



MEMO

To: Tacoma Transportation Commission

From: Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Officer

Date: April 10, 2023

Subject: Climate Action Plan Implementation

Overview of Project

The Tacoma City Council passed [Resolution No. 40509](#) in December 2019, declaring a climate emergency in Tacoma and calling for a transformative climate action plan to reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate impacts we can no longer avoid. From climate impacts, to environmental justice, to health and economic crises – we need to prioritize actions that reduce negative impacts and increase positive opportunities for all our communities, especially those made most vulnerable.

The 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted in November 2021. The Plan describes a pathway for Tacoma to reach its target of net-zero emissions by 2050. It describes the importance of taking transformative climate action now, our people-first approach centering equity and anti-racism, Tacoma's climate action progress, climate strategies to guide us through 2030, and critical actions for 2024 to start us on our path.

CAP Progress Report

The CAP Progress Report is about transparency – sharing both successful progress and areas where we are falling behind. While 2022 is just the first year of three for near-term actions, and indicator targets are set for 2030, measuring how we start and what happens along the way is important. The 2022 Progress Report shows what progress has been made towards targets, status updates, and success stories.

Questions and Discussion

For today's meeting, staff invites input from the Transportation Commission on following questions:

- **What Mobility and Land Use actions are the Transportation Commission's priorities, and how can you share that with Council?**
- **How can the CAP and TMP be coordinated to compliment and reinforce each other?**

More Information

- [Tacoma Climate Action Plan](#)
- [2022 Climate Action Plan Progress Report](#)



MEMO

To: Tacoma Transportation Commission

From: Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: April 12, 2023

Subject: Transportation Master Plan Update – Scoping: Data, Engagement, Commission Comments

Overview of Scoping Assessment

A scoping assessment helps to establish a foundation for the update of the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan. The scoping assessment identifies the issues that are likely to be of most importance and helps to ensure an accurate and complete document. A scoping assessment will be completed for every element of the Comprehensive Plan. Ultimately, the full scoping report will be presented to the Planning Commission for a vote.

Timeline for Scoping Assessment

- April: Data, mapping, engagement, and Commissioner input - Discussion and Input
- June: Draft scoping assessment – Discussion and Input
- July-August: Continued input on scoping assessment (internal and external stakeholders)
- September: Final scoping assessment – Transportation Commission Vote

Questions and Discussion

For today's meeting, staff invites input from the Transportation Commission on following items of the scoping assessment. Refer to the draft scoping assessment included as an attachment. (Note this is not the complete scoping assessment but only the sections receiving comment at the April meeting.)

1. **Related Public Projects and Engagement Opportunities:** What concurrent projects and engagement opportunities should be considered?
2. **Data and Mapping:** What new data is available that should be considered for analysis and/or inclusion? What data and/or maps are needed to support the update?
3. **Outreach and Engagement:** Who should be involved, and how should they be engaged?
4. **Commissioner Input:** What needs to be strengthened in the update? What is missing? What should be prioritized with the resources currently available?

More Information

City of Tacoma [Transportation Master Plan](#)



ATTACHMENT A: FOR COMMISSIONER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Transportation Element (Transportation Master Plan)

Draft Assessment and Scoping Report
April 2023

Element Overview

The Transportation Master Plan's role is to help the Tacoma community consider its transportation systems, how well they're functioning and what needs, including funding, will be necessary over the next 25 years and beyond. The Transportation Master Plan recommends projects, programs, and strategies aimed at achieving the following goals, as well as encouraging a more vibrant and healthy community where people increasingly choose alternatives to driving alone.

(Current) Goals of the Transportation Master Plan:

GOAL 1. Intergovernmental Coordination and Citizen Participation: *Proactively develop partnerships to best serve all users of the regional transportation system.*

GOAL 2. Community Preservation: *Protect natural, as well as neighborhood, assets to create and connect places where people can live, work, and play in a safe and healthy environment.*

GOAL 3. Multimodal System: *Prioritize the movements of people and goods via modes that have the least environmental impact and greatest contribution to liability in order to build a balanced transportation network that provides mobility options, accessibility, and economic vitality for all across all neighborhoods.*

GOAL 4. Environmental, Fiscal Stewardship, and Social Accountability: *Design an environmentally, socially, and fiscally sustainable transportation system that serves its users through strategic planning efforts, funding, and projects.*

GOAL 5. Transportation Demand Management: *Develop and implement transportation demand management strategies and programs that contribute to the overall effectiveness of the multimodal transportation system.*

GOAL 6. Land Use and Transportation. *Build a transportation network that reinforces Tacoma's land use vision, Vision 2040, and the GMA.*

Project Context

A. Other Related Public Projects and Engagement Opportunities

There are other planning projects occurring at the same time as the update to the Comprehensive Plan and TMP. These efforts present opportunities for collaboration on engagement and will also require coordination to ensure the update reflects the plans.

- Metro Parks Strategic Plan
- Tacoma 2025 Update
- Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan
- Home in Tacoma
- Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update
- Tideflats Sub-Area Plan
- Neighborhood Planning
- UW Tacoma Master Plan
- Four Corners Study
- I-5 Crossings Improvements Study
- South Sound Freight Priority Modeling and Capital Planning
- Puyallup Tribe Comprehensive Plan
- Pierce County and adjacent jurisdictions Comprehensive Plan updates

TC: WHAT IS MISSING? ONLY INCLUDE PLANS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY OR HAPPENING BY DEC. 2024.

B. Data and Mapping

TC: COMMENTS TO ADD?

The following are maps included in the 2015 TMP:

Title	Comments
Tacoma and adjacent communities	
Designated mixed use centers	Update if Comp Plan updates centers
Travel patterns – to and from work	
Walking facilities	Show missing sidewalks vs sidewalks OR no sidewalk layer
Bicycle facilities	
Transit service	
Average daily traffic volume in Port	
Designated heavy haul routes and truck corridors	
Estimated traffic flow and congestion level	
Roadway classification	
Reported collisions (4 maps by crash type)	Better align with VZ maps
Level of Service (year 2040 model)	
Pedestrian priority network – 20-minute walkshed	

Pedestrian trails and shared use path	
Bicycle priority network	
Transit priority network	
High-capacity transit (ST and PT)	
Tacoma streetcar corridor	
Freight priority network	
Auto priority network	
Priority networks (all modes)	

DATA UTILITZED IN CURRENT PLAN

Title	Notes
Historical population	
2040 employment growth	2050 numbers
2040 population growth	2050 numbers
Regional growth centers demographics	
Regional manufacturing/industrial center	
Mode split (2010 and 2030)	Climate Action Plan
Transit intensity levels	
Port economic contribution	
Existing revenues for capital projects	
Revenue from potential additional sources	
Reported crash history	

New data that is available and should be considered for inclusion:

- Equity index
- Census
- DOT Disadvantage Communities
- OTHER?

TC: WHAT ELSE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OR USED?

Outreach and Engagement

The following includes the list of stakeholders that will be involved in the update on the TMP. An engagement plan will be created that guides how and when each stakeholder will be engaged, along with how coordination will occur with the update of the other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

TIER	INVOLVEMENT LEVEL	WHO	
Technical Advisory Committee	Active involvement in Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrie Wilhelme (Lead) • Steve Atkinson (Land Use) • Liz Kaster (Bike, Pedestrian) • Dan Hansen (Engineer) • Elliott Barnett (Housing) • Gail Himes (ADA) • Rachel Barra (Curb Management) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Leslie (modeling, freight) • Lakecia Farmer (Sustainability) • Wesley Rhodes (Pacific Ave, transit) • Sound Transit • Pierce Transit • Port of Tacoma
Decision and Advisory Bodies	Input is key, regular check-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPTAG • PTAG • Sustainable Tacoma Commission • Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities
Key Stakeholders	Engaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police, Fire, Emergency Services • Puyallup Tribe • Port of Tacoma • Chamber of Commerce and other business groups • Higher education institutions • ADA interest groups • Aging in Place interest groups • Mayor’s Youth Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Councils • Business Districts • Safe Streets • Modal interest groups (bike, pedestrian, trails, freight) • Eastside Collective • Cultural and affinity organizations • Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Agency Partners	Consult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjacent cities • Metro Parks • Tacoma Public Schools • TPCHD • Tacoma Rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Ferries • WSDOT • WTSC • Pierce County • PSRC
Everyone Else	Inform/Engage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger community 	

TC: WHO IS MISSING? NAMES OF SPECIFIC GROUPS? IDEAS FOR ENGAGEMENT?