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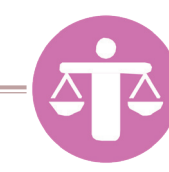
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# TRANSIT STATION AREA PLACEMAKING



## Introduction

By 2040, the City of Tacoma anticipates major growth in population and jobs along the State Route 7 / Pacific Avenue corridor. To make and maintain a city that is livable for all, public transportation must increase, housing options need extensive consideration, and the city needs to take community input into account.

The goal of this Livable City Year partnership was to identify opportunities for placemaking along the Pacific Avenue corridor around two different sites: the intersection of 38th Street and Pacific Avenue, and the intersection 56th Street and Pacific Avenue. We, the students of TCMP 557: Urban Spatial Design, explored this approach through community placemaking sessions, field observations, and online surveys.



*Pierce Transit Route 1 serves the highest ridership in the system.*

## Key Findings

Key findings were derived from the community placemaking sessions, online surveys, field observations and resident feedback. Data highlighted a need for greater connectivity, more parks and green space, attention to unused lots and under-utilized spaces, and a desire for creative engagement opportunities. Seeking to improve livability and connectivity through the themes identified from community input, we developed design guidelines and strategies to enhance the quality of life for community members.



*UWT students, City of Tacoma staff, and community members discuss community assets at a placemaking session held at Lincoln High School.*

## Design Guidelines

Pedestrian- and transit-oriented guidelines are recommended throughout the Pacific Avenue corridor in an effort to foster connectivity, boost active transportation use, and provide opportunities for placemaking, green space, and public art. Recommendations include streetscape improvements and renovations, traffic calming measures, the addition of pocket parks and other environmental features, and the revitalization of Lincoln Park. Recommendations were based on feedback from community, were site specific, and represent the type of cooperative placemaking that we hope the City of Tacoma implements for a stronger, empowered Pacific Avenue community.



*Maker's Quarter Pocket Park in San Diego serves as an example of a green intervention recommendation.*