

# Welcome!

1. Please take a moment to write down one question you'd like answered tonight about the Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter (TEMS) Site on your post card
1. Return cards to staff prior to the presentation

# Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters (TEMS)

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# Meeting Overview

- City staff and partners will share:
  - An update about the Public Health State of Emergency on Homelessness
  - Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter (TEMS) site operational plan and timeline
  - Key resources for Hilltop area businesses and neighbors during TEMS project
  - How to get involved in TEMS and other efforts to address homelessness
- Attendees have the opportunity to:
  - Get involved
  - Ask questions and share comments

# Public Health State of Emergency Overview

The State of Emergency Ordinance 28637 provides the City the ability to more rapidly adapt policy and allocate funding to provide shelter and resources to people living in encampments in Tacoma

Date	Action
May 6, 2017	Tacoma City Council declares Public Health State of Emergency on Homelessness until December 31, 2017.
May 2017	City provides basic health and safety amenities such as bathrooms and trash services at a large encampment on Portland Ave. This effort was called the “mitigation site.”
June 2017	City sets up the Stability Site at 1423 Puyallup Ave to provide shelter and services for up to 89 individuals living on the streets of Tacoma and closes down the “mitigation site.”
December 2017	Tacoma City Council extends the Public Health State of Emergency through 2018
November 2018	Tacoma City Council extends the Public Health State of Emergency through 2019
November 19, 2019	Tacoma City Council changes the metric for the completion of the State of Emergency from a fixed date until 95% of unsheltered individuals in Tacoma have access to shelter as identified in the Point-in-Time Count for three consecutive years

# Shelter Capacity in Tacoma

- Emergency Sheltering (135 beds)
  - City authorized encampments defined under Public Health State of Emergency Ordinance 28637
- Temporary Sheltering (72 beds)
  - Non-profit or faith based organizations hosting an overnight shelter for up to 185 days (with opportunity to extend) using TMC 13.05
- Permanent Overnight Sheltering (400 beds, *pending 50 in early 2020*)
  - Ongoing permanent shelter operators that provide year round services and have multiple funding sources

# TEMS Site Overview and Timeline

**Tacoma’s Emergency Micro-Shelters (TEMS) at 802 MLK Jr Way is expected to operate for eight months total, including set-up and removal. The site is slated for construction of a mixed use development to begin summer 2020.**

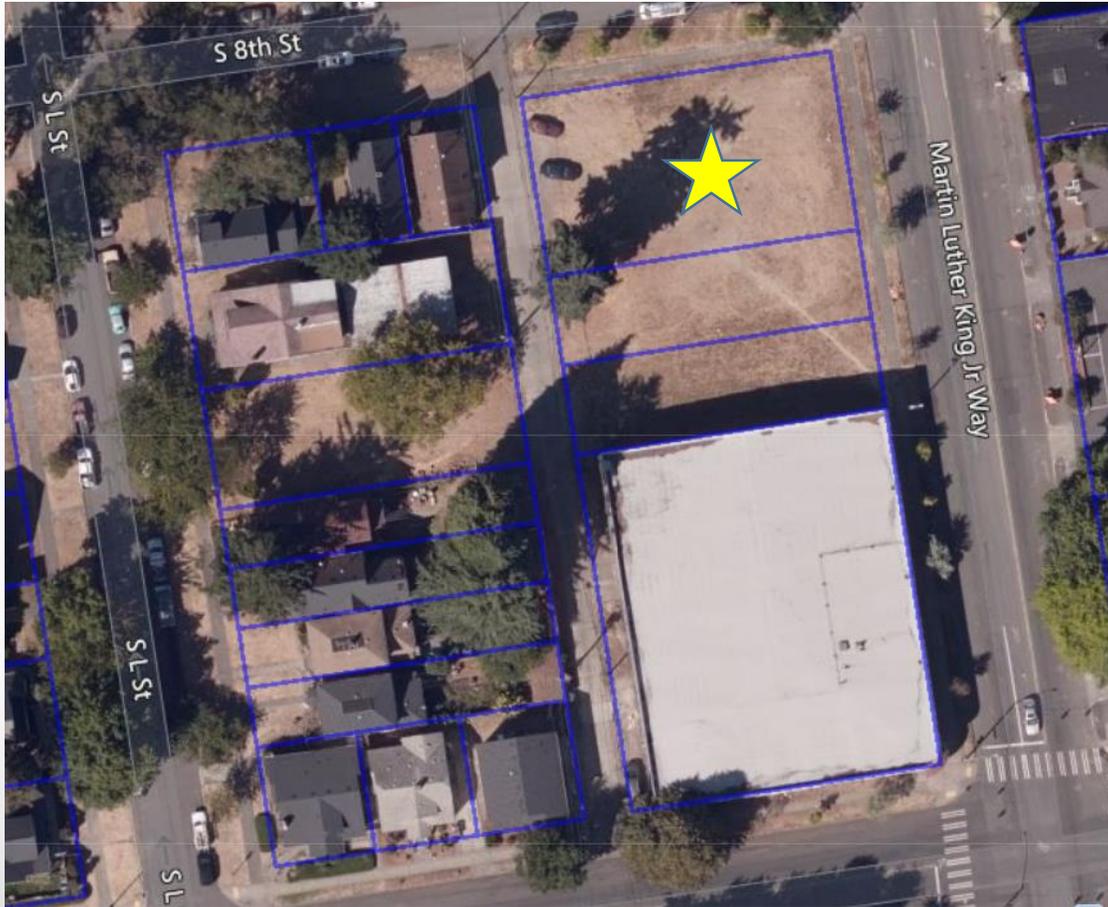
Date	Action
November 7, 2019	City approached Tacoma Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) about the possibility to use the property to provide emergency services to individuals experiencing homelessness
November 13-19, 2019	City staff conducted door-to-door outreach to neighbors about TEMS site proposal and opportunities to provide comment before Council decisions
November 19, 2019	City Council authorized an extension of the Public Health State of Emergency and authorized a City contract of \$388k with Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) to operate the TEMS site for a duration of eight months
November 25, 2019	TEMS site set-up at 802 MLK Jr Way began
December 2019	City staff to finalize additional community services contracts for case management and site support to local services providers that currently serve individuals camping at People’s Park



# TEMS Operational Details

- Project is anticipated to last eight months, including set-up and removal
- Site boundary is fenced
- 24/7 staff on-site and security cameras
- 22 units are expected to shelter up to 35 individuals
- Common area facilities include toilets, a handwashing station, counseling office, communal kitchen/services tent, and trash and recycling
- Operations are expected to cost \$388k for the duration of the project

# TEMS Site Aerial View



802 Martin Luther King Junior Way

# TEMS Site Plan- 802 Martin Luther King Jr Way



★ Main Entrance on MLK Jr Way





# Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)

- The Low Income Housing Institute is a nonprofit housing and service organization. LIHI owns and manages 2,300 affordable apartments
- LIHI operates 3 hygiene centers, or Urban Rest Stops, serving the needs of homeless people with free showers, laundry, and restrooms
- LIHI operates 9 villages in Seattle, and 1 in Olympia that provide shelter to over 1,000 individuals annually
- Over 550 people have moved into permanent housing since 2016
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019, 40% of people who exited 8 Seattle city-funded villages moved into permanent housing, and 24% into transitional housing

# LIHI Villages



Whittier Heights Village in Seattle on City owned property



Tiny House Village in Seattle on church owned property



# Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI)

- Residents will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Conduct
- All micro-shelter units are 8 feet by 12 feet, heated, with electricity, smoke detectors, and furnished
- LIHI will provide staff 24/7 to oversee security and management of the site
- Services are provided by local agencies
- Community members are welcome to volunteer, bring donated food and supplies, and engage with the village staff to ask questions and voice any concerns
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be set up to meet monthly to provide input on operations

# Key Resources

- Contact Homeless Outreach Teams for resource support directly to individuals experiencing homelessness
  - (253) 396-5065
- Contact John Brown for questions or concerns regarding TEMS site operations or activity
  - [John.Brown@lihi.org](mailto:John.Brown@lihi.org) or (206) 945-2201
- Connect with Keegan Buckley for City resources:
  - [kbuckley@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:kbuckley@cityoftacoma.org) or (253) 591-5693

# Get Involved

- Join the TEMS Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
  - Priority application deadline is December 31, 2019
  - All signed up for e-mail updates will receive notification about CAC meeting dates. Meeting agendas and minutes will be posted at [www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments)
- Join convening meetings to identify and establish new temporary shelters in Tacoma
  - Visit [www.mdc-hope.org/temporaryshelters](http://www.mdc-hope.org/temporaryshelters) or call (253) 284-9096

Break into small groups and  
discuss any outstanding  
concerns or questions you'd like  
us to address