



## Public Comments

**Meeting:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023

**Submittal:** Written comments received at [planning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:planning@cityoftacoma.org)  
by 12:00 noon on the meeting day

**Subjects:** Comments are addressing the following Discussion Item(s) on the agenda:

**F – Pacific Avenue Subarea Plan and EIS (“Picture Pac Ave”)**

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Comments:** One



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Public Comments for April 5, 2023 Planning Commission:

The Mor Furniture and the Pacific Avenue Plans are flawed in that both will be removing vital mature trees, desperately needed in those areas of this city.

Regarding Mor Furniture, I echo the comments from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and WA State from the February 1<sup>st</sup> agenda packet:

TPCHD:

*We appreciate the opportunity to raise the concerns we have about what a change in land use designation would mean to the short and long-term health of those closest to that parcel – the students at Giaudrone Middle School.*

... and from the state:

*The air quality at the subject site is a problem and of concern for the area. The subject site borders Interstate 5 and automobile traffic from the freeway is a primary driver of adverse air quality. According to the Washington State Dept. Of Health Environmental Health Disparities Map shown below, the subject site lies within an area that is in the highest rank (10) for “Diesel Exhaust PM2.5 Emissions” and “PM2.5 Concentration.”*

... however the "staff analysis" then just seems to skip over all the relevance of that information and now, in this week's packet, none of that information has been included.

Regarding the Pacific Avenue plan, please require that any transit expansion must preserve the (over 200) mature trees they are currently planning to remove. The less this Commission protects urban trees, the less livable this city becomes.

Diesel exhaust (from delivery trucks and transit buses) is a serious matter, significantly impacting developing lungs and leaving life-long detrimental effects. This is, once again, an example of environmental injustice, as such plans would never be considered within the more privileged areas of this city.

Reject the Mor Furniture rezoning, and stop rewarding poor land purchase choices with the expectation of bullying the city in bad planning at the expense of public health.

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