



# Envision Our Waterfront Tacoma

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# Overview

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# Project Goal

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*Develop a community vision for the Tacoma waterfront and a conceptual design framework and action plan for the Ruston Way segment.*



# Plan Objectives:

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- Use extensive and inclusive citywide outreach techniques and channels to garner meaningful public and stakeholder input and buy in.
- Be visionary, yet rooted in current constraints, opportunities, conditions and realities.
- Unify a shared vision for Ruston Way that connects to Tacoma's entire waterfront geography and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Provide the guidance for long-term collaborative approach to capital improvements to Ruston Way and help leverage future bond, grant, and philanthropic dollars.





# Key Partners and Stakeholders

- Metro Parks Tacoma (Co-lead)
- City of Tacoma (Co-lead)
- **Port of Tacoma**
- Pierce Transit
- Town of Ruston
- Department of Natural Resources
- Puyallup Tribe
- Pierce County
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad (BNSF)



# Key Stakeholders Continued

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- Point Ruston
- Foss Waterway Authority
- Old Town Business District
- Waterfront restaurants
- Downtown on the Go
- Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation COI
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay
- User groups
- Citizen groups
- Neighborhood councils
- And more...



# 2017 Timeline & Milestones

**Launch:  
Downtown  
to Defiance**

9/10/17

**Consultant  
Selections**

November 2017

**MPT Board  
Project  
Budget:  
Appropriation**

9/11/17

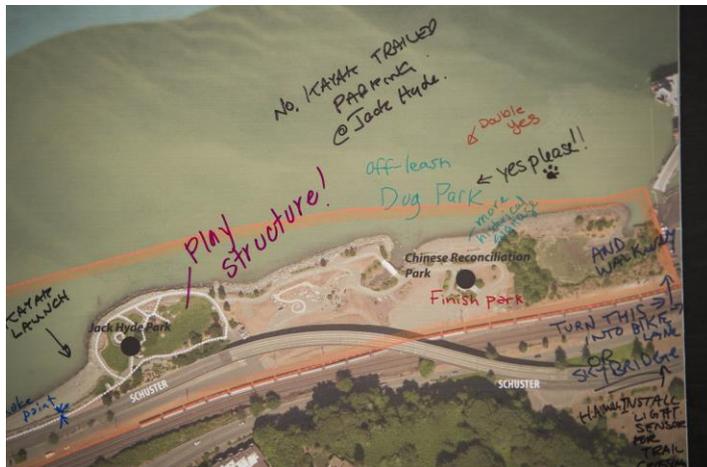
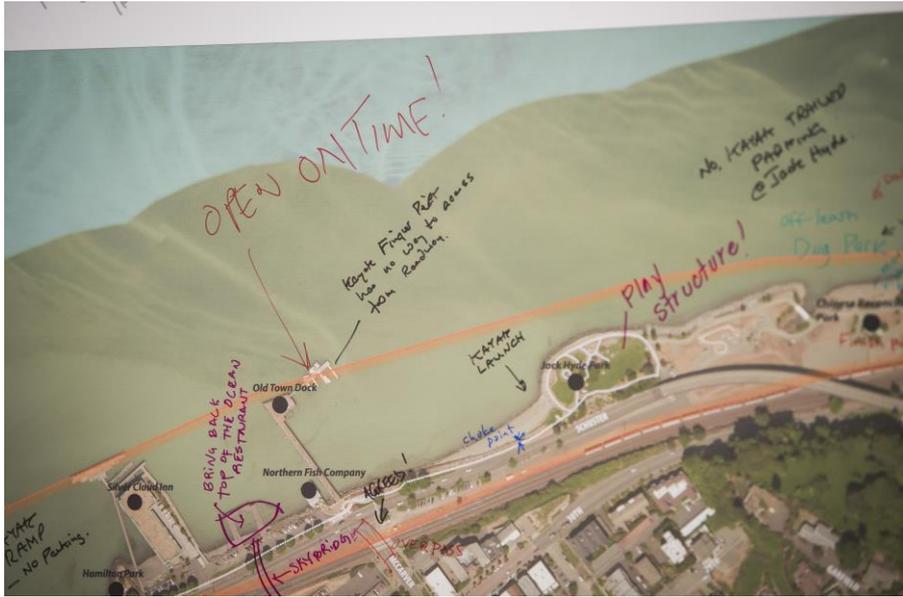
**Project Stakeholder  
Steering Committee:  
Kickoff**

December-Jan





# Downtown to Defiance Launch



# 2018 Timeline & Beyond

- **Design Charrette Early 2018**
- **Continue Stakeholder Meetings**
- **Citywide Public Engagement & Outreach**
- **Community Vision & Action Plan**
  - Draft released for feedback
  - Final plan accepted in Q4 of 2018
- **Implementation Planning Continues**
  - Inform near-term investments
  - Fund development & capital planning
  - Additional technical studies
  - Engineering & design



# Budget & Additional Considerations

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- **Memorandum of Understanding with City**
  - This has been signed by all parties and work is underway
  
- **Budget: \$200,000**
  - \$40,000 – Charrette consultant
  - \$150,000 – A&E technical/design consultant
  - \$10,000 – Communications and meetings
  
- **Sources**
  - \$100,000 – 2014 MPT Capital Bond
  - \$100,000 – City of Tacoma



# Why Port Involvement

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*Our waterfront is an amenity  
our whole city shares:*

- Interaction between recreational, commercial, and industrial assets.
- Opportunities for mitigation, environmental restoration, and partnership.
- Celebrate the history of our city and tell the future story of our working waterfront.



# Envision Our Waterfront

Thoughts, questions, ideas or reactions

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