



City of Tacoma Mixed-Use Centers Complete Streets Guidelines Project

Focus Group Meeting
October 8, 2008 3:00-5:00 pm
Evergreen Tacoma Campus: 1210 – 6th Avenue, Room 218
On Pierce Transit bus route #1, accessible from #26 and #102

RSVP Requested

Please join us to discuss how Tacoma can “complete” our streets in designated Mixed-Use Centers.

What are Complete Streets?

A national movement is gaining momentum calling for “complete streets” that are designed and operated to enable safe and convenient access for all users and which foster a sense of place in the public realm. Not only all modes of transportation, but people of all ages and abilities must be able to safely and comfortably move along and across a complete street. Complete streets accommodate all users, moving by car, truck, transit, bicycle, wheelchair or foot, and incorporate landscaping, trees and other features which provide both aesthetic and functional benefits.



What are Mixed-Use Centers?

Tacoma’s Mixed-Use Centers are areas that are planned for high density housing, commercial revitalization, pedestrian-friendly development and frequent transit service. While all streets are important, this effort focuses on the Centers because of their role in accommodating new development and their function as neighborhood and regional destinations. The 16 Centers that are part of this review are shown in the map to the left.



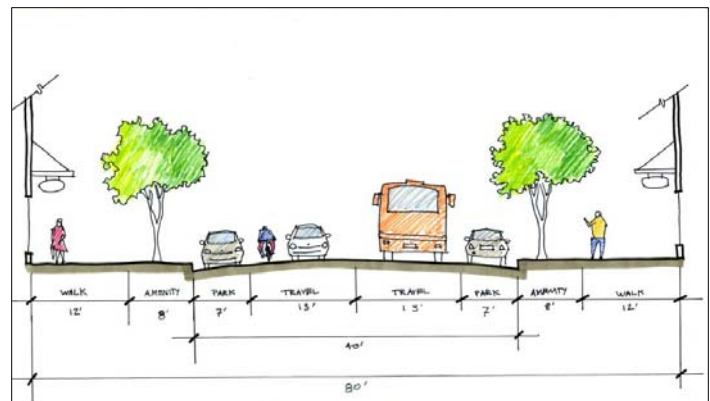
Mixed-Use Centers Complete Streets Project

The City of Tacoma is currently engaged in a study of complete streets principles in Mixed-Use Centers. The City has contracted with AHBL, Inc. and David Evans & Associates, Inc. to assist us.

While the complete streets concept is becoming well-known, there is no “one-size fits all” formula. Each community starts in a different place given existing infrastructure, transportation and land use patterns, community priorities, funding mechanisms and other factors. The purpose of the study is to inform a City Council policy discussion of the opportunities and challenges in Tacoma. The project will develop guidelines for complete streets that, if approved, would be used to direct future street improvements within the Centers.

What is the purpose of this Meeting?

City staff and consultants will present an overview of the project and draft street design guidelines. The majority of the meeting will consist of a workshop format with multiple displays and many opportunities to provide your input.



We are seeking participation from a representative group of stakeholders interested in how streets are designed and built. Many of you participated in the Mobility Taskforce, which met over the course of several years. While the intent is for a smaller focus group, you may invite others whom you feel would contribute. Please RSVP so we know how many to expect.



Thank you, in advance, for participating in this effort. For additional information, contact Elliott Barnett, Urban Planner, at (253) 591-5389, or by email at elliott.barnett@cityoftacoma.org.