

**Proctor District
Neighborhood Planning**

Steering Group Meeting #7

April 13, 2023



AGENDA

- **Welcome and Icebreaker (in chat):**
 - *Did you do anything for Spring Break?*
- **Program Updates**
 - Outreach Recap
 - Open House Event
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Previous Meeting Recap
- **Urban Design Studio Discussion**
- **Q&A**
- **Next Steps**



GOALS

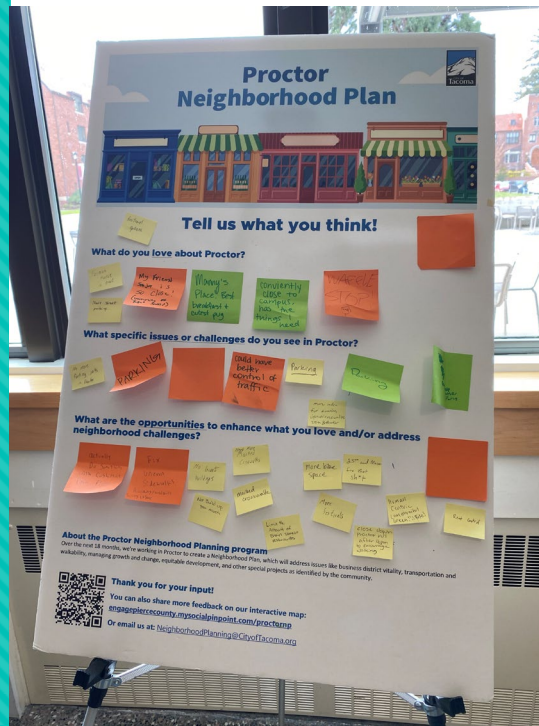
Meeting Goals:

- Share Steering Group updates
- Share Spring Engagement Opportunities
- Discuss Human Scale Design and hear from the Urban Design Program



Engagement Recap

- **Engagement Recap:**
 - Display Board at Library/TPL Events
 - UPS Tabling
 - Online survey still live
 - Interactive map summary coming soon



Depave Update

**Depave and
Plant Trees
with Us!**



Still recruiting business owners through May 1

Timeline (tentative)

- **March 25:** Phase 1 Depave at Masonic: complete!
- **Spring 2023:** Recruit business owners
- **September-October 2023:** Phase 2 Depave and Community Tree Planting
- **Fall 2023 onward:** Ongoing Maintenance

Proctor Neighborhood Plan Open House Event

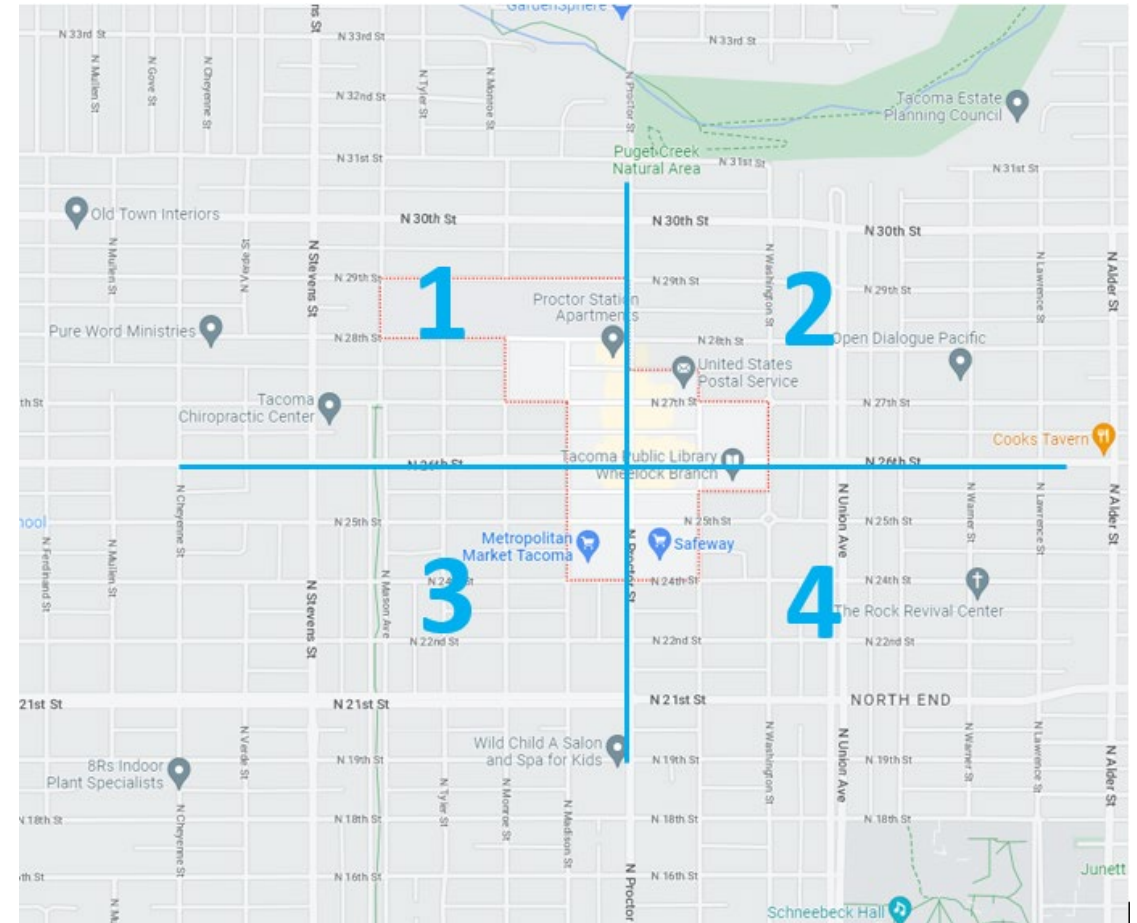
- **June 3, 10am-2pm**
- **Wheelock Library**
- Free coffee/pastries
- Market Bucks giveaways
- Resource tables
- Family craft activities
- Petting zoo
- Russian/Ukrainian resources
- **Any ideas for increasing input/participation?**

Button Ideas:

- I Heart Proctor
- Ask me about the Proctor Neighborhood Plan?
- I Planned in the Proctor Neighborhood Plan!
- Proctor Neighborhood
- Cushman Substation Image

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Jr. Daffodil Parade Tabling**
 - Meet in front of Mason Church
 - April 22, 9am-12pm
 - 2 slots of 1.5 hours each
- **Door-to-Door Outreach**
 - On your own



Month	Topic	Speaker	Engagement
January	Topic Prioritization Part 2 - Update on program/SG meeting timeline; revisit program values		Targeted engagement meetings Library / UPS display Promotions Depave meeting
February	Affordable Housing & Displacement	Home in Tacoma/ Affordable Housing Action Strategy	Targeted engagement meetings
March	Ped Safety & Comfort Depave	Public Works Tacoma Public Schools Traffic Consultant	Door-to-door Online survey with 4 priorities
April	Human Scale Design	Urban Design Studio	Jr. Daffodil Parade, April 22nd Historic Preservation Walk, April 29 th TPL Earth Day Scavenger Hunt
May	Outdoor Community Space, Parks & Trails	Tacoma Public Schools	Tabling/Door to Door Parks Walk & Talk, May 20 th
June	Project Prioritization 1;		Review Public Comments June 3 rd Open House Event
July	Project Prioritization 2		Mailer to promote summer event
August	Project ideas Implementation Discussion (Community Booster Project)		Community Event: Draft Plan Proctor Arts Fest; Farmers' Market table Social Pinpoint
September	Review Community Feedback		Sept. 9 th Cushman Street Fair

MARCH MEETING RECAP: SCHOOLS

Tacoma Public Schools/Safe Routes to School

- School arrival and dismissal plans- SRTS to create a plan and get the word out—Summer 2023
- Employee and staff parking-We can work with TPS staff, if this is of interest
- Painted bus parking—We can work with TPS, if this is of interest
- Painted intersections---We can support this through Neighborhood Planning, if the community agrees
- Enhanced crossings (RRFB, raised crosswalks), we can explore this for a future recommendation
- Hoyt is not eligible for a school zone
- Support for funding for SRTS and Vision Zero
- NPP can work with the schools to host Walk and Roll Days if the school/community wants to
<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=145667>
- May = Walk & Roll (or Bike & Roll) to school Month
- October = Walk & Roll to School Day
- <https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/PublicWorks/SafeRoutes/SRTSActionPlan.pdf>

MARCH MEETING RECAP

Pedestrian Safety Survey Follow-Up – *Questions and comments from you:*

- **Top actions:**
 - All-ways crossing and accessible ped signals at 26th and Proctor
 - Enhanced crossings at key locations
 - Locations for painted intersections and/or traffic circles
 - Festival street (along N 27th St, N. 26th St, or elsewhere)
- **Other ideas:**
 - Regular closures at 26th and Proctor and/or other along Proctor St
 - Walk-to-school encouragement programs
 - Angled parking on side streets
 - Offsite improvements required for developers

What's Next: Prioritization discussion in June

Human Scale Design: What We Heard

12/8 Steering Group Meeting

After reviewing the interactive map, Steering Group breakout groups identified their top priorities. You said:

- Creating public spaces
- The “Proctorness” of Proctor, or the look and feel of the neighborhood
- Outdoor gathering/community space

Interactive Map and Social Pinpoint Survey *(live now – 173 responses to date)*

- Design guidelines
- Informational and/or interpretive signage
- Preventing blank walls
- Treating existing blank walls with murals
- Proctor “Gateway” at 21st and Proctor
- Historic preservation and adaptive reuse
- Public outdoor seating
- Smaller and more flexible retail spaces
- Tree planting and landscaping

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Introduction & Work Overview

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Urban Design Review Program

New development review process for larger developments within Mixed Use Centers.

Code Standards & Requirements

Includes Code amendments as staff leads as well as advisory support for other leads.

Project-level Urban Design Support

Projects include streetscape, public art, open space and other placemaking efforts. Level of support varies project-by-project.

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Neighborhood Plan Support

Urban Design Review Program

- Design guidelines
- Preserve & enhance unique aspects of the Proctor area
- Adaptive reuse

Code Standards & Requirements

- Blank wall requirements
- Smaller, flexible storefront spaces
- Historic preservation

Project-level Urban Design Support

- Creating public gathering spaces – *parks, plazas, “festival street”*
- Street trees, landscaping, etc
- Street furniture – *seating*
- “Gateway” feature
- Signage and wayfinding
- Public art – *murals*

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Urban Design Review: Goals

City Council Direction through Budget Actions and Comprehensive Plan

Improved Design Outcomes:

- Build upon existing design-related regulatory tools
- Add flexibility and promotes innovation

Community Responsiveness:

- Result in context sensitive development reflective of community vision and values
- Provide opportunities for productive public involvement
- Focus on planned growth centers

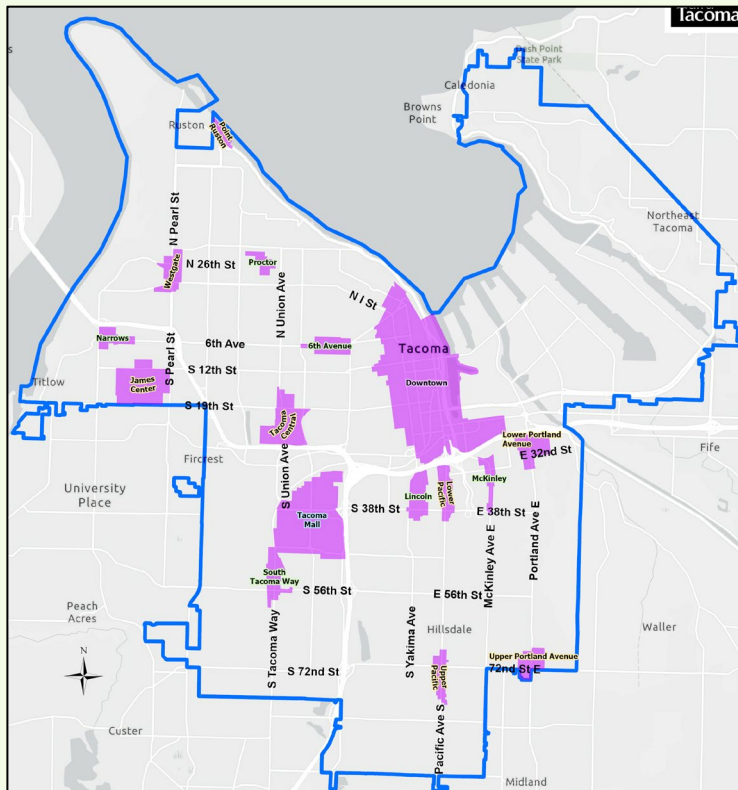
Efficient:

- Integrate with other City processes
- Practical administration
- Understandable and predictable processes and requirements

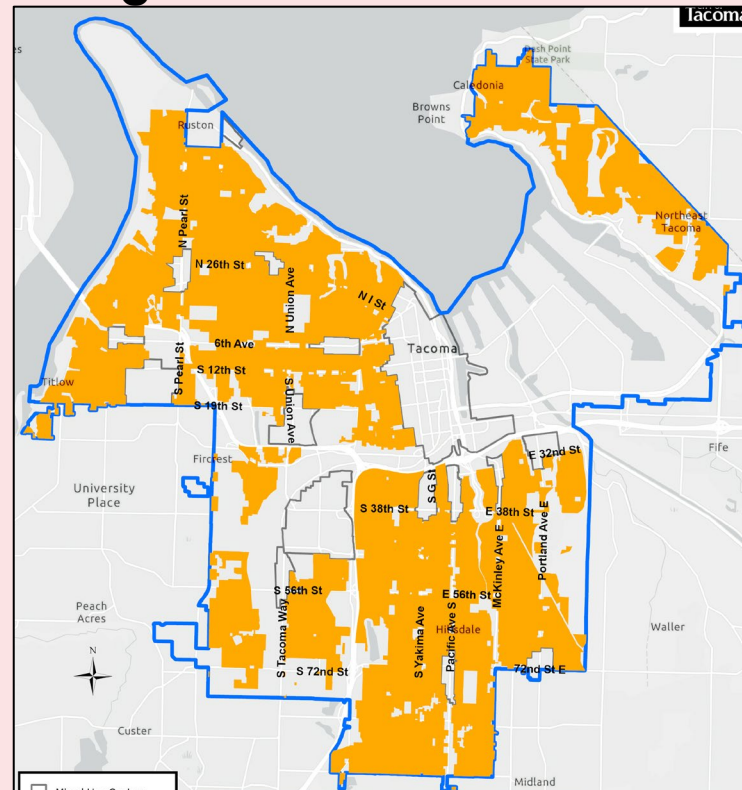
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Urban Design Review: Where it will Apply

It is for: Larger Developments in mapped Mixed Use Centers



It is NOT for: Low and Mid-Scale Housing



Home in Tacoma developing new & revised **Design Standards** for Middle Housing

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Urban Design Review: Priorities and Scope

Focus is on “big picture” opportunities and early guidance on neighborhood and context-sensitive issues of walkability, connectivity, transit, active transport, and climate-smart design.

It is **NOT** an effort to dictate architectural style, colors, details, or finishes.

It **does NOT** change zoning, height, or the number of parking spaces required.

The seven priorities (shown at right) support City policies and reflect community input that prescriptive code standards cannot fully anticipate.

SITE PLANNING

CONNECTIVITY

ARCHITECTURAL COMPOSITION

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OPEN SPACE

CULTURAL VITALITY, HERITAGE & CREATIVITY

CLIMATE RESPONSIVENESS

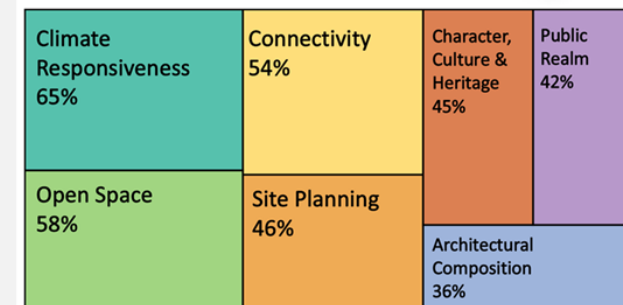
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Urban Design Review: Community Engagement

- ✓ Online open house with 300+ survey responses
- ✓ Presentations at community meetings and neighborhood planning events
- ✓ Stakeholders in ongoing Project Advisory Group represent:
 - ☐ Affordable housing nonprofits working at scale
 - ☐ Housing Authority and Tacoma Public Schools
 - ☐ Downtown development and revitalization
 - ☐ Architecture
 - ☐ Planning Commission
 - ☐ Placemaking and urban design
 - ☐ Green Building

What are community priorities for Urban Design Review?

An online open house survey of over 300 participants identified higher (and lower) priorities.



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Urban Design Review: Process Thresholds

Mixed Use Center	Smaller Developments: Building Permit Review only	Larger Developments: Administrative-Review	Largest Developments: Board-level Review
Neighborhood Center			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Downtown• Tacoma Mall• Crossroads Center			

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Urban Design Review: Proctor Neighborhood Center

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Urban Design Review Program

*Design Guidelines – Citywide for all mixed use centers
(Neighborhood Centers to Downtown)*

General

- Preserve & enhance unique aspects of the Proctor area

Cultural Vitality, Heritage & Creativity

- Adaptive reuse is encouraged

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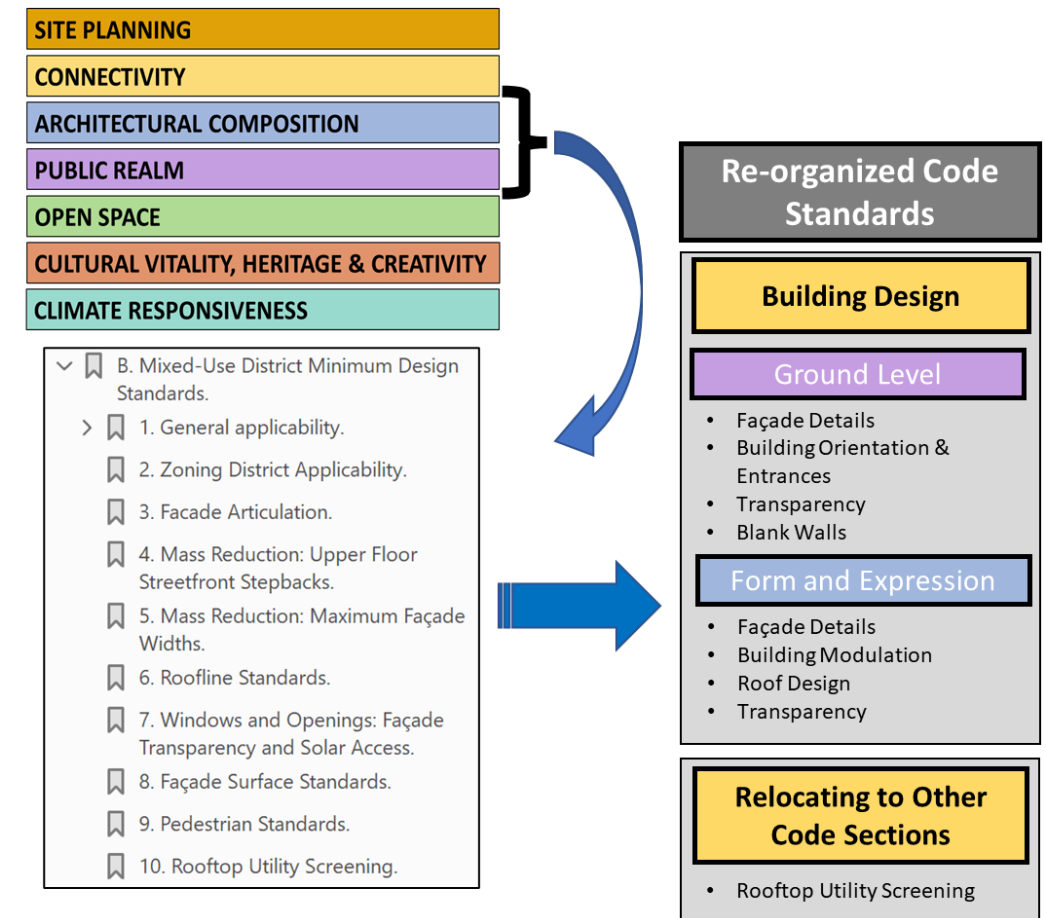
Code Standards & Requirements

Current Code Amendment Package

Limited to Mixed Use & Downtown Districts

- Reorganize & Retool Building Design Standards
- Better align standards between X & Downtown Districts
- Align Maximum Setbacks for Residential Development
- Revise Yard Space exception provisions
- Establish new Residential transition standards

Mixed Use District Building Design Standards



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Code Standards & Requirements

Potential Future Code Amendment Items

Likely focused on Mixed Use & Downtown Districts

- Mixed Use District Height Bonuses
- Downtown District FAR Bonuses, Parking
- Block standards: perimeter, length, mid-block connections

Code Standards & Requirements

Building Design Standards

- Blank wall requirements – *revise existing standards*
- Smaller, flexible storefront spaces – *revise existing related standards*

Landmark Designation & Regulation – Not Urban Design Studio

- Historic preservation

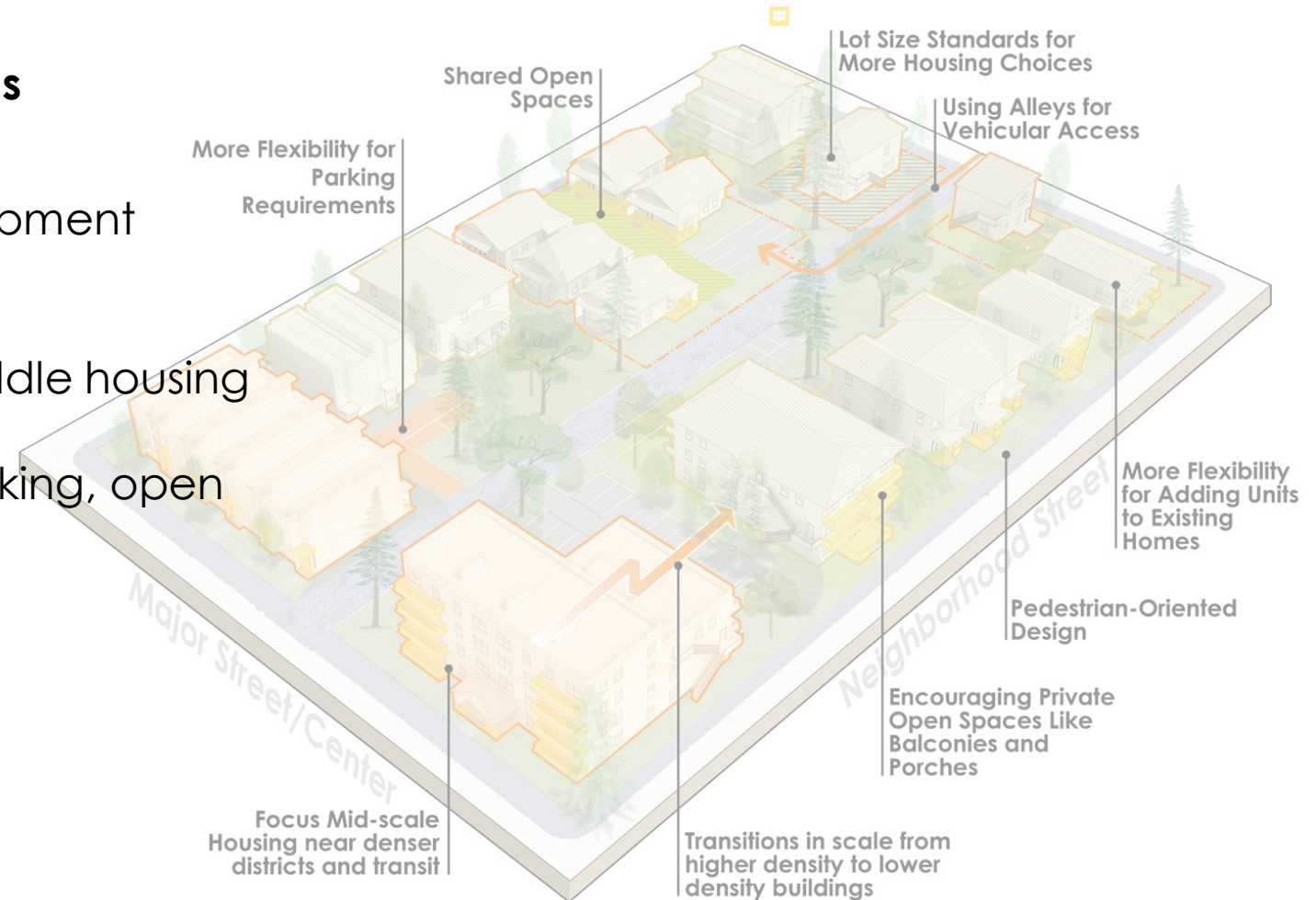
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Low & Mid-Scale Code Amendment Items

Home in Tacoma

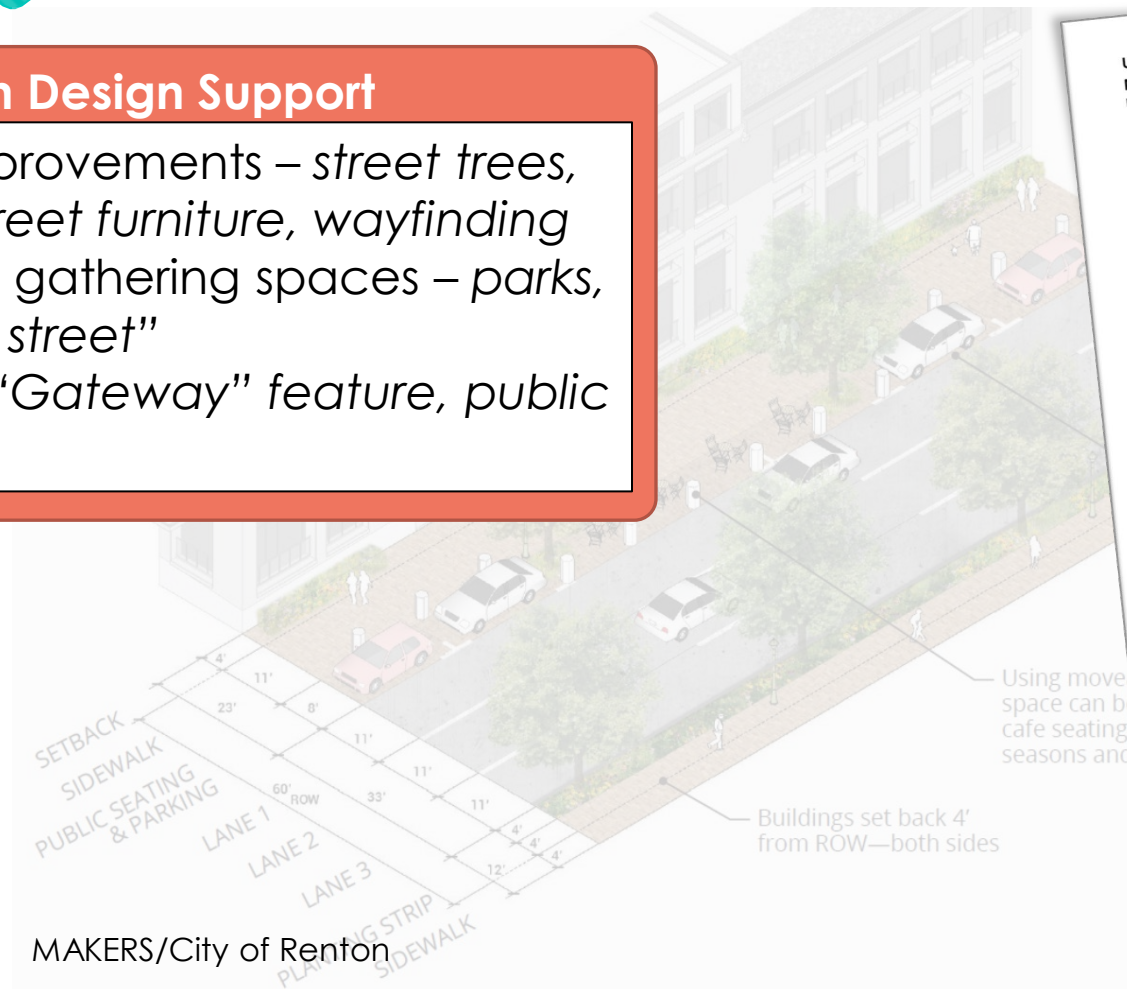
- Establish new zoning districts & development standards
- Revise existing design standards
- Establish new design standards for middle housing types as needed
- Evaluate other relevant standards – parking, open space, access, scale transitions



Urban Design Studio: Project-level Urban Design Support

Project-level Urban Design Support

- Streetscape improvements – *street trees, landscaping, street furniture, wayfinding*
- Creating public gathering spaces – *parks, plazas, “festival street”*
- Placemaking - “Gateway” feature, *public art*



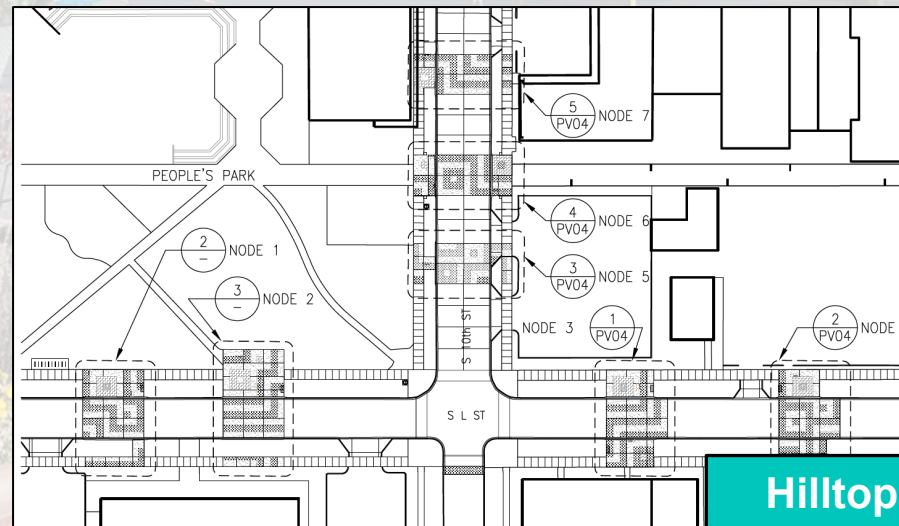
Example: McKinley Ave Streetscape
Project (Spring, 2023)

Urban Design Studio:

Project-level Urban Design Support

Festival Street Precedents

- Lincoln District
- Hilltop (*unfunded/in design*)
- Roberto Maestas/Beacon Hill (*Seattle*)



Thank you!

We look forward to working together.

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