South Tacoma
Reconnaissance and Intensive Level Historic Property Survey

Public Meeting | October 17, 2023
Project Information

◦ A CLG grant is partially funding this project
◦ As a Certified Local Government (CLG), the City of Tacoma:
  ◦ Maintains a landmarks preservation commission (LPC) and the register of Tacoma Landmarks and historic districts
  ◦ Surveys local historic resources
  ◦ Enforces state and local preservation laws
  ◦ Reviews National Register nominations
  ◦ Provides for public participation in historic preservation activities

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TYPES OF SURVEYS

Reconnaissance and Intensive
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- **Reconnaissance (RLS, first step)**
  - “first-look”
  - Conducted from public right of way
  - Architectural style, materials, and features
  - Exterior photographs
  - Historic use and building type
  - Alterations and integrity
  - Physical description
  - Significance statement, eligibility evaluation based on architectural character
  - Approximate date of construction

- **Intensive (ILS, second step for a short list)**
  - RLS data as well as the following
  - Date of construction based on research
  - Architect/builder name
  - More complete photographic documentation
  - Ownership
  - Historic use
  - Significance statement, thorough based on the resource history and context
SURVEY AREA

South Tacoma Mixed Use Center
Survey Area

- 208 resources, approx.
- Industrial, Commercial, Residential properties and a City park
- Most built between 1889 and 1985
- 20 built in 1990s and 2000s that will not be surveyed due to age
Past Development

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Historic aerials
- Plat records
- Census data
- Newspapers
All historic images courtesy of the Tacoma Public Library – Northwest Room
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1950 Sanborn

Survey area boundary
NEXT STEPS

Research, Data Entry, Survey Report, Public Meetings
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The second public meeting conveying findings and recommendations will occur in July or August of 2024.
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How to Get Involved

- Email landmarks@cityoftacoma.org
- Read more at www.cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation
Additional Resources

How to Research Your Building

• Tacoma Public Library’s NW Room
  • Online ORCA database
  • Sanborn Maps
  • City Directories
  • Clipping files
  • Newspaper archives (microfilm)

• Tacoma Historical Society
  • www.tacomahistory.org
  • Museum, collections, publications