

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning

Walkability Committee – Meeting #1

November 3, 2022

AGENDA

- Introductions
- McKinley Neighborhood Planning Background
- E Division Ln and McKinley Intersection
- "Quick Wins" and Red Curb Painting
- Next Steps



MCKINLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

- **Working with you and your neighbors since early 2022**
- **Developing a goal and vision for the future of McKinley**
- **4 focus areas**
- **Moving into implementation:**
 - Project Committees
 - Budget



MCKINLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

- **Community-identified goals:**
 - **Business district vitality**—a strong business district with McKinley's unique sense of place, public art, and amenities for all ages.
 - **Transportation**—to have safe, accessible connections in and out of the neighborhood for people walking, rolling, biking, and on transit.
 - **Open space**—to have abundant, active, and well-maintained greenery and public spaces that contribute to neighborhood identity.
 - **Development**—growth that adds options for food, housing, services, and amenities in the neighborhood.



TIMELINE



Summer 2022

- Prioritize projects
- Engagement events
- Launch project groups

Early Fall 2022

- Bring draft projects and actions to community
- Large public event
- Online platform

Late Fall/ Winter 2023

- Updates to draft plan
- Begin implementation

Spring 2023

- Adoption
- Ongoing implementation

PROJECT COMMITTEES

- **Arts Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** Spaceworks mural project
 - **Future:** Placemaking Plan
- **Walkability Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** Intersection traffic calming; red curb painting; other quick wins
 - **Future:** Streetscape enhancement design
- **Open Space Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** Tree planting outreach, East I Street landscaping, McKinley Overlook activation/design



COMMUNITY BOOSTER PROJECT

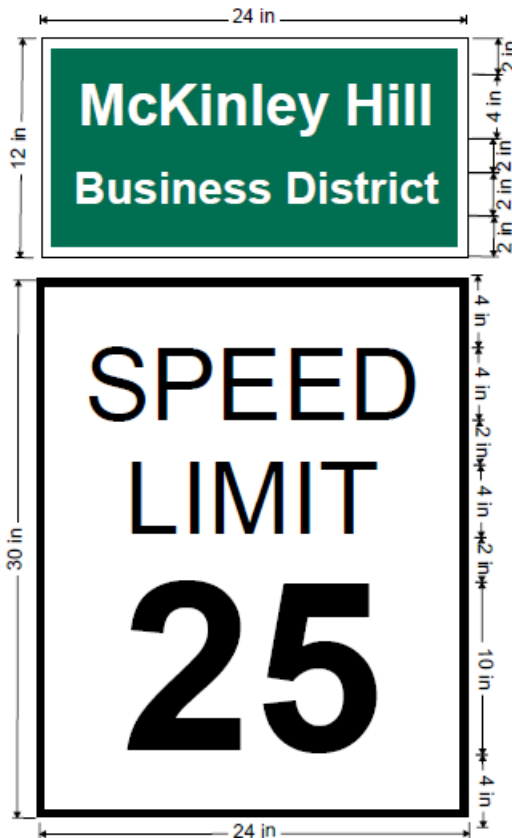


Intersection safety enhancement at East Division Ln and McKinley Ave – Temporary bulb-outs, repainted crosswalk, and painted street mural to calm traffic

E Division Ln and McKinley Ave Intersection – Traffic Calming

- Narrowing roadway to calm traffic into business district
- Artist-designed mural (coordination with Arts committee)

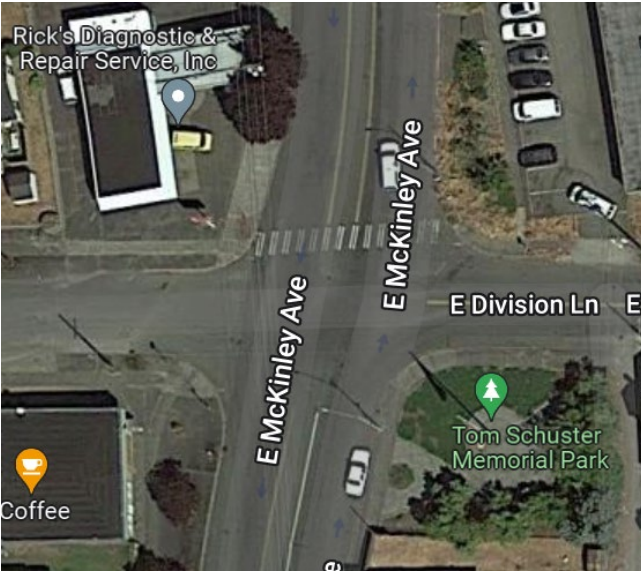
VISION ZERO AND QUICK-BUILD



- Vision Zero focuses on eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes
- Purpose of quick-build projects is to increase safety for vulnerable users and slow drivers down by narrowing the road
- McKinley intersection enhancement will be the first Vision Zero quick-build project

Quick-Build Examples with Art





Opportunities and constraints

- Business driveways
- North crosswalk
- Coordination with Arts Committee and mural
- Other?

**NEXT MEETING:
IN-PERSON SITE
VISIT**



QUICK WINS

Actions	Timeline	Committee	Responsible Party
Bike parking/corral	2022	Business District	Public Works
Drinking water fountains	2022	Business District	TPU
Speed reduction for business district	2022/2023	Business District	Public Works
Wall murals	2022	Arts	Spaceworks
Intersection safety and placemaking at Division and McKinley	2022/2023	Walkability Arts	Public Works Arts Office
Crosswalk re-painting	2022/2023	Walkability	Public Works
Red curb painting	2022/2023	Walkability	Public Works
Utility pole painting	2023	Walkability/Arts	TPU
Storm water stencils	2022	Walkability/Arts	Arts Office
Planting strip improvements on East I St	2022/2023	Open Space	PW
Grit City Trees	2022/ 2023	Open Space	Urban Forestry

RED CURB PAINTING

Walkability Committee:

- Project Limits
 - McKinley Ave
 - Side streets
- Outreach (example to right)
 - Letter/Door hangers
 - Perception of parking loss
- Painting day
 - City staff to oversee painting and to provide materials/equipment
 - Weekend, one day, weather dependent



Dear Community Member,

Recently the 6th Avenue Business District spearheaded a volunteer effort to increase the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers within the district by refreshing the painting of the curbs in no parking areas red. Painting the curbs red makes existing NO PARKING areas more visible to parkers and makes it easier to understand where a vehicle can legally and safely park.

Red curbs = No stopping, standing, or parking.

Where?

In various segments along 6th Ave from N Alder St to State Street, both sides.



Why?

- ⇒ Improves the safety for ALL users of the right of way (streets and sidewalks).
- ⇒ Promotes good parking behaviors through stronger visual cues of NO PARKING areas
- ⇒ Improves usability of our streets and sidewalks for everybody by enhancing sight lines and establishing buffers for our more vulnerable users.
- ⇒ Reduces the number of potential infractions. State law prohibits parking in these areas already, painting the curbs red will help would be parkers make better and more informed decisions.

More info?

For more details on this project, please contact the 6th Ave Business District at:

ON6THAVETACOMA@GMAIL.COM

If you are a resident of the area, this project may increase parking pressures in your neighborhood. We recommend checking out CITYOFTACOMA.ORG/RESIDENTIALPARKINGPROGRAM for more info on options to enhance the livability of your neighborhood.

Thank you!

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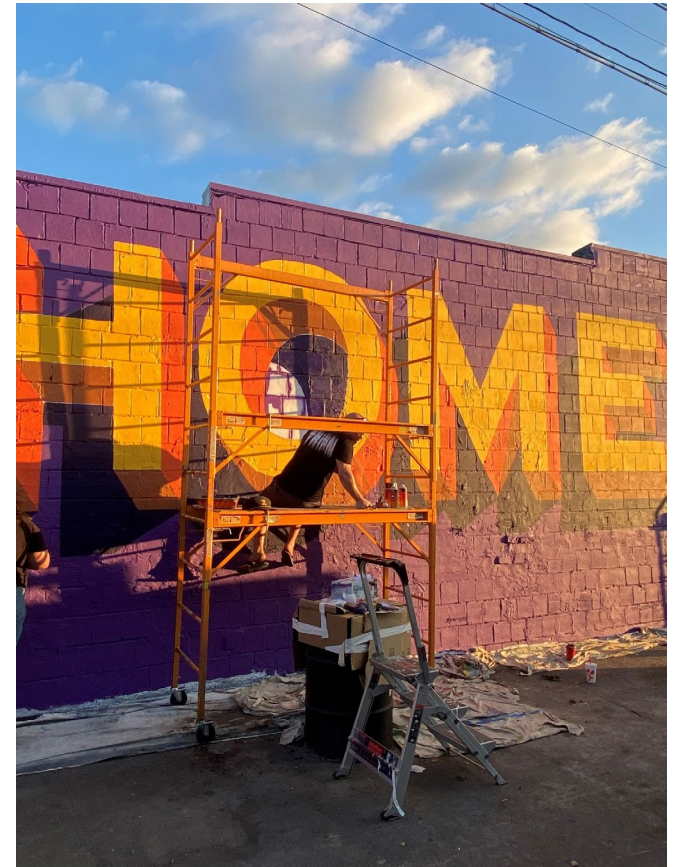
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ARTS COMMITTEE

- **Arts Committee Update:**
 - Spaceworks mural:
 - Interviewed 3 artists
 - Identified location
 - Developing "design brief"



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Open Space Committee: *form this fall*

- Tree planting / Grit City trees outreach
- East I Street landscaping and trees to support traffic calming
- McKinley Overlook activation/design



Draft McKinley Neighborhood Plan Discussion

