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JOINT WORK SESSION



City of Tukwila

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Subject: Re-visioning Tukwila International Boulevard District Work Sessions

Intent and Process

Tukwila is continuing with the required update of its Comprehensive Plan on an element by element basis.¹ There are three remaining elements, one of which is the *Transportation Corridors Element*. For this element, staff is focusing on updating the goals and policies related to the Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB) corridor. Since the element's first adoption, many of the policies and action items for the corridor have been implemented. This current planning effort is to check-in on results of the previous decade and a half and to review the vision for the area in light of any change in conditions or community's desires.

First Steps

Since transforming the TIB area is a high priority for the community², City Council and Planning Commission participation will be more intensive for this Comp Plan element than for previous element updates. To kick-off this effort, two joint work sessions with the City Council and Planning Commission are organized to revisit the vision for the TIB area. The first worksession on January 8th, 2015 will be a hands-on effort, and an urban design consultant will facilitate the discussion and visualization of the area's future as articulated by participants. The second meeting on February 26 will focus on the implications, challenges, and opportunities to achieving the vision, including hearing from market analysts and retail experts. These work sessions will provide a check-in point to make modifications for the future of the TIB area; subsequently, staff will use the adjusted vision and issues raised as the basis for drafting updates to the goals and policies of the TIB Element.

First Joint Work Session

Thursday, 8 January 2015

Tukwila Community Center

Meeting Room A

5:30– 8:30 p.m. (Food will be available at 5:00)

Second Joint Work Session

Late February 2015

Date and Time to be Determined

¹ A Comprehensive Plan update is required by the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.130 (1)).

² As listed in the main objectives for the Comprehensive Plan, heard through community outreach efforts, from TIB Action Committee (TIBAC), and indicated in the City's Strategic Plan 2015-2016 Priorities

Background Report on TIB

The intent of the attached Background Report is to provide a common understanding of the current conditions and key issues within the TIB corridor. The Report outlines the regional goals and policies that provide the context for the City's planning effort, discusses the vision for the TIB corridor, and explains what has been done over the last 15 years that Tukwila has been responsible for the area.

Please take the opportunity to read the Background Report prior to January 8th so that we can have a productive discussion at the first work session.

Future Steps

- After the two work sessions, Staff drafts a recommended update to the TIB goals and policies in the Transportation Corridors Element
- Staff convenes a Community Open House on the draft Element
- Planning Commission reviews the draft Element, holds a public hearing, and forwards their recommended draft Element to the City Council
- City Council reviews the PC-recommended draft Element, holds a public hearing, potentially develops revisions, and adopts a final version