

GOALS AND POLICIES

Overall Community Design

GOAL 1 A community of inviting neighborhoods and vibrant business districts that are visually attractive, draw visitors, add value to the community and encourage people to walk, bike and use transit.¹

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1. Encourage the creation of locations and facilities where residents of all ages and cultures can gather for activities and events, such as public markets, parades, and festivals, including those that are representative of the City’s diverse population.^{2 3}
2. Capitalize on the potential that public projects, arts, and cultural facilities have for serving as symbols of the community, catalyzing local development, and contributing to a unique sense of place within a neighborhood.⁴
3. Expand the system of incentives, tools, and supports that encourage investment in and maintenance of private and public spaces.⁵
4. Encourage placemaking through creative use of signage, art, landmark designation and improvement, and streetscape improvements.⁶
5. Require that sites have adequate lighting and are designed using crime-reduction principles to increase safety.
6. Seek opportunities to integrate public art into public improvements.

GOAL 2 Design streets to create a cohesive network, including continuous non-motorized improvements that connect to the surrounding business and residential neighborhoods and enhance the visual quality of the community.

7. Where appropriate and feasible, provide lighting, seating, landscaping, and other amenities for sidewalks, walkways, and trails.
8. Provide street lighting where needed and appropriate based on neighborhood context to improve visibility and safety while minimizing light/glare spillover.
9. Maintain, improve, and expand distinctive gateway features located at freeway off-ramps and at City limit lines where they cross major arterial streets; use

¹ 2015 Goal 1.1 and Goal 1.6

² 2015 Policy 1.1.1

³ Too broad – not “clear and objective”

⁴ 2015 Policy 1.1.3

⁵ 2015 Policy 1.1.4

⁶ 2015 Policy 7.7

graphics, orientation maps, informational signage, lighting, specimen trees, plantings with seasonal color, artwork, monument forms, or combinations thereof.

- 10. Promote the planting of street trees and other landscaping standards to enhance corridor appearance, neighborhood identification and streetscape unity.
- 11. Where possible, encourage developments to include pedestrian weather protection, see-through glass, and distinctive rooflines in new and redeveloped building facades.

Tukwila’s Past, Present, and Future

GOAL 3 Paleontological and archaeological artifacts and sites with cultural and Native American significance are protected and preserved.⁷

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- 12. Ensure that the potential for the existence of paleontological and archaeological sites is considered during development of new construction projects.⁸
- 13. Identify and protect archaeological resources and culturally significant sites and develop interpretive information that fosters public appreciation of historical traditions and practices.⁹

GOAL 4 A heritage conserved and interpreted so that Tukwila’s citizens recognize connections with the past and celebrate the diverse cultures represented in the community today.¹⁰

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- 14. Identify, protect, and designate historically significant properties, structures and sites.¹¹
- 15. Provide prominent public art and interpretive markers that celebrate the City’s history of important buildings, sites, events or persons.¹²
- 16. Establish a process for providing incentives for the preservation and reuse of historic landmarks.¹³

⁷ 2015 Goal 1.4
⁸ 2015 Policy 1.4.2
⁹ 2015 Policy 1.4.3
¹⁰ 2015 Goal 1.3
¹¹ 2015 Policy 1.3.1, partial
¹² 2015 Policy 1.3.2
¹³ 2015 Policy 1.3.3

- 17. Develop and implement plans, projects, and programs to protect and promote the historical legacy of the Green River Valley and its natural and built environment.¹⁴
- 18. The Tukwila Arts Commission shall ensure that Tukwila’s characteristics, such as its history and cultural diversity, are considered in public art projects.¹⁵

GOAL 5 The Tukwila community is proud of its cultural diversity, distinctive identity, and unique character.¹⁶

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- 19. City staff and leaders seek opportunities to generate positive media coverage of the community and its attributes.¹⁷
- 20. Promote Tukwila’s international diversity as a strength.¹⁸
- 21. Actively promote community engagement of all sectors of the City’s diverse population using a wide range of innovative methods responsive to variety of communication requirements.¹⁹
- 22. Encourage and support communities in celebrating, preserving, and transmitting their traditions through cultural and heritage activities and education.²⁰
- 23. Develop programs and City-wide events to celebrate the City’s cultural diversity.²¹
- 24. Enhance linkages with the school districts serving Tukwila to recognize and support the strengths of Tukwila’s multi-lingual student body.²²

GOAL 6 A healthy community where active living and access to affordable, culturally appropriate, and nutritious food is available to all.²³

¹⁴ 2015 Policy 1.3.5
¹⁵ 2015 Policy 1.3.6
¹⁶ New goal; partially Goal 1.2
¹⁷ 2015 Policy 1.2.1, partial
¹⁸ 2015 Policy 1.2.3
¹⁹ 2015 Policy 1.2.4
²⁰ 2015 Policy 1.3.6
²¹ 2015 Policy 1.3.7
²² 2015 Policy 1.3.8
²³ 2015 Goal 1.9

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- 25. Encourage the development of public, private and non-profit partnerships to support the goal of healthy eating and active living, including education and awareness.²⁴
- 26. Develop and implement a communication plan and Healthy Tukwila website with information and links about healthy eating, active living, and related topics – including strategies for reaching communities who do not speak English or use computers (e.g., translated written as well as verbal).²⁵
- 27. Provide healthy and culturally appropriate food and beverages in City programs and facilities to promote healthy eating habits.²⁶

GOAL 7 Food security, local food production and public health are promoted.²⁷

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- 28. Explore incentives or regulatory changes to encourage location of healthy food purveyors in underserved areas.²⁸
- 29. Support the Tukwila Food Pantry and other organizations that help provide food assistance to low-income residents so that all families, seniors, schools, and community– based organizations are able to access, purchase and increase intake of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods.³⁰

Tukwila Government - Service to the Community

GOAL 8 Provide a high-performing, service- and results-oriented government that works with citizens, citizens groups, institutions, and service providers to recognize and solve problems within the community.³¹

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- 30. Support the City’s human services program in providing a solid foundation for all Tukwila residents, through high-quality services and actively collaborating with service providers to help meet basic needs and job readiness, including:

²⁴ 2015 Policy 1.9.1
²⁵ 2015 Policy 1.9.2
²⁶ 2015 Policy 1.9.3
²⁷ 2015 Goal 1.10
²⁸ 2015 Policy 1.10.1
²⁹ Moved to Land Use element
³⁰ 2015 Policy 1.10.3
³¹ 2015 Goal 15.1

- Safety net for urgent and basic needs,
 - Positive and healthy relationships,
 - Support for self-sufficiency, and
 - Information referral (and individual-level support, if feasible).³²
31. Enhance and encourage effective partnerships across City departments and with providers to meet community needs.³³
 32. Ensure that land use, urban design, transportation, economic development, and other policies, plans and projects in Tukwila consider human services impacts, and benefit existing and future populations in an equitable manner.³⁴
 33. Promote health, safety, and quality of life through responsive and responsible investment of public funds in social and human services.³⁵
 34. Enable culturally and linguistically appropriate equitable access to programs and services and help connect residents to service options, particularly for those most disproportionately cost-burdened or historically excluded.³⁶
 35. Adopt and use an equity impact review tool when developing plans and policies to test for outcomes that might adversely impact Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low incomes; people with disabilities; and communities with language access needs. Regularly assess the impact of policies and programs to identify actual outcomes and adapt as needed to achieve intended goals.³⁷
 36. Involve community groups especially immigrant, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities continuously in planning processes to promote civic engagement, government accountability, transparency, and personal agency.³⁸

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Communication and Engagement

37. Use frequent and open communication and collaboration as an operating principle in all affairs of the City.³⁹
38. Design and implement processes and programs to be user-friendly for the public and efficient for City staff.⁴¹
39. Strengthen the City’s ability to engage with diverse populations within the community, particularly those that do not participate in traditional formats, by

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³² 2015 Policy 15.1.1, truncated

³³ 2015 Policy 15.1.2

³⁴ 2015 Policy 15.1.3

³⁵ 2015 Policy 15.1.4

³⁶ King County FW-6

³⁷ King County FW-7

³⁸ King County FW-8

³⁹ 2015 Policy 15.1.11

⁴⁰ Consolidated into Policy 15.1.16

⁴¹ 2015 Policy 15.1.13

using a variety of participation techniques to reach all segments of the population.⁴²

40. Build meaningful and trusting connections between the City and the diverse communities that make up the broader Tukwila community to foster their participation and involvement in City affairs and decision-making processes.⁴³
41. Encourage the participation of dedicated, community-oriented volunteers on City boards and commissions, striving to achieve a broad and balanced representation of members from the entire community.⁴⁴

Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness

42. Foster an environment of safety and security for those who live in, work in, and visit Tukwila, through a broad and collaborative approach to reducing and preventing crime.⁴⁵
43. Equip residents, businesses, and community service providers through education and training to be active participants in public safety (including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness, crime prevention, first aid, fire prevention, and climate-related hazards).⁴⁶
44. The City Police Department works with community members and businesses to identify approaches to addressing crime in the City.⁴⁷
45. Maintain and update as required a City-wide Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and program, that:
 - Establishes a comprehensive all-hazards approach to incident management;
 - Ensures ongoing operation and continuity of City government;
 - Uses the National Incident Management System (NIMS);
 - Serves to inform and educate City employees and the community about emergency preparedness measures for all hazards, including flood and climate-related emergencies;
 - Effectively utilizes available resources from all City departments and mutual aid partners, in an adequate and timely response to emergency situations; and
 - Addresses emergency preparedness for those with access and functional needs, coordinating a broad range of stakeholders to improve planning and responsive service.⁴⁸
46. Continue to meet or exceed federal minimum standards for the National Flood Insurance Program to better protect public health and safety, and to achieve flood insurance premium discounts.⁴⁹

⁴² 2015 Policy 15.1.15

⁴³ 2015 Policy 15.1.16

⁴⁴ 2015 Policy 15.1.19

⁴⁵ 2015 Policy 15.1.5

⁴⁶ New policy

⁴⁷ 2015 Policy, 1.1.12, revised

⁴⁸ 2015 Policy 15.1.6

⁴⁹ 2015 Policy 15.1.7

- 47. Ensure the City of Tukwila’s continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program through periodic review and updating of flood plain management standards and the flood zone construction permit process.⁵⁰
- 48. Encourage long-term community environmental security by supporting and implementing the U.S. Conference of Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement, climate pledges and commitments undertaken by the City, and other multi-jurisdictional efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate change and other impacts of changing global conditions.⁵¹
- 49. Lead by example to establish policy decisions and priorities, and design programs and facilities that consider long-term impacts on natural and human environments to address sustainability and climate change.⁵²

Regional Responsibility

GOAL 9 Foster a strong sense of Tukwila’s regional responsibility and accountability balanced by an awareness of regional impacts on the City and its citizens.⁵³

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- 50. Accept Tukwila’s responsibility to coordinate regionally on the siting or expansion of Essential Public Facilities (see Land Use policies)⁵⁴
- 51. Site public capital facilities of a Countywide or Statewide nature to support the Countywide land use pattern, support economic activities, mitigate environmental impacts, provide amenities or incentives, and minimize public costs. Amenities or incentives shall be provided to neighborhoods/jurisdictions in which facilities are sited.⁵⁵
- 52. Work with affected citizens, property owners and the neighboring cities of SeaTac, Kent, and Seattle to develop interlocal agreements that may be necessary to address concerns regarding shared borders.⁵⁶

GOAL 10 Benefit the community by participating in regional, State, and national forums.⁵⁷

⁵⁰ 2015 Policy 15.1.

⁵¹ 2015 Policy 15.1.8

⁵² 2015 Policy 15.1.9

⁵³ 2015 Goal 15.2

⁵⁴ New Policy based on other 15.2 policies

⁵⁵ 2015 Policy 15.3

⁵⁶ 2015 Policy 1.5.2

⁵⁷ 2015 Goal 15.2

53. Enhance Tukwila’s interests through participation in regional, State, and national organizations and committees, and by developing partnerships that can benefit the City, its residents, businesses, and the natural environment.⁵⁸

RELATED INFORMATION

Tukwila Strategic Plan
Tukwila Capital Improvement Program
Food Desert
Food Innovation Network

⁵⁸ 2015 Policy 15.3.1