Tacoma Mall Neighborhood

City of Tacoma –
Design Workshops: Sept 21 to 24th
Overview

• Regional Growth Center – jobs and housing
• Vision and identity for neighborhood
• Transportation choices
• Livability and neighborhood amenities
• Urban design framework
• Equity and empowerment
• Economic development
• Sustainability
Design Workshops

- Four days of workshops-iterative approach
- What should growth look like?
- How to support goals?
- Distinctions and commonalities
- Corridors and connections
- Complete neighborhoods
- Catalyst projects
Quality of Life

- Environmental Justice
- Healthy Community with Places to Play
- Celebrate Diversity of the Area
- Develop identity, improve safety
- Area Adjectives
  - Dissolving, Bustling, Thriving, Wonderful, Hopeful, Youthful, Vibrant, Changing
Planning Context

• Vital Economic Engine for Tacoma
• Need Hierarchy of Bike/Ped Thoroughfares
• Important for Stormwater Infiltration
• How to Create Successful Multi-Family Neighborhoods
• Introduce Broader Spectrum of Bldg. Types
• Don’t/Can’t Zone Growth
Placemaking and Sustainability

• Quadrants of Area Quite Different
• Build On Limited Historic Properties
• Make the Mall a Place People Love to Go to
• Human Scale Helps Build Sense of Place
• Consider Linear Parks, Public/Private Partnerships
• Public gathering space for events & celebration
Economic Development

• Lots of multifamily interest, but some barriers
• City actions can catalyze development
• Transit station/park as hub
• Identify market sectors for growth
• Local-serving businesses (grocery)
• Changing retail dynamics – Integrate with neighborhood
Transportation

• Complete the street network (all modes, reconnect the grid)
• Internal network connects quadrants to grid
• Connections to and across Interstate 5
• Integrated bus/rail transit station in central location
• Identify corridors for walking, biking, transit
Four Neighborhoods

¼ mile radius
5 minute walk

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Incremental Transformation: Enhanced connectivity/Place-making
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Street Trees

Parking behind the building line

Attractive Streetlights

Front stoops on the sidewalk
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