Proctor Neighborhood Plan – Priority Areas Survey Summary

July 2023

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. The program begins with a robust community engagement phase, and then moves into implementation of key neighborhood strategies.

After hearing from you and your neighbors through our interactive map, initial survey, and outreach at the Farmers’ Market, Library, University of Puget Sound, and community events, the Proctor Neighborhood Plan is focusing in on five priority areas:

- Outdoor community space
- Human-scale design
- Climate adaptation and sustainability
- Affordability of housing and commercial spaces
- Pedestrian safety and comfort

To further narrow in on the scope of the Proctor Neighborhood Plan, this survey was an opportunity for the community to respond to these priorities and share ideas for actions that should be included. Project ideas could be actionable steps for Proctor to take right away, long term goals or policies, or anything in between. Between February and June 2023, the survey received 214 responses; this document outlines and summarizes the responses and major themes that emerged.

The responses to this survey, as well as other feedback from community engagement, were shared with the Proctor Neighborhood Plan Steering Group in order to inform their prioritization process for the Neighborhood Plan. The next phase of engagement will collect feedback on the draft Plan actions.
Survey Questions and Response Summaries

1. How important is the following priority to you on a scale of 1 to 5? *Note: 1 is least important and 5 is most important*

Outdoor Community Space: Identify opportunities for outdoor community space

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| Answered | 134 |
| Skipped | 80 |

2. What outdoor community spaces would you like to see in Proctor? Select all that apply:
   - Festival street on N 27th St (pedestrian-only block on some days/times or permanently)
   - More outdoor seating (unaffiliated with a business)
   - Pocket parks
   - New amenities (for example, restrooms, benches, or public art) at existing parks
   - Better utilization of existing outdoor spaces at schools and library
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Skipped: 12
3. What other project ideas do you have for achieving this priority? If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.

The most common responses address opportunities for community space at the Cushman and Adams Substations site:

- General desire to use the site for community space and/or community gathering
- General desire for green space and/or park on the site
- Suggestions for sport courts, dog park, classes, market space, pool, and playground

The second most common area of feedback was in support of bicycle and pedestrian safety:

- Suggestions for protected bike lanes, bike parking, bike paths and trails
  - One comment specifically requested “removing the turn lanes and one side of street parking on Proctor but for sure on 26th (in the main central business area of Proctor) and scooting traffic over to one side to accommodate more human use maybe a bike lane and more sidewalk level seating on the other side.”
- Suggestions for wider sidewalks, larger pedestrian areas, streets closed to cars/dedicated bike and pedestrian streets/streets that discourage through traffic, lighted crosswalks, sidewalks that are accessible for people with disabilities, brick pavers
- Suggestions for traffic calming, including signage, speed bumps, and a divider with trees
- Comments specific to N 26th St were closing the street to car traffic and preventing cars from turning when pedestrians have a walk sign

Many comments suggested project ideas involving seating:

- General desire for seating, in connection with the Farmers’ Market, Business District, and restaurants
- Combining street closures with opportunities for outdoor dining, seating, and play
- One comment suggested porch swings at the Library
- One comment suggested covered tables

Several comments shared specific feedback on the idea of closing streets to cars:

- Feedback on the location of closure. One comment suggested the closure of N 26th St to cars. Other comments shared feedback on the idea of closing N 27th St to cars. Some comments shared that they were not in support of this location, in some cases because the location does not have enough street-level activity.
  - One comment specifically wrote: “If you were to close N 27th to cars permanently, you would want to create more of a draw to that space so as to utilize the space on non market days. There isn’t a reason to hang out on that street unless the market is going, currently.”
Another wrote: “I like the ‘festival street’ idea in theory, but doing so on 27th may not be in line with what currently exists in Proctor - there are few businesses/restaurants on that street that would support a full-time festival street, and this transition would also remove a large number of parking spaces in the area, which could exacerbate that issue. As such, I fear that a full-time festival street on 27th would be underutilized.”

- Feedback on the time and frequency of closure. One comment suggested only closing the street on Farmers’ Market days, one comment suggested once a month, and one comment suggested Saturdays and Sundays.

- Other feedback on this idea:
  - Make sure that street closures consider access for people with disabilities and businesses
  - It is difficult to picture the use of a festival street
  - Would prioritize space used for outdoor seating over parking
  - Coordinate festival street with seating and potentially food truck space

Several responses included project ideas for streetscape amenities:
- Benches, art installations, flower baskets on light poles, planters and flowers, trees, overhead weather protection, and string lights

Several responses suggested community events:
- Food trucks, art walk, Taste of Tacoma, block parties and cultural festivals, community evening activities (cooking, gardening, and birding classes), night market, and changes to holiday decorations

Several comments addressed parking:
- General desire to maintain existing parking or add more parking
- One comment expressed specific interest in multi-story parking

Many comments mentioned Puget Park; specifically, comments expressed a desire for:
- Greater visibility from the road, restrooms, fencing, overhead cover, and a small parking lot on N 36th St

Many comments suggested ideas for new park amenities:
- Many comments suggested a dog park and one more broadly suggested safe spaces for pets
- Community center, park, playground, and parklets
- Specific requests for a parklet on N 27th St and to expand the plaza at Wheelock Library
- Recreation options such as sport courts, disc golf, and a pool
Some comments mentioned outdoor spaces on Mason and Union Avenues specifically:
- Two comments suggested paved paths on the boulevards
- One comment suggested outdoor art on Mason Path
- One comment suggested mini parks along Union Ave

Feedback on project ideas:
- Several comments focused on maintenance, crime, and safety in public spaces, particularly regarding restrooms and encampments
- One comment suggested taking no action on this priority
- One comment shared that dog waste is not an issue in their view
- One comment suggested a focus on spaces on side streets where traffic is slower

Other miscellaneous comments:
- Keep open land undeveloped, keep historic homes, only develop multifamily housing along N Proctor St, improve public transit, increase access to school grounds, increase access to apartment building rooftops
4. How important is the following priority to you on a scale of 1 to 5? *Note: 1 is least important and 5 is most important*

**Human scale design: Ensure design elements of housing and commercial spaces are responsive to the neighborhood**

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5. What projects or actions should Proctor pursue to enhance the human scale and responsiveness of the built environment? Select all that apply:

- Murals on blank walls
- Large windows and/or more active window displays
- Wayfinding signage
- Informational signage about community events
- Interpretive signage about Proctor history
- Landmarking historic buildings or other historic preservation projects
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6. What other project ideas do you have for achieving this priority? If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.
The most common responses addressed priorities for the design of new development in Proctor:

- General desire for new development to be well-designed and high quality
- New development that matches the neighborhood in terms of personality, consistency, cohesion, charm, and/or relationship to historic buildings
- Street-level design including trees and landscaping, wider sidewalks, and accessible and sensory-friendly design
- Architectural considerations such as height, setbacks, transitions, typology, scale, and/or bulk as priorities for design
- Some comments specifically identified understanding new development’s impact on daylight, wind, and/or shade
- One comment suggested capturing these ideas in design guidelines

Several comments also identified amenities they would like to see accompanying new development in Proctor:

- Parking. One comment specified belowground parking
- Considerations for commercial uses: smaller and flexible spaces, active storefronts, and affordable spaces
- Community assets: picnic tables, gathering space, covered outdoor seating, spaces for kids, and a ground floor community center

The second most common response addressed history and historic preservation:

- General desire for the preservation of historic buildings throughout Proctor, with specific suggestions to explore the possibility of an historic or conservation district, conduct outreach to property owners for potential historic listings, listing priority buildings, prevent demolition of historic buildings, and following the recommendations of the Proctor Survey and Inventory Report
- Additional comments suggesting signage, walking tours, educational meetings, adaptive reuse, and infill development as ways to forward historic preservation goals
- Some comments broadly prioritized historic buildings and others mentioned specific locations: the Blue Mouse Theatre, Cushman and Adams Substations, and Craftsman homes

Some comments shared feedback on the priority of historic preservation:

- The importance of balancing priorities of housing and historic preservation
  - One comment wrote: “We need to preserve the charm and character that drew most of us to this neighborhood while finding ways to make it accessible to more people.”
- One comment wrote that they prioritize preserving buildings over adding signage, and another wrote that they prefer signage over preserving buildings
- One comment wrote that they believe very few buildings in Proctor are worth landmarking
Some comments addressed the priority of art:

- Specific requests for art which portrays underrepresented histories, indigenous history and culture, Proctor history, and local businesses’ histories.
- Support for public art, local artists, statues, art walks, and murals. Two comments specifically suggested murals in alleys.
- Feedback that murals can be difficult to maintain, that community feedback and contribution should be included in mural selection and implementation, and a request for a specific artist.

Other miscellaneous comments:

- Two comments do not share this as a priority.
- One comment wrote that the meaning of “human-scale design” is unclear.
- Suggestions to consider noise and events in combination with this priority.
7. How important is the following priority to you on a scale of 1 to 5? *Note: 1 is least important and 5 is most important*

**Promote climate adaptation and neighborhood sustainability**

| Priority: Promote climate adaptation and neighborhood sustainability |
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| Categories | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Total in each category | 8 | 11 | 4 | 39 | 72 |
| Percentage of answered | 6.0 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 29.1 | 53.7 |
| Answered | 134 |
| Skipped | 80 |

8. What projects or actions should Proctor undertake to adapt to climate change and promote environmental sustainability? Select all that apply:
   - Depaving
   - Tree planting
   - Tree maintenance support
   - Habitat restoration and/or education in parks
   - Alignment with multi-modal transportation and housing density goals
What projects or actions should Proctor undertake to adapt to climate change and promote environmental sustainability? Select all that apply:

- Depaving (replacing pavement with landscaping)
- Tree planting
- Tree maintenance support
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9. What other project ideas do you have for achieving this priority? If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.
The most common responses addressed priorities for green space, stormwater infrastructure, and tree canopy:

- General desire for increased tree canopy and green space
- Depaving and replanting, tree maintenance and care, street trees, tree canopy survey and strategy, tree canopy incentives, large trees, and a median with trees
  - One comment wrote: “Take steps to eliminate useless pavement and increase cooling vegetation between buildings and sidewalks and between sidewalks and streets. Plant larger trees wherever possible. Put sidewalk under power lines and trees on both sides.”
- Feedback that tree canopy also supports goals of walkability and design
- Landscaping, permeable paving, rain gardens and bioswales, bird and bee life, micro-gardens, native plantings, lot coverage maximums, and volunteer maintenance/clean-up

Many comments addressed development:

- Solar panels, green architecture, adaptive reuse of Cushman Substation, and infill development of parking lots
- Coordinating housing growth with transit, bike, and pedestrian improvements
- Some comments suggested less density, fewer apartment buildings, and no more new housing whereas other comments suggested more housing, smaller scale apartment buildings, and more dense housing

Many comments addressed transportation:

- General desire to encourage walking and biking and support bike and pedestrian safety. Sidewalks, bike lanes and paths, pedestrian roads, bike parking, and traffic calming.
- General desire to expand and improve transit. Scheduling fare-free days to coincide with community events, improving bus facilities, and connecting to light rail to discourage driving.
- Four comments suggested electric vehicle charging stations, one comment mentioned car parking, and one comment suggested making parking more difficult to encourage walking, biking, and transit
- Two comments shared feedback that the meaning of “alignment with multi-modal transportation goals” is unclear
- Feedback to consider the tradeoffs between right-of-way designated to mobility projects and landscaping
- Feedback to consider the impacts of closing streets to cars on nearby businesses

Other sustainability topics:

- Public education on sustainability in general, on tree care, and a green living tour of the neighborhood
• Public trash and recycling bins, with a specific request to provide them in Puget Park and the Business District
• Need more information on habitat restoration actions.

Other feedback:
• Four comments wrote that sustainability and climate topics were not a priority for them
• One comment on considering the costs of actions to homeowners
10. How important is the following priority to you on a scale of 1 to 5? *Note: 1 is least important and 5 is most important*

**Affordability: Ensure housing, commercial spaces, and services are affordable and meet the needs of the neighborhood**

| Priority: Ensure housing, commercial spaces, and services are affordable and meet the needs of the neighborhood |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Categories | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Total in each category | 10 | 9 | 6 | 44 | 59 |
| Percentage of answered | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 34.4 | 46.1 |
| Answered | 128 |
| Skipped | 86 |

11. What projects or actions should Proctor pursue for affordable and responsive housing and amenities? Select all that apply:
- Identify missing neighborhood resources
- Support for small and independent businesses
- Support and advocate for citywide affordability goals
- Identify specific affordable housing projects
- Fundraising to create community grants

**What projects or actions should Proctor pursue for affordable and responsive housing and amenities? Select all that apply:**

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<td>Fundraising to create community grants for housing support</td>
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Skipped: 19
12. **What other project ideas do you have for achieving this priority?** If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.

The most common responses addressed the affordability of housing development:

- General feedback that new housing units are too expensive or should be more affordable
- A variety of specific responses about affordability: new development should include affordable units, should be affordable, should be affordable to low-income households, should have low-income housing options, should be attainable, should be subsidized, should have subsidized units, should be public housing, or there should be affordability requirements
- One comment that Proctor buildings should take part in citywide affordability programs
- One comment that developers should not receive tax incentives for building unaffordable units

Many comments specifically addressed the building typologies of housing development:

- Align increased housing density with access to transportation alternatives other than cars, smaller high density residential typologies, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
  - One comment wrote: “Build up not out”
- Infill development near transit, repurposing or converting old or big buildings for housing
  - Three comments specifically suggested Cushman Substation as an opportunity site for future housing development
- Against new apartments or against large buildings
- Suggestions for a Tiny House Village at Mason Methodist
- One suggestion to create zoning for shared housing options

Other comments about housing development:

- Should be good quality, accommodate population growth, follow design guidelines, and coordinate with fixing infrastructure
- Should provide more community benefits through developer requirements or incentives. One comment suggested that there should be no incentives for developers.

Several comments on housing focused on existing housing:

- Rent limits, rent control, or disallowing short-term rental units
- Feedback that property taxes are unaffordable for current homeowners
- Desire for a land trust, affordable housing for middle class families, and condominium units instead of rentals.
Other feedback on housing:

- Proctor should be mixed income, diverse, or should discourage displacement
- Combatting homelessness is a priority
  - One comment wrote: “How does the Proctor District prevent homelessness, and provide services for folks experiencing homelessness?”
- One comment that housing affordability should be addressed at a citywide scale

Many comments focused on support for small and local businesses:

- General support for small and local businesses and preventing their displacement
- Affordability commercial spaces for small and local businesses through rent caps, tax incentives, rent control, incubator spaces, and smaller spaces
  - One comment wrote: “Create space for smaller and more flexible commercial footprints and designs in new construction.”
- One comment suggested advertising support for local businesses
- One comment suggested prioritizing local contractors in development
- One comment that goals of walkability and small businesses support one another

Some comments addressed support for businesses more broadly:

- Suggestions for increased law enforcement or security presence
- Grants for buildings to improve accessibility (ramps, elevators, leveled flooring, etc.)
- Historic signage
- Feedback that additional housing supports goals of a vibrant business district
- Feedback that more information on the demand for retail space in Proctor would inform this priority

Some comments suggested specific commercial uses they would like to see in Proctor:

- General support for active retail uses at the street level. Specific suggestions for a hardware store or tool library, brewery or taproom, more restaurants, varied and useful businesses, BIPOC-owned businesses and diverse food offerings.

Other miscellaneous comments:

- Need to clarify meaning of “identify missing neighborhood resources and services”
- One comment that this should be left up to small businesses
- One comment wrote: “More attention on the little downtown area by Garden Sphere and Terry’s Tavern would be great.”
13. How important is the following priority to you on a scale of 1 to 5? *Note: 1 is least important and 5 is most important*

**Pedestrian Safety and Comfort: Enhance pedestrian safety and access in the business district and around schools**

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14. What projects or actions should Proctor pursue to advance safety and comfort for people walking and rolling? Select all that apply:
- An “all way” crossing on N 26th St
- School pick-up/drop-off changes
- Parking changes
- Repainting crosswalks

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**Answered:** 177  
**Skipped:** 37
15. What other project ideas do you have for achieving this priority? If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.

The most common responses suggested pedestrian safety project ideas:

• General support for adding, repainting, or better marking crosswalks:
  o N Proctor and N 26th, in the Business District, at N 34th near the Montessori School, N Proctor and N 24th, N 25th, N 27th, and N 28th, N 26th and Adams, N 29th between N Mason and N Stevens, between the elementary school and library, across N 21st on N Adams and/or N Washington, N 26th and N Alder, N 30th and N Washington, on N 30th, around Mason Middle School, N Union and N 26th and N 27th, N 21st and N Washington, between grocery stores
  o All way, painted, reflective, with push buttons, materials that don’t require repainting, repainted, signaled crossings (rapid flashing beacons)

• Many comment specifically mentioned lighting:
  o Flashing lights, in-ground crosswalk lighting, lighted crosswalks, better lighting, streetlights, stop lights, reminders to pedestrians to be visible at night
  o Specific locations for flashing lights at crosswalks on N 24th and N 28th and at N Proctor and N 26th
  o One comment wrote: “We also need the warning lights at the pedestrian crossings to be more visible to drivers. Current ones are too far from drivers’ line of sight.”

• General desire for more sidewalks or repaired sidewalks:
  o Specific locations for curb bulb-outs at N 26th and N Proctor, N 27th and N Proctor, N 28th and N Proctor, and N Adams and N Proctor, complete the sidewalks in neighborhoods between N Proctor and N Orchard and N 30th and N 21st, and sidewalk on N 36th to N Ruston Way
  o Raised sidewalks, wider and unblocked sidewalks, awnings over sidewalks in the Business District

• General desire for safe pedestrian spaces and other ideas for pedestrian space:
  o Pedestrianized streets in the Business District or more space outside of businesses
  o Safety concerns at N 26th and N Proctor and N 30th and N Proctor
  o Desire for pedestrian connection to the waterfront and a walking path from Puget Park to the waterfront

Several comments shared feedback about parking:

• Add parking with new development or maintain current amounts of parking
  o One comment wrote: “Change existing parallel parking to angle parking. Require developments to include off-street public parking spaces. Ensure that all new developments have at least 1.5 parking spaces per unit for residents.”

• Suggestions to remove/change parking spaces where they hinder pedestrian safety and visibility
Specific locations at N 34th and N Proctor, N 26th and N Adams, grocery store exits, and alley at Knapp’s

One comment wrote: “Prioritize people over parking”

One comment wrote: “Get rid of angle parking and widen sidewalks and streetscape amenities. Or, reconfigure to back in angle parking.”

Other suggestions: permit parking for residents on main streets, parking for businesses, 2-hour on-street parking, paid parking in the business district, parking garages, better parking options, and assigned parking spots per home

One piece of feedback that there is limited parking on N 27th and N 28th

Several comments shared suggestions for bicycle infrastructure:

Well-marked, dedicated, protected, safe, complete bike lanes

Specific locations at N 26th, N 21st and N Proctor St, N 21st between N Orchard and N Alder, on N Proctor St, and complete lanes in neighborhoods between N Proctor and N Orchard and N 30th and N 21st

Incentives to bike

Bike parking, bike racks, bike lane signage, bollards, and bike push buttons on N Mason

Several comments shared ideas for traffic calming:

General desire to slow people driving in Proctor

Specific ideas for lower speed limits in the neighborhood and/or Business District, speed bumps, traffic lights, traffic circles, a sign campaign with local art, speed tables, flashing lights, stop signs, and bulb-outs

Specific locations for traffic calming at N 27th and N Adams, on N Adams between N 21st and N 26th, in residential areas, near schools, on N 21st including the intersection with N Proctor St, on N Proctor St in the Business District, near grocery stores, on N Proctor St between N 25th and N 27th, on N Proctor St and N 25th, and on N Proctor St and N 26th

General desire for traffic law enforcement, specifically around speed limits and pedestrian right-of-way

Many comments specifically mentioned school traffic:

General feedback that there are congestion and pedestrian safety issues around drop-off and pick-up times at the schools as well as one comment on the lack of parking at the library at these times

Ideas on this topic for extending the school zone, encourage other ways of getting to school besides driving, having better school zone signage or other traffic calming, encourage parking in the surrounding neighborhood and walking to school, close streets to cars around Washington Elementary, organize walking groups, and have priority pick-up for carpool

One comment shared feedback that school pick-up and drop-off is well-organized already
Other transportation ideas:

- Suggestions for signs reminding people not to block sidewalks with parked cars and education for drivers
- Feedback that there is low visibility around the grocery stores and an overall need for road maintenance
- Specific ideas about traffic patterns and signals: left turn arrows at N 26th and N Proctor St, reconfigure signals, a turn arrow heading west on N 21st St at N Proctor St, making N 21st St one lane in each direction, traffic coming from Proctor 3 should make left turns only, roundabouts near Mason Middle School
  - One comment suggested: “Directional traffic on N 27th between N Proctor and N Washington; one-way traffic for the alley between N Washington and N Adams; yield signs at the roundabout at N 27th and N Washington; a new roundabout at N 29th and N Washington”

Some comments shared feedback on transit:

- General desire for frequent, reliable, well-utilized, safe, and convenient public transit options
- One suggestion to connect Proctor to other areas of Tacoma via streetcar

Feedback on this priority area and on potential projects or actions:

- Crosswalks are already well-marked, there are plenty of crosswalks in the Business District, and Proctor is already pedestrian-friendly
  - One comment wrote: “Pedestrian safety is important, but you won’t get it by putting in an all-way crossing, changing school drop offs, changing parking or repainting cross walks.”
- Feedback on the idea for an all-way crossing: comments were divided on whether they felt this is a good idea. Some specific comments suggested that this could be trialed during Farmers’ Market days and should be studied for impacts on businesses and surrounding traffic patterns. One comment wrote that while the crossing at N 26th and N Proctor St already works well, an all-way crossing could make the intersection more efficient.
- Other suggestions to move the Farmers’ Market to N 26th and N Proctor St in order to close that intersection to cars, that the area around the grocery stores is a priority, that there should be a focus on safe crossings outside of the Business District as well as within it, and that any changes to use of Cushman Substation should be aligned with pedestrian safety improvements around it

16. Do you want to suggest any priority areas, project ideas, or actions that do not fall into the previous categories? If your idea is associated with a specific location, please let us know where.

Most responses to this question addressed projects related to the categories above and have been included in those sections. However, three responses did not directly fall into the previous categories. They suggested priority areas of:
- Reducing crime
- Increasing police presence
- Stopping illegal drug production and use