PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Tacoma is studying potential future uses for the historic Cushman and Adams Substations sites and buildings, and there are several upcoming opportunities to share your feedback.

Tacoma City Council placed Cushman and Adams Substations on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places in 2017. The designation includes the exteriors of both building and the sites surrounding them.

In 2018, a City Council resolution directed the City to engage the community on the future redevelopment of these historic properties. The outreach efforts and the Cushman and Adams Future Use Study were paused in 2020 due to impacts resulting from the pandemic.

In 2024, we restarted the project and are conducting community engagement to collect input on possible redevelopment options throughout the summer and fall. Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is still actively using and maintaining the building and site and has plans to vacate and surplus by 2027, following the construction of an off-site maintenance replacement facility.

PROJECT TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

Mid 2024-2025—Restart community engagement; generate and analyze different use scenarios of the site.

2024-2025—Decision-making about future use begins; permitting and construction of TPU’s off-site replacement maintenance facility.

2027 & Beyond—Tacoma Power vacates the Cushman Substation; implementation of recommended steps.

ABOUT THE REUSE STUDY

During the reuse study, we will hear community feedback and study different opportunities and constraints for the site. Additional considerations will include:

☒ Right of first refusal to local tribes and other surplus property policies
☒ Environmental clean-up of the site
☒ Future ownership and development responsibility

GET INVOLVED

☒ Attend an open house event to learn more and share your feedback, or find us at different community events this summer
☒ Visit our online engagement platform to share your feedback and learn about events: engagepiercecounty. mysocialpinpoint.com/cushmanadams-substation-reuse

For more information and to sign up for project updates, visit: CityofTacoma.org/ Cushman