

## VISION

The goals you will find in this Comprehensive Plan are specific and definable accomplishments that express our vision of Tukwila and the community we contemplate for the future. This vision derives from our core values--respect for the past and present, compassion and support for individuals and families, pride of place, and quality opportunities for working, living, and community involvement.

## RESPECT FOR THE PAST AND PRESENT

Tukwila was and will continue as a regional **crossroads**

*(We have had a suggestion to change crossroads to confluence. The concern is that crossroads implies the need to pick a course or make a change and implies a place you go through rather than settle. Confluence suggests the River and implies coming together, a mixing of different elements.)*

Tukwila will continue to be at a confluence given its central location and convenient access to many modes of transportation. Tukwila has long been and remains always been a n essential crossroads for the region. First ~~the~~ Duwamish River, then the Interurban railroad, and later major highways have provided transportation access first for native Americans ~~who used~~ drawn to the river's fish, then for 19th- and early 20th-century immigrants who ~~harvested~~ used the timber and established farms, and now for people who conduct business, shop, or live in this urban area.

New methods of transportation ~~ing people will be developed and located here~~ such as Link Light Rail and bus rapid transit and will be an ~~are~~ important attractors for new investment and should serve our residents while ~~component~~ connecting local and regional travelers and the region.

We honor the past as we move toward the future

Our present institutions and housing, businesses, and public infrastructure facilities have resulted from the efforts of many people to pursue their individual and collective dreams. We honor this past and seek to preserve and enhance our community and environment by dreaming, planning, and investing in our future. We support cultural preservation programs and activities that draw on the strengths of older residents, who provide a direct connection with the past.

## COMPASSION AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

We Support Our Residents

We seek to maintain each neighborhood fairly and equitably so that individuals and families can thrive and reach out to their neighbors. We value the diversity of our residents. We attempt to protect our residents from crime, accidents and illness. We encourage home ownership, and

support both owners and renters in maintaining and improving their homes. We cooperate with residents to improve neighborhood infrastructure. We encourage neighborhood pride and interaction.

### We Support Our Families

We support our families so they can thrive as caretakers for all family members including elders. We encourage their efforts to be self-supporting, responsible members of our community.

### We Support Our Children

Our children are our future. We honor them. We protect them from harmful influences and will provide educational, recreational and other opportunities that enable them to become healthy, responsible adults.

## PRIDE OF PLACE

### We Value Our Environment

We seek to enable our residents to appreciate, participate and enjoy the many benefits from a healthy, thriving natural environment. We seek to protect our shoreline, ~~sensitive areas~~ streams, other natural amenities such as trees, and our historical landmarks. ~~We seek to enable our citizens to appreciate and enjoy our environment.~~

### We Appreciate Our Surroundings

Each distinctive residential neighborhood, commercial area, and manufacturing area contributes to our wholesome living and working experience. We seek to create a natural environment, a physical infrastructure, and a community image that prompts people to respect and care for each other and which attracts newcomers to live, do business, shop in, and enjoy the special features of the City. People who arrive here want to stay here and invest their time and resources in making the community a better place.

## QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING, LIVING, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Thriving ~~A~~and Responsible Businesses

We support a stable, thriving economy that provides quality work experiences and income, and generates revenue for public services. We cooperate with our business community and seek new businesses by supporting their development and necessary infrastructure. In return, we expect them to maintain high standards and participate in attaining our community vision.

## Responsive Government That Respects ~~Individual~~Citizen Rights

We value all our ~~citizen~~residents. We respect the rights of our residents, workers, property owners and visitors to pursue their individual and collective visions, provided that their actions respect the same rights of others. We strive to limit government regulations to those necessary to protect the rights of present and future generations and achieve our community goals. We encourage all members of the community to become actively involved in community affairs, and we provide opportunities for participation in the decisions that affect them.

## We Seek To Provide Opportunities For ~~Citizen~~Residents

We believe that while individuals bear primary responsibility for themselves, -their communities perform a vital role in providing a positive environment, support and growth opportunities. We believe that many opportunities and services are best provided by non-profits, private businesses and voluntary organizations. We encourage these efforts, partner with organizations that help meet the basic needs of our residents and support Tukwila's active spirit of volunteerism. We encourage the social and civic engagement of our older residents who are a tremendous resource and have much to contribute to their communities. We pay special attention to those whose opportunities are limited by circumstances they cannot control, and use our limited resources to develop a solid foundation for all Tukwila residents~~enhance prospects for all citizens who are not otherwise provided for~~.