

## South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning

# OPEN HOUSE TABLING

## What's Happening, What's Coming in South Tacoma

At the What's Happening, What's Coming in South Tacoma Open House, many of the roughly 70 attendees took the opportunity to provide input for the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan by putting down sticky notes on display boards (see photos) and filling out individual surveys about South Tacoma's assets, challenges, and opportunities in addition to asking the Neighborhood Planning Team key questions about the planning process.

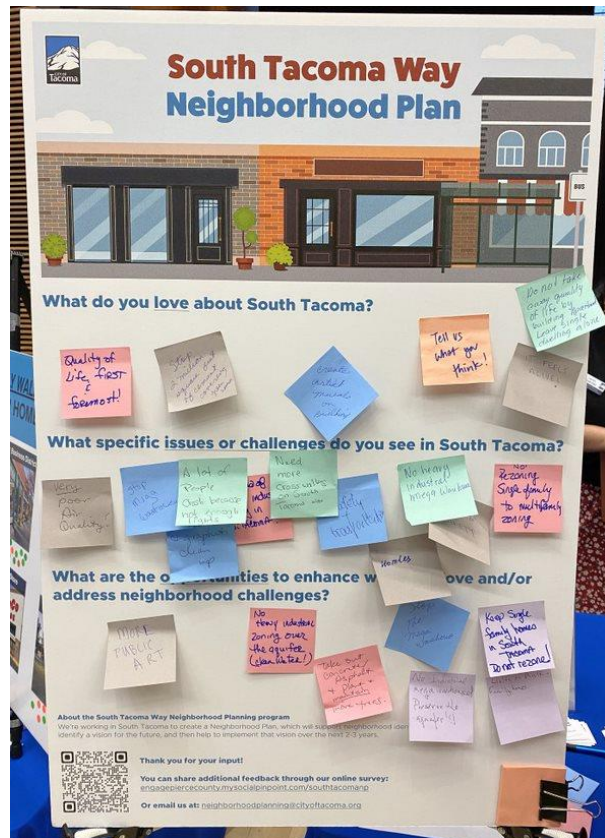
### About the Neighborhood Planning Program

The City of Tacoma's pilot Neighborhood Planning Program enhances planning and development support to help communities create strong, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods. In South Tacoma, the Neighborhood Planning Program will soon be focusing in on priority areas for the emerging South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan derived through community engagement (see what we have heard so far below).

The program begins with a robust community engagement phase, and then moves into implementation of key neighborhood strategies. This open house was part of the first phase of outreach efforts intended to collect feedback on Plan priorities and project ideas. The South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Steering Group will guide the creation of draft priorities based on this feedback, which we will bring back to the community for additional feedback.

### What We Heard

At the open house, we asked participants to share their ideas on the key topics we had heard so far (see below) as well as what they saw as assets, challenges, and opportunities for South Tacoma. Additionally, attendees could fill out surveys in English, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Korean, and Khmer. We received 2 English and 5 Spanish surveys.



<b>Key topic</b>	<b>What we heard</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	STAR Center; vibrancy and quality of life; community art/murals; diversity of home type (both detached single-family and apartments)
<b>CHALLENGES</b>	Street lighting; public safety and vandalism; poverty/homelessness; heavy industrial/environmental concerns; traffic safety; home ownership/renting
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Public art; expand greenspace/limit or remove concrete; maintaining the aquifer

<b>Key topic</b>	<b>What we heard</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION SAFETY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to public transportation</li> <li>• Angled street parking</li> <li>• Support for bike lanes (painted vs. protected, etc.)</li> <li>• Lane reduction on South Tacoma Way</li> <li>• Traffic calming between S 50th St and S 56th St</li> <li>• Improve street lighting for driving visibility and safety</li> <li>• Additional traffic signals/signs</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS DISTRICT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reenforce existing vibrancy</li> <li>• Litter management/removal</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve greenspace quality and quantity</li> <li>• Address environmental and public health impacts</li> </ul>
<b>WALKABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve sidewalk quality and connectivity</li> </ul>
<b>SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community art projects</li> <li>• Car shows</li> <li>• Preserve community character</li> </ul>
<b>PERSONAL SAFETY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More police presence</li> <li>• Improve street lighting</li> <li>• Address homelessness</li> </ul>
<b>SPACE FOR GATHERING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase parks/greenspace</li> </ul>
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No heavy industrial zoning over the aquifer”</li> <li>• “No heavy industrial mega warehouse”</li> <li>• Enforce nuisance codes</li> <li>• Maintain housing types in South Tacoma</li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free gyms for youth</li> <li>• Activities for young people</li> <li>• Resources for disadvantaged people</li> <li>• Senior centers and services</li> </ul>





# South Tacoma Way Neighborhood Plan



## What do you love about South Tacoma?

Quality of life first & foremost!

Stop 2 million of...  
to...  
to...

create better trails on...  
walkways

Tell us what you think!

Do not take away quality of life by building...  
Leave single dwelling as one

FEEL ALIVE!

## What specific issues or challenges do you see in South Tacoma?

Very poor Air Quality!

stop...  
walkways

A lot of people...  
Crash because not enough lights

Need more crosswalks on South Tacoma way

No heavy industrial...  
highway

To have more safety and a solution to...

clean up

Wheels

stop...  
walkways

## What are the opportunities to enhance what you love and/or address neighborhood challenges?

MORE PUBLIC ART

No heavy industrial zoning over the quarter (clean water!)

Keep Single family homes in South Tacoma. Do not rezone!

More...  
walkways

More...  
walkways

No...  
walkways

**About the South Tacoma Way Neighborhood Planning program**  
We're working in South Tacoma to create a Neighborhood Plan, which will support neighborhood identity, identify a vision for the future, and then help to implement that vision over the next 2-3 years.



Thank you for your input!

You can share additional feedback through our online survey: [engage.piercecounty.gov/socialpinpoint.com/southtacomanp](https://engage.piercecounty.gov/socialpinpoint.com/southtacomanp)

Or email us at: [neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:neighborhoodplanning@cityoftacoma.org)



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## What we've been hearing:

**Transportation safety:** concerns about speeding vehicles; desire for traffic calming

**Support for business district:** neighbors enjoy the local commercial spaces, but would like to see more vibrancy

**Environment:** neighbors are concerned about local air and water quality, as well as potential environmental impacts of new industrial development

**Walkability and connectivity:** desire for a complete sidewalk network and better pedestrian infrastructure, as well as multimodal connections in and out of the neighborhood

**Sense of community and identity:** friendly neighbors, pride in South Tacoma's rich and diverse history, questions about the center of the neighborhood

**Personal safety:** neighbors are concerned about crime and impacts on local businesses

**Space for gathering:** South Tacoma could benefit from more access to indoor and outdoor community space

**Development:** concerns about potential impacts of new development, such as loss of affordability

**Resources:** neighbors could benefit from easier access to essential businesses, such as grocery stores

## Tell us what you think!

Stop the sign  
walkway

Leave a note!

Get rid of bus stops

down to one lane more parking

Signs for way (hand-drawn)

Signs that say "no parking" - car safety guide

Signs about crime

Signs about Mya's walkway

my air quality at my house in So Tacoma - please have Air Quality tested & do something to improve it

(Screen was for class 2 weeks prior to this sample.)



