



Spotlight on South Tacoma

March 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING; WHAT'S COMING IN SOUTH TACOMA – OPEN HOUSE

Event Summary

Event Description

On March 21, 2024, the City of Tacoma and partner organizations held an open house at the STAR Center to share more about upcoming initiatives in response to community feedback, programs the City is working on to address community concerns, and how to get involved. Sandwiches were provided from Pho V&V's and churros from Pasteles Fino's del Angel, as well as a kids' craft table and Treetops childcare. There were also several language ambassadors present to work with local community members who speak languages other than English.



About Spotlight on South Tacoma

What's Happening; What's Coming in South Tacoma was the third and final event of the [Spotlight on South Tacoma](#) event series. The City of Tacoma's Planning and Development Services Department organized the Spotlight on South Tacoma series to better understand the community's questions, concerns, and vision for the future, and to identify ways that community members can participate in the range of ongoing City of Tacoma and partner projects.

Participation and Partners

There were about 70 attendees in total, and they took the opportunity to speak with representatives from 14 different South Tacoma-focused or citywide programs and projects:

- Council Members Bushnell and Scott – City of Tacoma
- Metro Parks
- Tacoma Tree Foundation
- City of Tacoma, Tacoma Water, and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (Health Impact Assessment)
- Sound Transit (South Tacoma Station Area Access Improvements)
- St. Vincent De Paul, Centro Rendu
- City of Tacoma:
 - Environmental Services (Urban Waters Protection Plan)
 - Public Works (Transportation Master Plan, Safe Routes to School, Vision Zero, Tacoma Streets Initiative)

- Office of Strategy (Community Safety Strategy)
- Planning and Development Services
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - South Tacoma Historic Property Survey
 - South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan
 - Permitting Services

Language Access

A handout detailing summaries of key projects in South Tacoma was available at the event and [online](#) in Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Khmer with community language ambassadors present for in-person interpretation in Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

Next Steps

The intent of the meeting was to provide information to the community about upcoming and ongoing projects in South Tacoma, opportunities for the community to get involved, and give space for the community to provide feedback directly to the City and partners. The individual projects and partners noted above will continue to coordinate internally to ensure that we share community feedback from South Tacoma and collaborate on future opportunities for community involvement. Community feedback provided at the event will also be used to inform future engagement, ongoing projects, and go toward visioning processes for new projects like the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan.



