



MEMO

To: Tacoma Transportation Commission

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Subject: Home in Tacoma Phase 2

Overview

The City of Tacoma is updating its housing rules to better meet Tacoma’s housing supply, affordability and choice goals. Finding housing is hard, especially for the 40 percent of Tacoma residents who have to pay more than they can afford. Housing gives us a roof over our heads, and connects us with community, jobs, schools and transportation—which matters to our health and wellbeing. Since the 1950s, Tacoma’s rules have restricted the types of housing that can be built, which has limited housing options and contributed to our affordability crisis.

What was decided in Phase 1?

In December 2021, the City Council adopted a new housing growth strategy supporting “middle housing” options (such as cottages, triplexes and multifamily) throughout the city. Allowing middle housing can help address Tacoma’s housing affordability crisis and help neighborhoods to thrive.

- [Home in Tacoma Housing Growth Strategy Map](#)

What is being decided in Phase 2?

In 2023 Tacoma is seeking community input on new rules that will allow “middle” housing citywide. These new rules will address:

- Neighborhood amenities and infrastructure
- Affordability incentives and requirements
- Design of missing middle housing

Questions and Discussion

Staff invites input from the Transportation Commission on two key questions:

1. **What impact will Home in Tacoma have on the update of the Transportation Master Plan?**
2. **What impact will Home in Tacoma have on Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School?**
3. **What transportation infrastructure should be prioritized and planned to support the increased density?**

More Information

- [City of Tacoma Home in Tacoma](#)