

# McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning COMMUNITY WALK + TALK: Neighborhood Mapping and Walkability in McKinley

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning Program

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Monday, May 9  
6 - 7p.m.

Meet at Parable, 3502 McKinley Ave, Suite A

Event will include an approximately 1-mile  
walk around the neighborhood



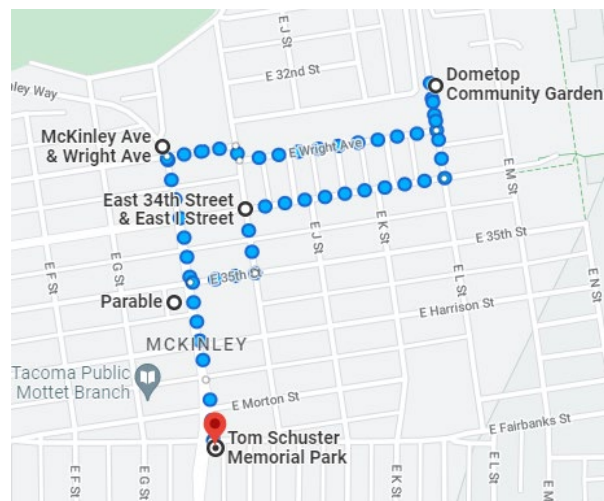
### Event Summary

On May 9, 2022, the City of Tacoma and residents held a community walk event to talk about opportunities to improve walkability, calm traffic, and enhance business district vitality in McKinley Hill. City staff from Public Works and Environmental Services attended to share information about ongoing City of Tacoma programs to calm traffic and enhance the business district, and to hear community input.

About 40 people attended the walk, which started at Parable Tacoma and looped about 1 mile around the neighborhood. Participants also shared feedback via a mapping activity.

### About the Neighborhood Planning Program

This event was part of the City of Tacoma's pilot Neighborhood Planning Program, which provides enhanced planning and development to support communities create strong, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods. In McKinley Hill, the Neighborhood Planning Program is addressing issues such as neighborhood identity and art, business district vitality, traffic calming and walkability, recreation and open space opportunities, community capacity-building, and other special projects as identified by the community.



## What We Heard

Residents shared the following feedback during and after the walk:

### Overall:

- Desire to calm and slow traffic, especially in business district
- Interest in enhancing parking strips to discourage parking, help calm traffic, and provide environmental benefits
  - Drainage issues in some parts of neighborhood (e.g. on E 35th Street on W side of McKinley)

### Business District:

- **Crossings:**
  - Need for red curb painting to discourage parking around corner crossings
  - Repaint crosswalks (E 34th and McKinley, E Division Ln and McKinley)
- **Parking:**
  - Desire for restricted parking for food pickup from businesses
  - Interest in limiting parking time within business district and/or enforcement of blocked sidewalks due to vehicles (E 34th and McKinley)
- **Traffic calming:**
  - Desire for bulb-outs to shorten crossings and/or rain gardens (specific locations: E Division and E McKinley; E 34th and McKinley; E Harrison and McKinley)
  - At E Division Ln, focused traffic calming intervention (light blinking yellow, possible pedestrian refuge island, narrow widest part of street)
- **Other enhancements:**
  - Gateway signage at south end of business district (E Morton/E Division Ln)
  - Wayfinding connection to Mottet Library and Pipeline Trail from McKinley Ave
  - Trash cans (E 34th and McKinley; elsewhere in district)

### Other parts of the neighborhood:

- **Bike Routes:**
  - Bike routes connecting to the West – neither E 34th or E 38th are comfortable routes for people biking
- **E 34th Street**
  - Potholes are a concern
  - 34th Street bridges – need for suicide prevention, higher railings or art/beautification
- **E L Street:**
  - Desire for a better connection to Dome District transit hub, including sidewalks north of E 31st St and across overpass
  - Designated parking along Rogers Park to help narrow street and calm traffic
  - Need for staircase/sidewalk connection across from Rogers Park