- **What we've been hearing in focus groups:**
  - **Slavic Focus Group:** Cleaner streets and parks, enhanced playgrounds, reduced speeding (especially in business district), activities for youth and families (including in business district), welcoming spaces and cultural exchange, entrepreneurship opportunities, affordable home ownership
  - **Spanish Business Owners:** seeking a stronger sense of community, wanting to stay informed and connected with other businesses
  - **Ludwig Apartments:** Safer mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities: improved sidewalks and ramps, reduced speeding (especially on South 56th Street), food banks and health care, activities for seniors at library/STAR Center, community garden

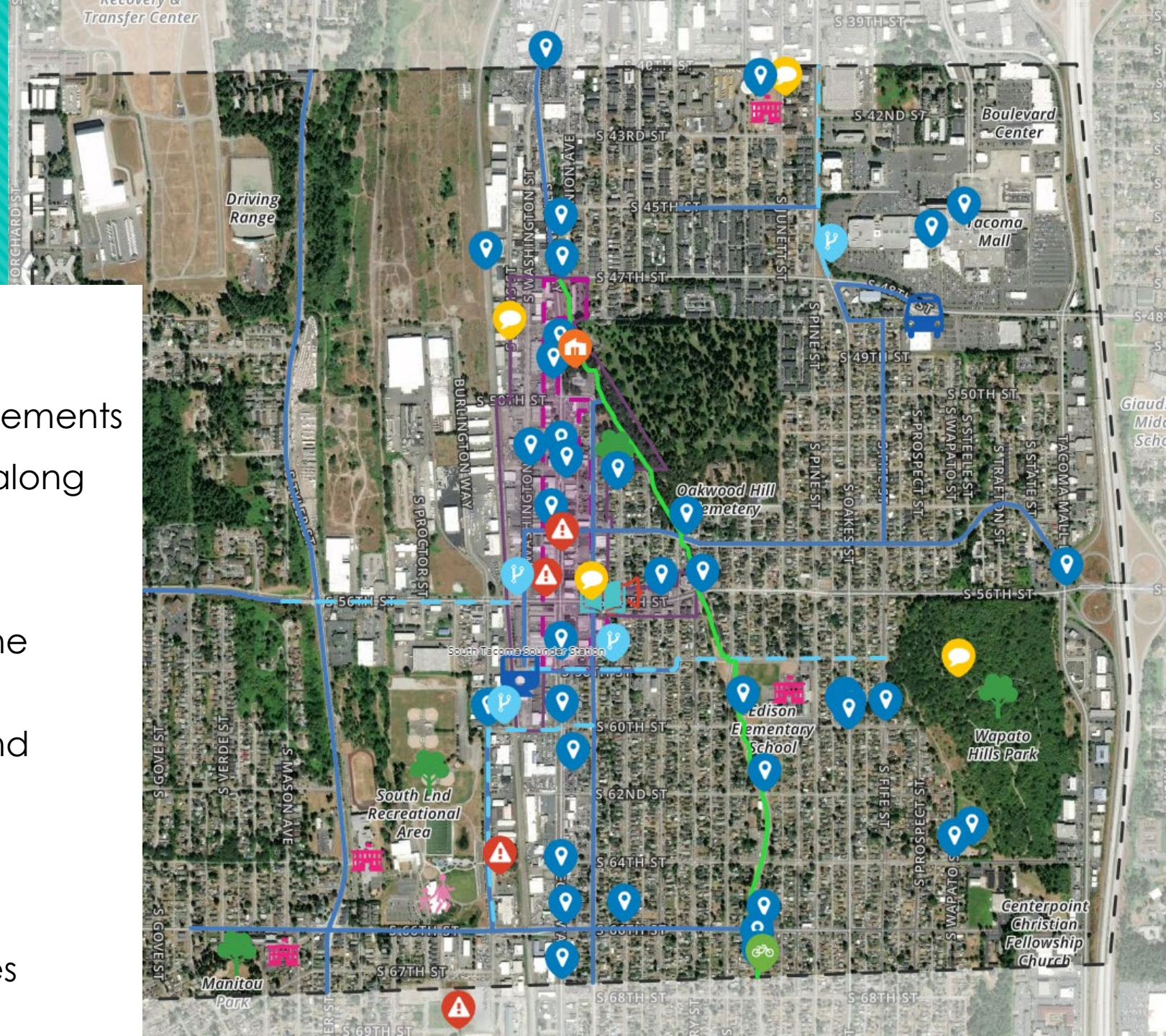




# UPDATE: South Tacoma Project Ideas Interactive Map

## 53 comments so far, including:

- Traffic calming and ROW improvements
- Amenity/service improvements along the Flume Line Trail
- Homelessness
- Depaving and tree planting in the Business District
- Private land purchase by City and reuse
- Bus stop improvements
- Park improvements
- Addressing Madison School issues

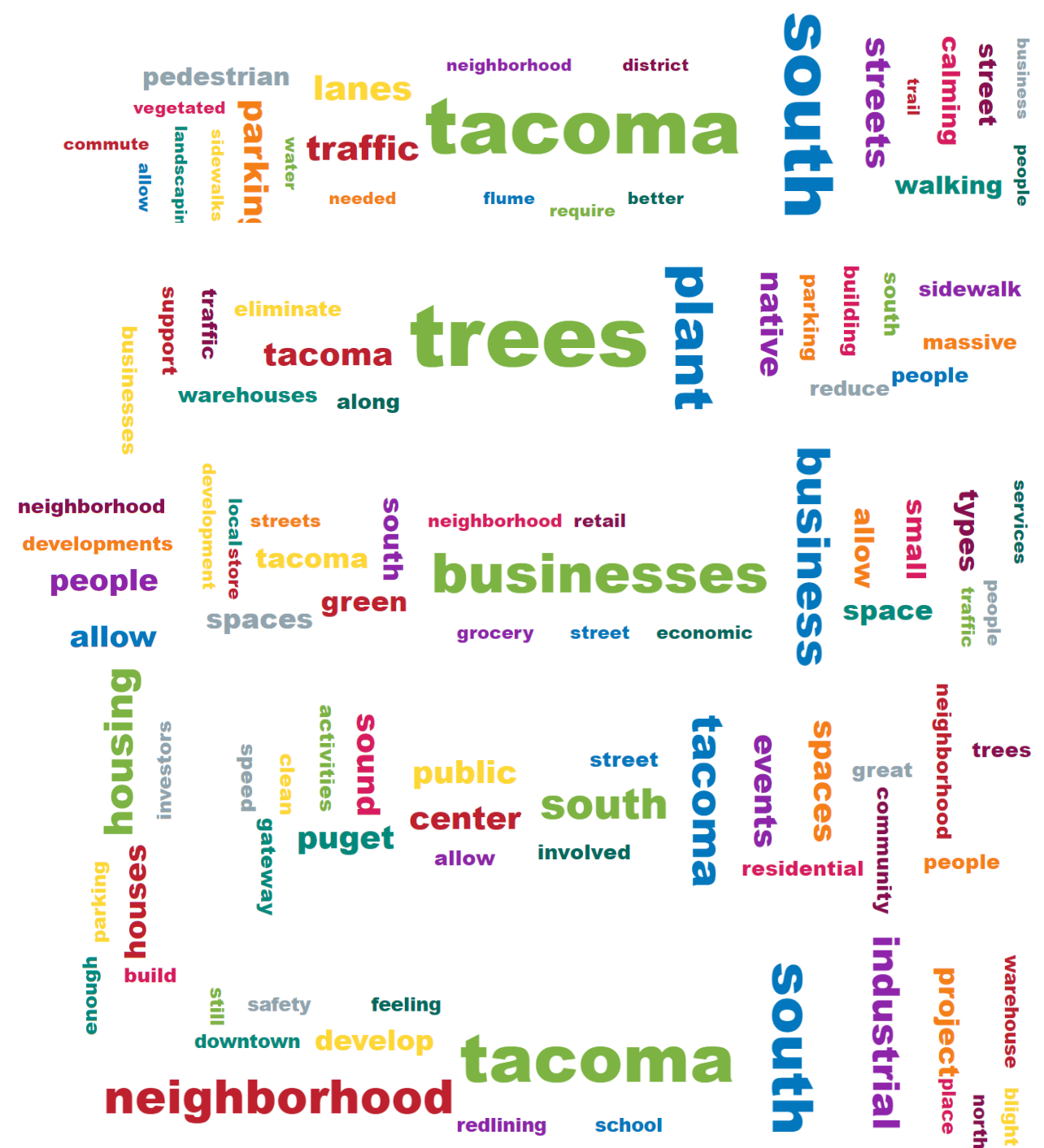




# UPDATE: South Tacoma Project Ideas Survey

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  - Healthy, Sustainable Environment
  - Safe Streets
  - Walkability & Connectivity



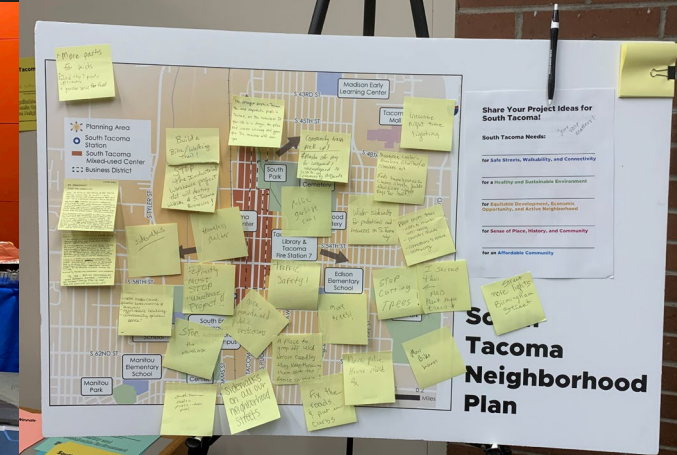


# Pop-Up Events

- South Tacoma “Mad Libs”
- Refreshments and giveaways
  - Churros and Intentions Juice Bar juices at the Summer Bash
  - Johnny's Ice Cream at the Fernseed Pop-Up

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

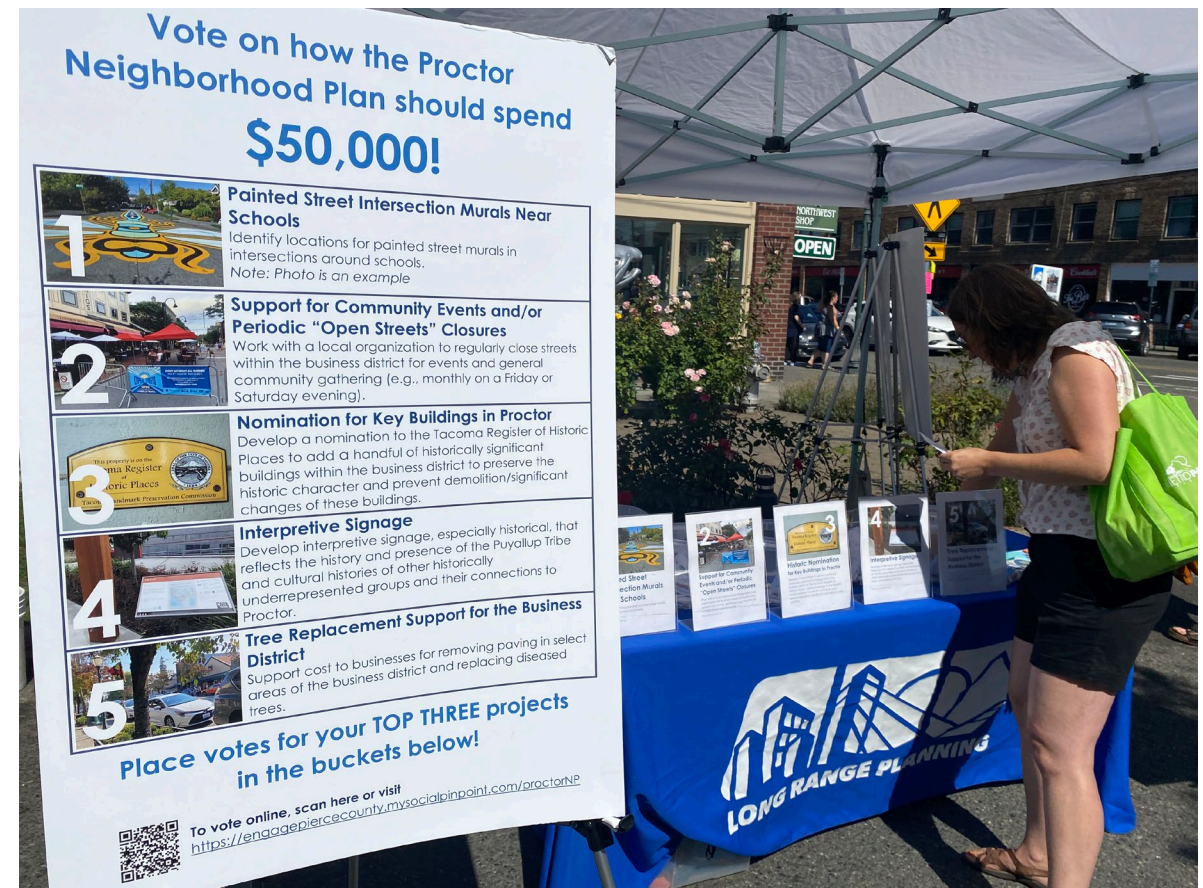
- The Hive Co. Pop-Up – Saturday, September 28, 10 AM to 1 PM





# BOOSTER PROJECT

- **\$50,000 for implementation of community priorities**
- **Select 3-5 projects for voting**
  - Steering group to determine how many projects to fund
- **Community 'participatory budgeting' process:**
  - Online and in-person voting
  - Each person gets X number of votes

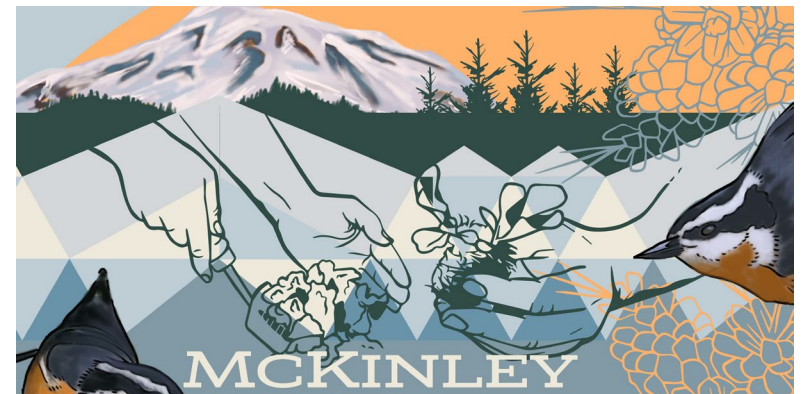


# McKinley Examples

## Quick wins and co-creation:

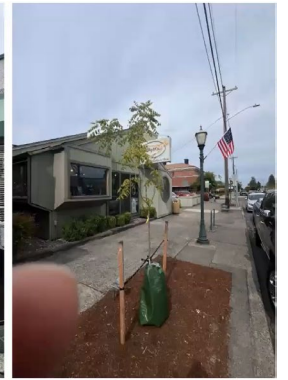
Booster! ★ Intersection enhancement and street mural at East Division Lane and McKinley Avenue

- Tree planting – over 200 trees planted!
- Two wall murals
- Water bottle filling station
- Red curb painting





# Proctor Examples



- ★ **Business District Tree Planting** – \$25,000 of the booster grant went toward replacing diseased trees in the Proctor Business District
- ★ **“Open streets” pilot project**, we worked with:
  - La Paloma Market Expansion (La Paloma Market)
  - Family Fun Day (Greentrike and Mason United Methodist Church)
  - Proctor Food Fest (Proctor District Association)
  - Historic Cushman Street Fair (North End Neighborhood Council)
  - *Documenting lessons learned to support open streets in other neighborhoods*



Goal	Booster Opportunity <i>(numbered for convenience, not by priority)</i>
<b>Walkability &amp; Connectivity</b>	1. <b>Improve amenities</b> (e.g. interpretive signage, garbage cans) along the <b>Water Flume Trail</b>
<b>Healthy, Sustainable Environment</b>	2. <b>Host a community depave and tree/landscaping planting</b> (need to select site)
	3. <b>Tree-planting and outreach</b> to increase tree canopy (identify select sites, e.g. along Water Flume, STAR Center, business district corridor)
<b>Active Neighborhood Center</b>	4. <b>Support signature community events</b> , street festivals/pop-up markets, youth-friendly events, history and diversity, and accessible programs
	5. <b>Provide support for small business</b> entrepreneurs/incubator program
<b>Socially Responsible Development</b>	6. <b>Work with property owners to preserve landmark buildings</b> , and/or establish a historic district of parcels with eligible buildings immediately along South Tacoma Way within the Mixed-Use Center



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<b>Green Economic Opportunity</b>	<b>7. Support youth job training, scholarship, mentorship</b> to find access to living-wage and green jobs
<b>Inviting, Accessible, Beautiful</b>	<b>8. Business District entrance/exit signage</b> for placekeeping and placemaking
	<b>9. Plantings or hangings in business district;</b> enhancing South Tacoma's beauty
<b>Celebrating History &amp; Identities</b>	<b>10. Interpretive signage,</b> within business district and/or along the Water Flume Line Trail
<b>Sense of Place &amp; Gathering</b>	<b>11. Pocket parks within Business District using vacant lots,</b> improving tree canopy and semi-public gathering space (need to identify site/owner)
	<b>12. Safe and affordable youth hang out spaces:</b> skatepark; after-school programming; free indoor play places; accessible play spaces
<b>Affordable Community</b>	Need to discuss possible actions – TBD

# FALL EVENT/HOLIDAY DRIVE

## EVENT GOALS:

- Share **draft Plan Actions** with the broader community
- Get feedback on **community booster project** voting
- **Give back** to the community (e.g. holiday food/clothing drive?)
- **Partner** with local organizations
- **Showcase** South Tacoma!

## NEXT STEPS

- Opportunity: **Santa Parade, December 14-15 ?**
- Discuss programming and event details





SPEED  
LIMIT  
25

CROSSWALK

NEXT STEPS



# Next Steps

## Summer Engagement:

- Spread the word on the survey and interactive map, until September 30th
- Volunteer at upcoming pop-up event, September 28
- Focus Groups/Youth Engagement

## Upcoming:

- **Next Meeting:** October: Actions Workshop **(in person)**
- **Cancel November?**
- Booster Grant/Participatory Budgeting
- Fall Event/Holiday Drive: Santa Parade?





# Thank you!

## We look forward to working together.

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