

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, June 20, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, and Deb Kristovich. Councilmember Jim Hedrick and Councilmember Lynn Syler were excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the Agenda of June 20, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 6, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

Ruston Police – Chief Estes – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None at this time.

**BUSINESS**

**Metro Parks Tacoma – Point Defiance Update.** Andrea Smith, President Metro Parks Commissioner, Debbie Terwilleger, Director of Planning and Development, Marty Stump, Design and Construction Manager and Roger Stanton, Project Administrator delivered Power Point presentation of the Destination Point Defiance and Beyond Projects. See attached.

**Ruston – Point Defiance Business District** - Joe Atkinson, President, presented an update on the Farmers Market which was moved from its original location in Ruston to an empty lot next door to the Antique Sandwich shop in Tacoma. The Business District remains positive that this event will be success again this year. Mr. Atkinson was pleased to hear that the City continues to move forward with the 51<sup>st</sup> retaining wall repair and thanked Mayor and Council for all that they do in the community.

**RES 651 – Pierce County Solid Waste Plan Supplement** - Chapter 70.95 RCW requires Counties, in coordination with their Cities and Towns, to adopt comprehensive solid waste plans for the management, handling, and disposal of solid waste for twenty years, and to review and amend or revise the plans every five years, as necessary. Pursuant to Chapter 70.95 RCW, the Pierce County Executive entered into Interlocal Agreements with the Cities and Towns within Pierce County wherein the County agreed to serve as the lead planning agency to maintain the Solid Waste Management Plan and draft revisions as necessary, and to provide a draft of these revisions to the Cities and Towns prior to scheduled County Council public hearing dates. The City of Ruston entered into such Interlocal Agreement on March 19, 2001 as authorized by Resolution No. 325 which was passed on March 5, 2001.

Pierce County, in coordination with the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) developed the 2016 Supplement to the 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan to replace the 2008 Supplement. As part of this process, the SWAC held 11 public meetings and conducted one public hearing, giving the community multiple opportunities to be involved in the drafting and reviewing of the 2016 Supplement. The 2016 Supplement to the 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan is a strategic document, identifying goals, objectives and actions necessary to achieve a community vision. The County submitted a draft supplement to the Cities and Towns for review and comment in April 2016. The Pierce County Council adopted the 2016 Supplement by Ordinance 2016-83 on March 23, 2017. The County has established a deadline of July 13, 2017 for the City to adopt the Supplement. Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Resolution 651, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Mayor Hopkins provided an update on the 51<sup>st</sup> restriping as the final phase of the sewer project work. Project Manager Kevin Moser has been working on the undergrounding utilities project and inspecting poles throughout the City. City Planner White, Building Officer Barth and Mayor Hopkins met regarding the Silver Cloud project and expect the permit to be ready for issuance the end of next week. The Ruston Tunnel Fill project is currently on hold and the 51<sup>st</sup> Retain Wall project will begin after July 4, 2017.

**COUNCIL TIME –**

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Was excused.

**Councilmember Hunt** – Recommended that the current router at the Ruston School be upgraded and a second router be installed.

**Councilmember Hardin** – Appreciated Metro Parks presentation and noted that with the Taste of Tacoma and no available parking it would bring unhappy people looking for places to park. Councilmember Hardin asked Metro Parks what the plan was and Debbie Terwilleger, Director of Planning and Development, responded there would be Tacoma Community College shuttles in place to offset the volumes and parking demands.

**Councilmember Kristovich** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Syler** – Was excused.

**MEETING AJOURNED -**

At 8:05PM Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0

ATTEST:

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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

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Judy Grams



**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
Tuesday June 20, 2017**

**Chief of Police:**

During the month of May the Police Department responded to 225 calls for service in Ruston compared to 130 calls for service in May of 2016. This number is made up of dispatched calls, officer initiated calls, and traffic stops, and it does not include any calls for service that took place in the City of Tacoma where Ruston officers responded.

During the month 53 subjects were issued citations for criminal traffic offences, primarily Suspended Driving. Out of those 35 people came to City Hall to redeem their cars out of impound by paying the \$100 administrative fee to the City of Ruston.

**Other Personnel Issues:**

Nothing to report

**Civil Service Commission:**

The Civil Service Commission certified the list for Sergeant. There were three applicants, all of which had supervisory experience. Rod Baker stood out as superior because he was the Chief of Pierce Transit Public Safety. As a previous Chief in the local area he is already familiar with many of the systems we use, the department heads we work with and the area that we police. He was ranked #1 by the Civil Service Commission and I also ranked him #1 based on the three resumes I reviewed.

Officer Calitis completed a background investigation and Mr. Baker also recently passed his Polygraph Examination. He is scheduled for the Psychological Exam tomorrow and if all goes well I will offer him the job later this week.

This will bring Ruston PD to full authorized manning.

**Equipment:**

Judge Allen, Cathy and I have been talking about ways to comply with Federal mandates regarding fingerprints associated with arrests. Ruston PD uses Criminal

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Citations for most arrests which means the subjects are not booked into jail. That means that no fingerprints are ever collected for these subjects. The FBI will not list a conviction for a subject unless there is a set of fingerprints for that person. The State and FBI are strongly suggesting that all departments begin collecting fingerprints for all convicted subjects.

I have been collecting bids for a "livescan" that can collect the fingerprints and send them to the state and will be applying for a grant next year. The grant is only available at the beginning of each year. In the meantime Cathy is having to collect data from the jail when a subject is booked in order to get the FBI to count the convictions we are getting in our court. The livescan processing would be a regular part of our court process on arraignment day. I contacted several agencies in the area and learned that Puyallup will do it for us at a cost of \$50 per subject, however the logistics and costs made that idea prohibitive.

More to come.

**Training:**

Jeff Evans attended an 8 hours carbine training class and brought back some ideas to incorporate into our annual training.

I attended a 15 hour International Latino Gang Investigators Association gang training in Ontario, CA. I am a member of the advisory board of the organization so my attendance was covered by the organization.

Please contact me by phone (253) 761-0272 or by email [anders.estes@rustonwa.org](mailto:anders.estes@rustonwa.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this month's report.

Submitted By:  
Anders Estes  
Chief of Police  
06/20/17



Ruston Fire Department | 5117 North Winnifred | Ruston, WA 98407

## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for May 2017

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Presented by Chief Torbet

**Total Incidents: 8** (0 Fire/ Service, 8 Medical Aid)

**Total Volunteer Hours: Total 709 Hours May 97 Hours**

**Membership Roster (out of 25): 13** (8 FF, 5 Officers)

**Recent Membership Changes:** Remove Travis Anderson, Remove LT. Sherman

### State of the Business:

- We have two new members in the pipeline.
- Capt. Pat Piper is taking a leave of absence as he has taken a work promotion
- Lt. Travis Sherman has accepted a job with Mason County 4 FD and will be leaving Ruston
- All members are up to date and recertified in CPR
- We will be focusing on training new members in core firefighting competencies
- All fire tools are fully operational
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. Over 160 people have been **CPR certified** since the training has been offered. Although we didn't meet our goal of 100% CPR certification for the city, we continue to provide training as needed. As always, community members may enroll at City Hall or by emailing [rustonfire@rustonwa.org](mailto:rustonfire@rustonwa.org).
- **Fire Station tours** are provided to the public when resources are available. Please contact [rustonfire@rustonwa.org](mailto:rustonfire@rustonwa.org) for further information.

### Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for May 2017

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	5/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	13 of 25	WHERRETT/MILLER
CPR Training	5/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON

# Destination Pt. Defiance & Beyond Projects Update



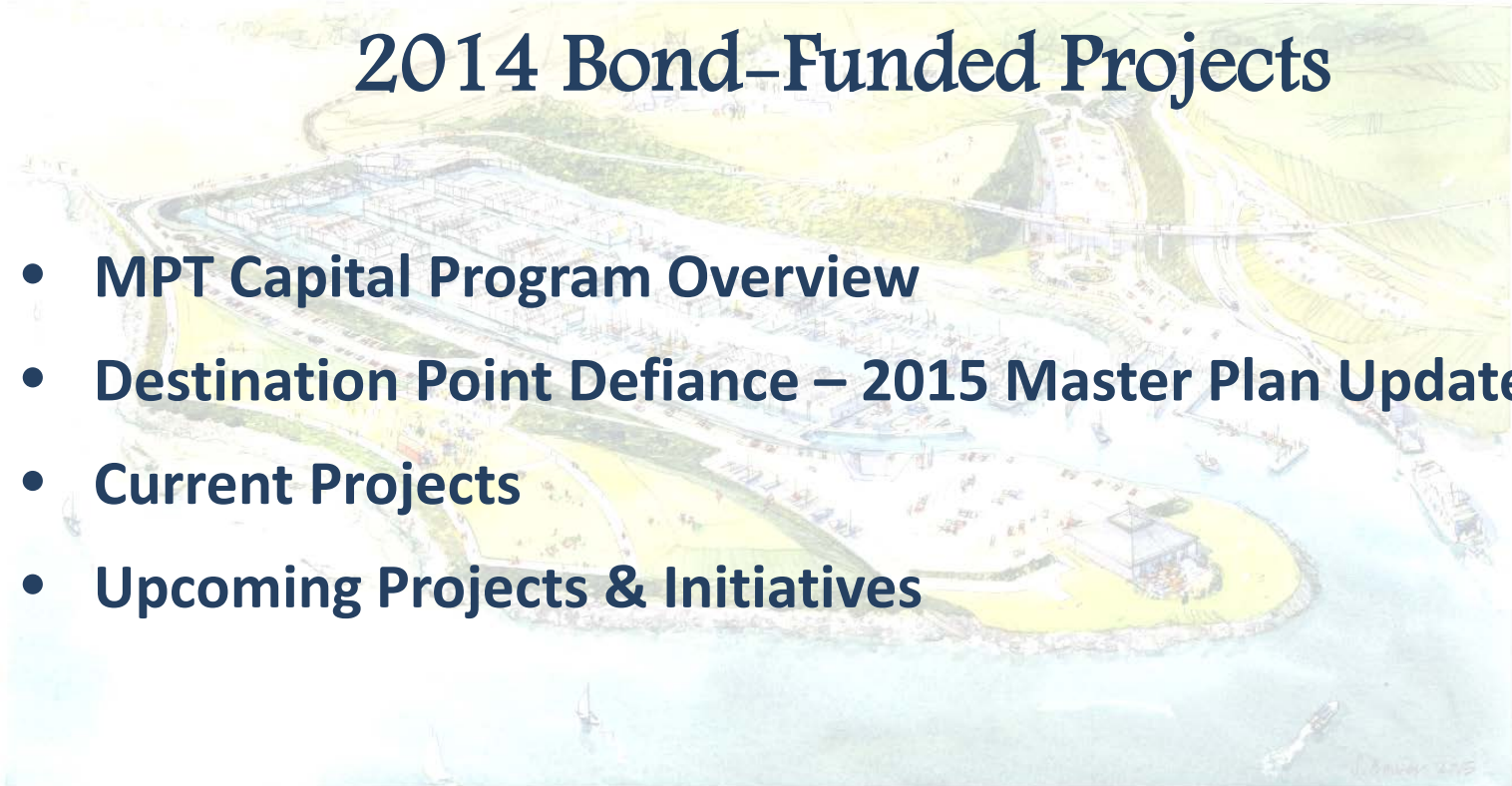
Site Workshop | Stephanie Bower, Architectural Illustration

Presented to Ruston City Council  
June 20, 2017

# MPT Capital Improvement Program

## 2014 Bond-Funded Projects

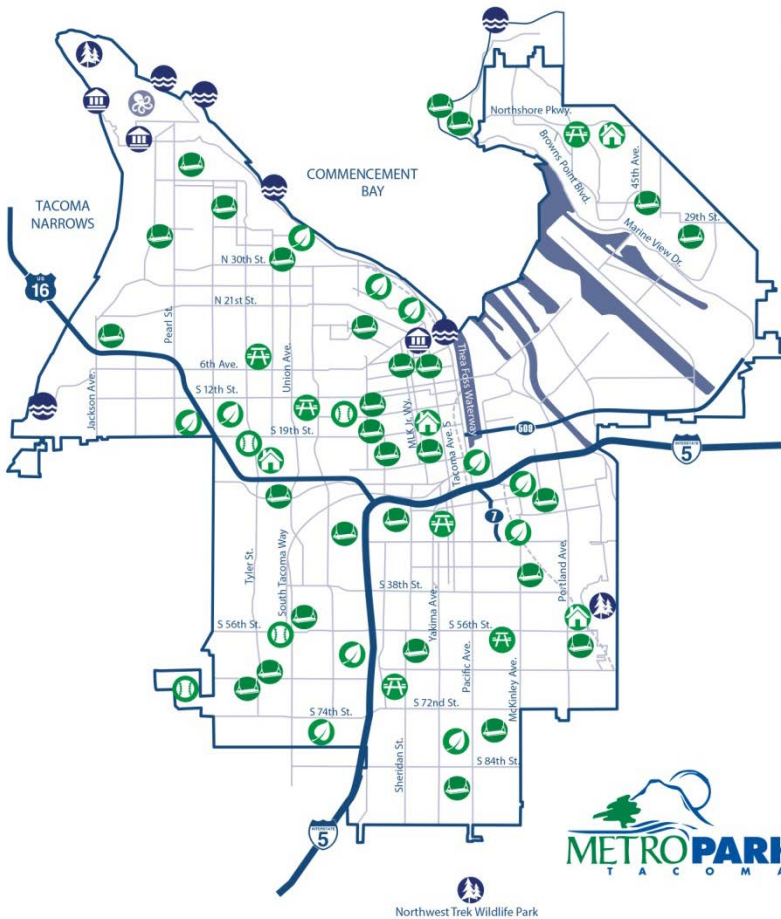
- MPT Capital Program Overview
- Destination Point Defiance – 2015 Master Plan Update
- Current Projects
- Upcoming Projects & Initiatives



Site Workshop | Stepping Stone Architecture | Illustration

# 2014 Capital Bond Projects

- ❑ Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium \$65.4 M
- ❑ Regional Parks \$67.2M
  - Waterfront Parks & Facilities
  - Historic & Cultural Landmarks
- ❑ Neighborhood Parks, Natural Areas, & Recreation Facilities \$65.4M
  - Community Parks
  - Community Centers
  - Sports Complexes
  - Open Space, Trails & Natural Areas
  - Neighborhood Parks & Recreation Small Capital Improvements



Northwest Trek Wildlife Park





OVERALL SITE PLAN

**FOREST AREA**

- Realign Road and Parking at Gig Harbor Overlook
- Viewpoint Upgrades for Safety and Bluff Protection

**FORT NISQUALLY**

- Upgrade Existing Parking
- New Native American Plank House
- Eliminate Parking Along Five Mile Drive (Bluff Side)
- Replace Restroom Facility / Restore WPA Shelter
- Implement Fort Nisqually Program Plan

**FORMER CAMP 6 / BAKER TRACT**

- Upgrade Parking
- New Environmental Learning Center / Restroom
- New Program Support Building
- New Picnic Shelter
- New Parking
- New Restrooms
- Fenced Dog Park with Shelter
- Nature Adventure and Play Area
- Maintenance Facility

**POINT DEFIANC ZOO & AQUARIUM**

- New Environmental Learning Center
- New Aquarium
- New/Improved Arctic Tundra Exhibit
- Improved Rocky Shores Exhibit
- Parking Deck over Existing Parking Lot

**OWEN BEACH AND PROMENADE**

- Add 2nd Picnic Shelter
- Replace Existing Concession and Restrooms With New Joint-Use Facility
- Improve Launching Ramp for Human-powered Watercraft
- Restripe and Improve Existing Parking Lot
- Provide Area for Overflow Parking

**WATERFRONT**

- MARINA**
- Improved Access to Ferry and Waterfront
  - Add 2nd Level to Boathouse

**TRIANGLE**

- New Boat Trailer Parking
- Amenity Facilities Totaling 150,000 sf
- Event Plaza
- Parking for 450 Vehicles
- Children's Play Area

**PENINSULA**

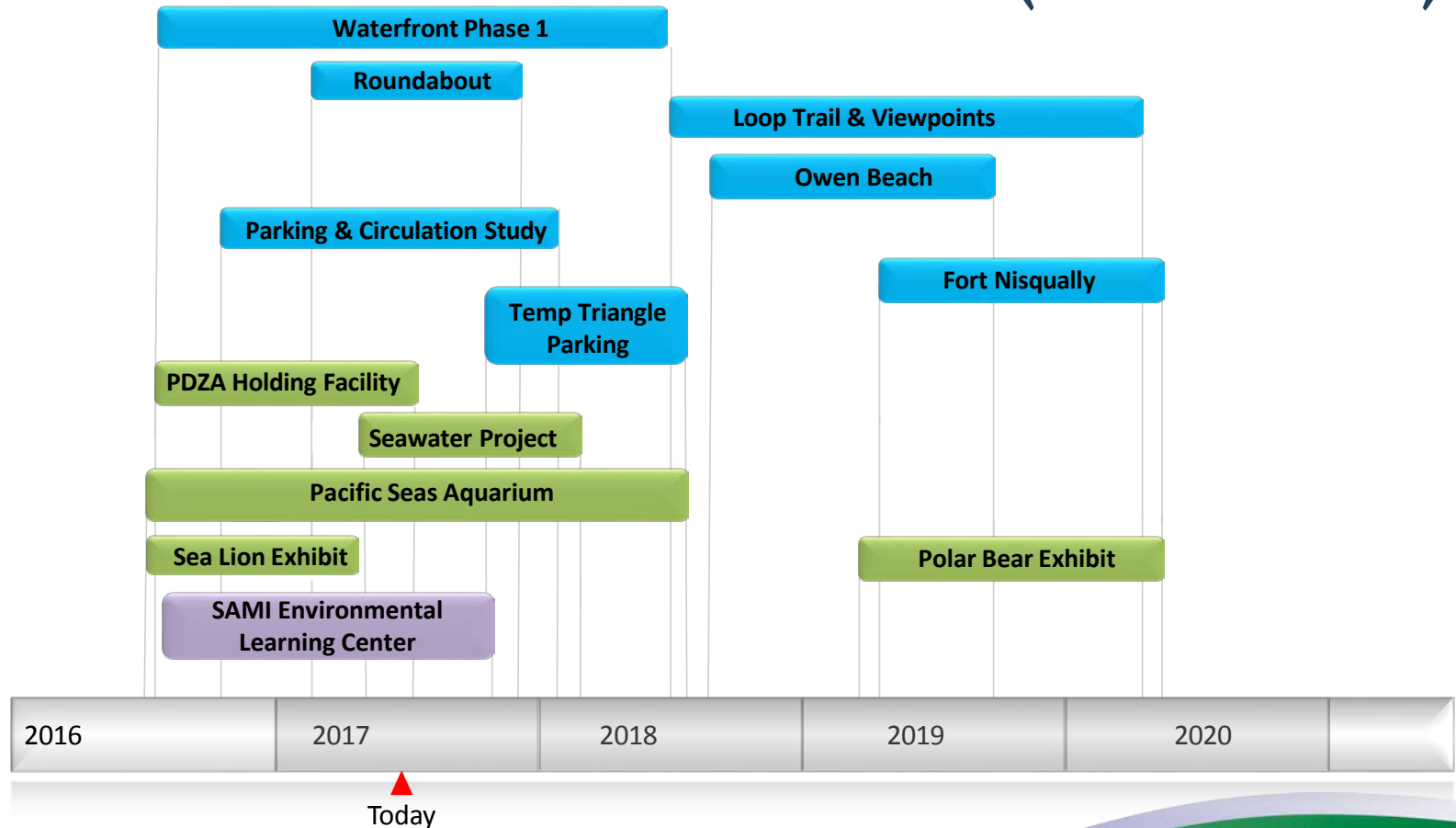
- Restrooms
- Open Air Event Lawn
- Viewing Areas
- Parking for 100 Vehicles

**ENTRANCE AND BOWL**

- New Roundabout at Pearl Street Entrance
- New Gardens and Upgrades to Existing Gardens



# Pt. Defiance Park – Construction Schedule ( partial list )

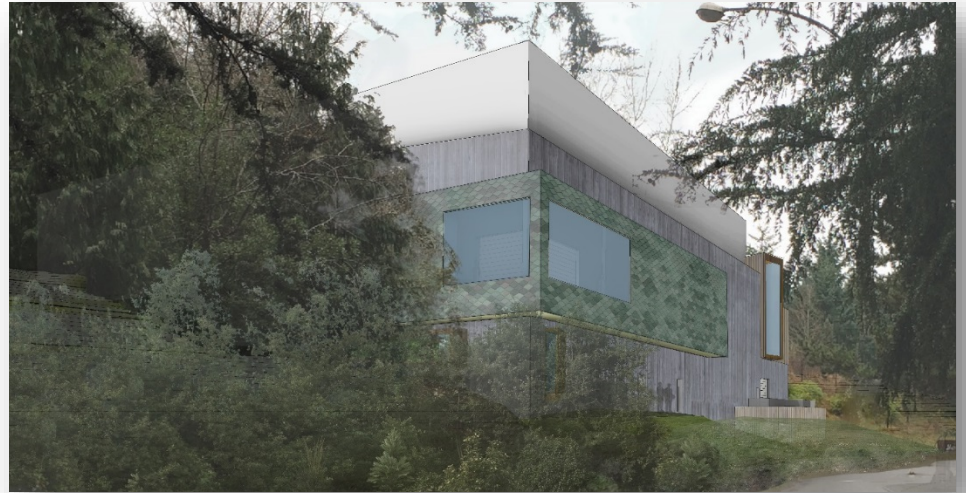


# PDZA Pacific Seas Aquarium



Hammerhead Sharks, Eagle Rays and Green Sea Turtles will reside at PDZA Holding Facility to grow and acclimate before opening in Summer of 2018

# PDZA Pacific Seas Aquarium



## Schedule

- 40% Complete as of June 2017
- 100% Complete in Summer 2018

# Environmental Learning Center

DESTINATION Point  
Defiance



SITE PLAN  
SAMI AT PDZA  
TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
28.06.2015



TACOMA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUILDING FOR  
ACHIEVEMENT



McGRANAHAN architects



# Environmental Learning Center



\$19M shared-use education facility with Tacoma Public Schools in the heart of Pt. Defiance Park



# Pt. Defiance Park – Waterfront Phase I



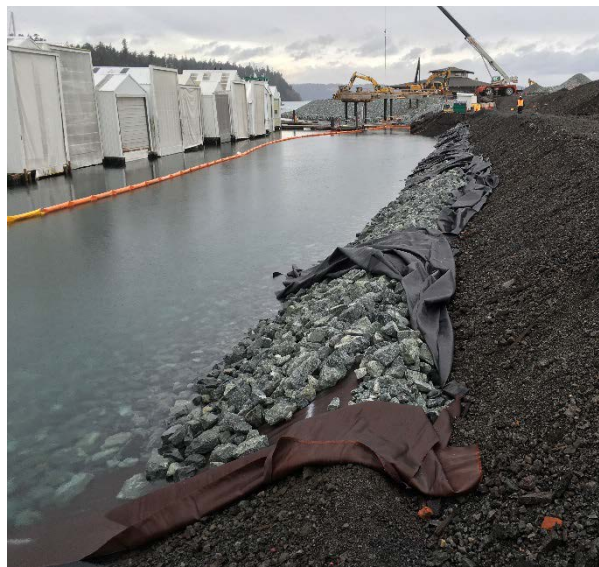
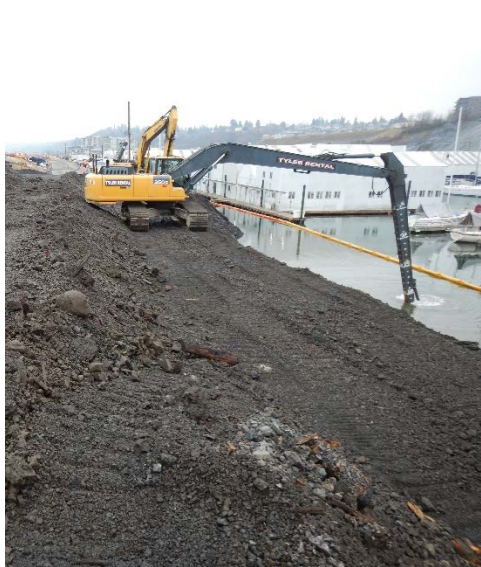
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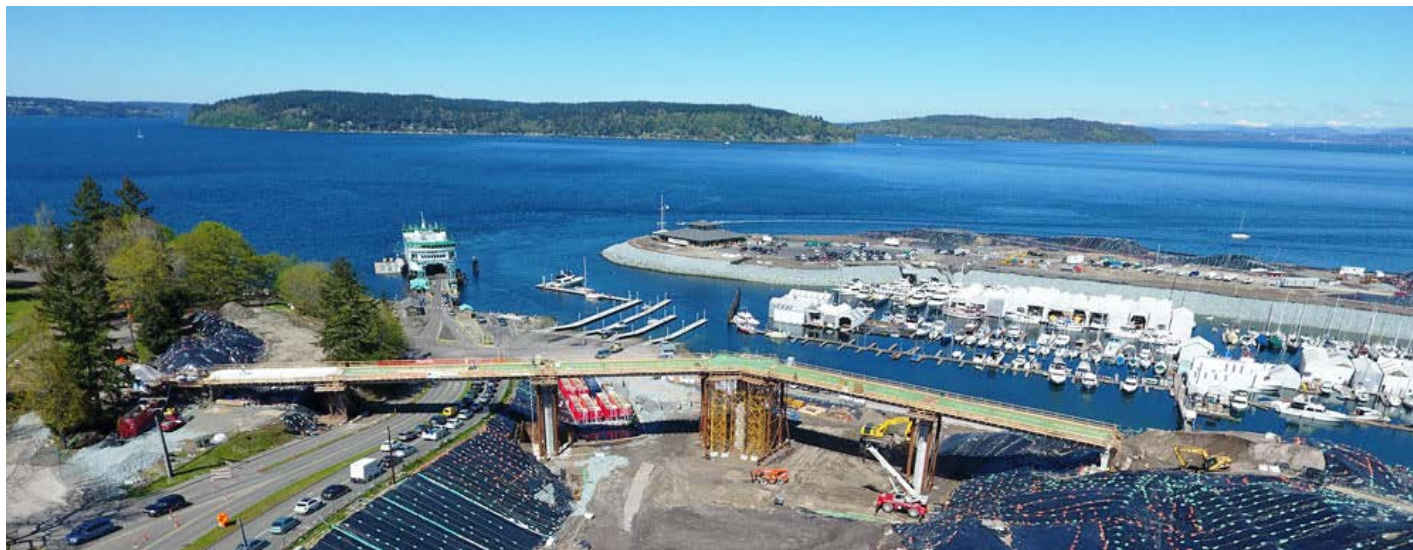
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# Pt. Defiance Park – Waterfront Phase I



## Triangle Area

- Contractor Staging (current)
- Temporary Parking (near-term)
- Redevelopment (long term)

# Pt. Defiance Park Moving Forward Together

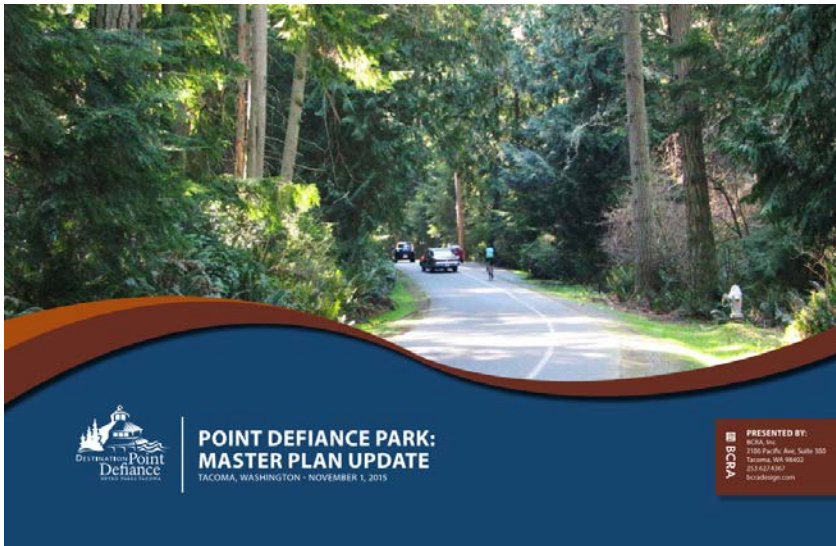
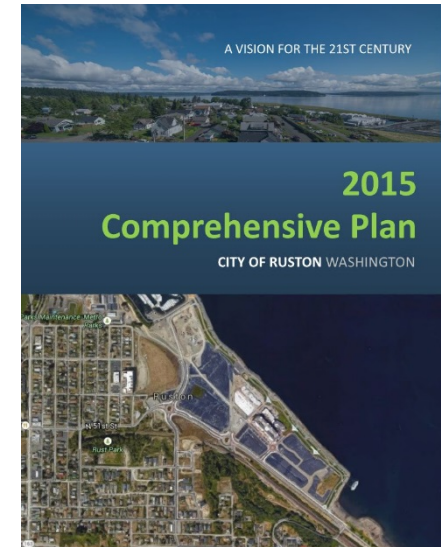


Figure 7.10 - Primary Pedestrian Connectivity Routes



Planning in Partnership

# Pt. Defiance Park – Ongoing Projects

## Projects in Design / Pre-Construction Phase

- Roundabout Entry
- Traffic and Circulation Study (Mobility and Access Plan)
- Shared-Use Loop Trail
- Owen Beach Renovation
- Marina Improvements

## Projects in Planning Phase

- Fort Nisqually Renovations
- Camp 6 / Baker Tract Improvements
- PDZA Arctic Tundra Exhibit

## Pending Planning Projects

- Tacoma Waterfront – Ruston Way
- Pt. Defiance Triangle

# Pt. Defiance Park – Roundabout Entry

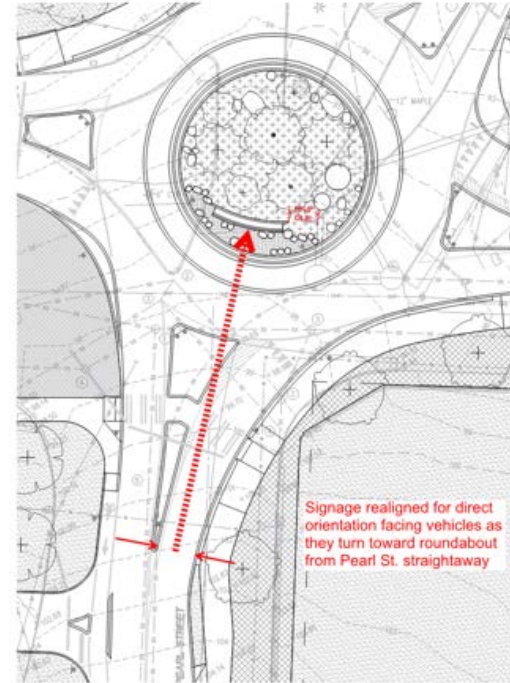




# Pt. Defiance Park – Roundabout Entry

## Benefits of The Roundabout Intersection

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Public Health
- Traffic Flow
- Traffic Calming
- Neighborhood Walkability
- Aesthetics
- Environmental



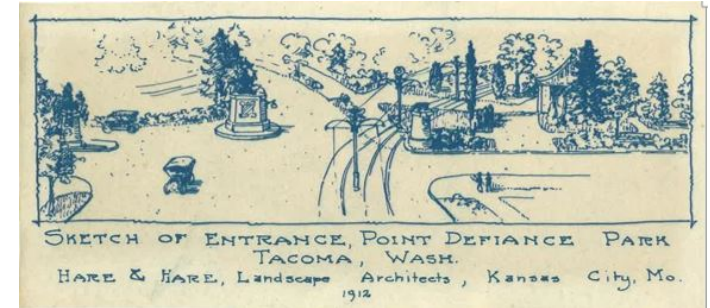
ROUNDBOUT SIGNAGE DESIGN

# Pt. Defiance Park – Roundabout Entry

Recent History of:

## The Roundabout

- 1911 Hare & Hare Park Master Plan
- August 2014 Ruston City Council Presentation
- November 2014 Tacoma City Council Presentation
- 2015 Pt. Defiance Park Master Plan Update
  - January 2015 Public Meeting
  - February 2015 Public Meeting
  - March 2015 Public Meeting
  - April 2015 Public Meeting
- 2016-2017 Parking and Circulation Study
  - February 2017 Public Meeting
- Roundabout Public Design Review Meetings
  - May 2017 Public Meeting – City of Ruston
  - June 2017 Public Meeting – Pt. Defiance Pagoda
- Construction Schedule
  - July 2017 Construction Start
  - (+/-) 6 months completion



# Pt. Defiance Park – Roundabout Entry

## SIGNAGE ALIGNMENT/LOCATION



ROUNABOUT SIGNAGE DESIGN

METRO PARKS TACOMA | SITE WORKSHOP

# Pt. Defiance Park

## Traffic and Circulation Study

### *A Vision Statement:*

*Point Defiance Park shall feature a Comprehensive, Integrated, Intuitive, and Sustainable Multi-Modal Circulation System that responds equitably to the needs of current and future park visitors, while preserving, respecting, and enhancing the integrity of the Park's history, beauty and ecology.*

# Pt. Defiance Park Traffic and Circulation Study

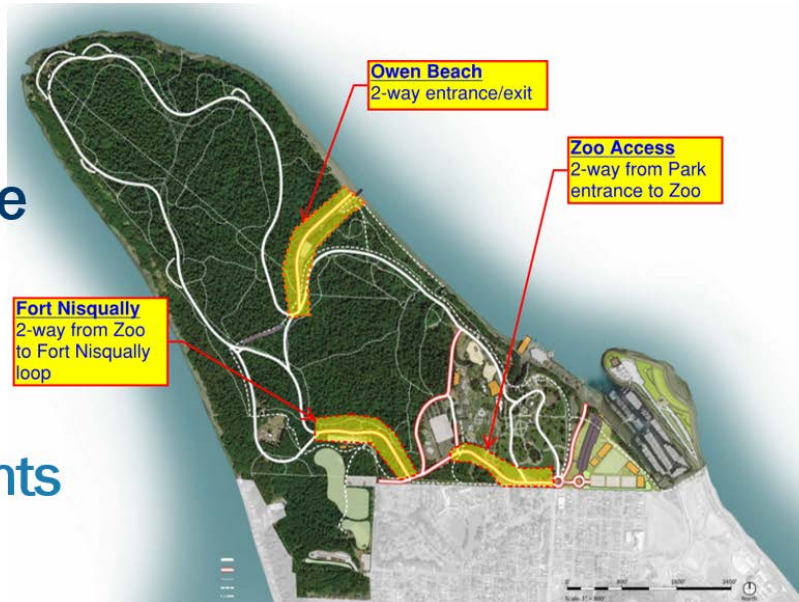


A Community Conversation About  
Multi-Modal Access Solutions

# Pt. Defiance Park Traffic and Circulation Study

2015  
Master  
Plan Update

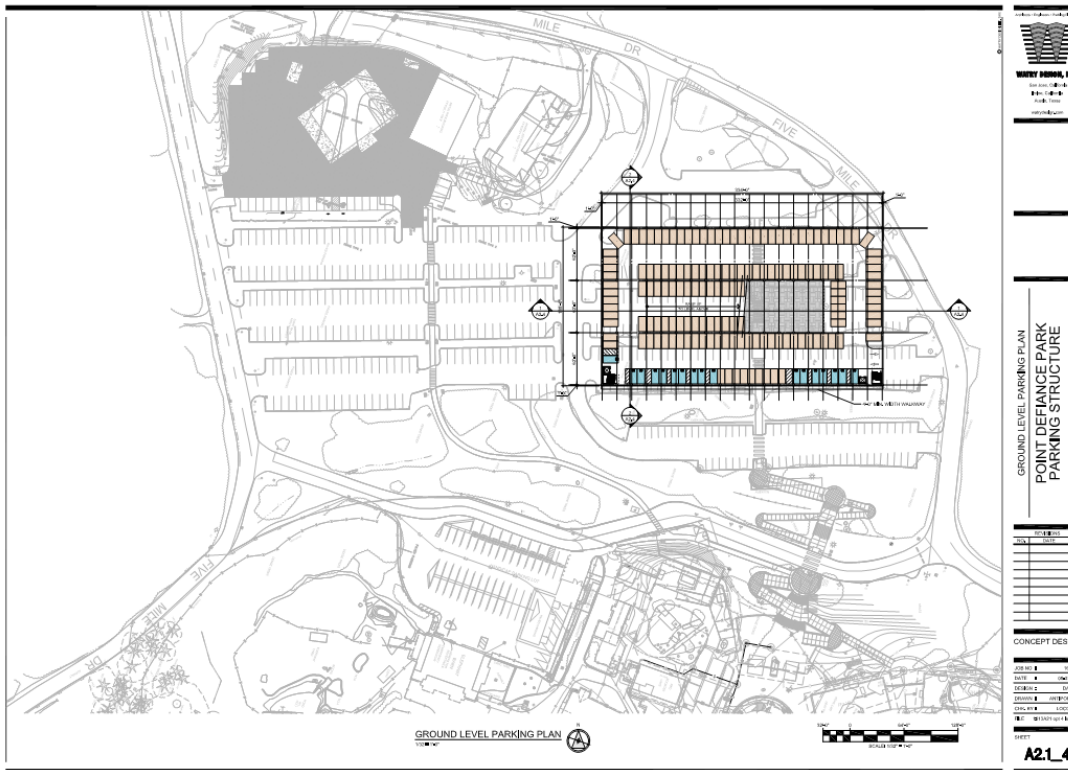
Vehicular  
Circulation  
Improvements



## Outcome:

Two-Way conversion from Pearl St. entrance to Zoo parking lot results in estimated 37% reduction in vehicular traffic through the Upper Bowl

# Pt. Defiance Park Traffic and Circulation Study



## Parking Garage Study at Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium

- Structure of 2-4 Levels
- Increase Parking by 450 (+)
- Multi-Modal Hub
- Shared-Use Facility
- Minimize Tree Removal
- Currently Unfunded

# Pt. Defiance Park – Owen Beach

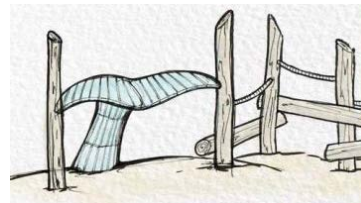


## Owen Beach Improvements Schematic Design

Owen Beach Improvements / Metro Parks Tacoma / Site Workshop / November 16, 2016

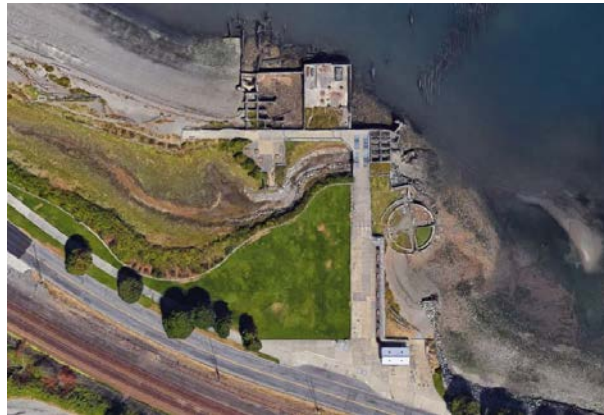
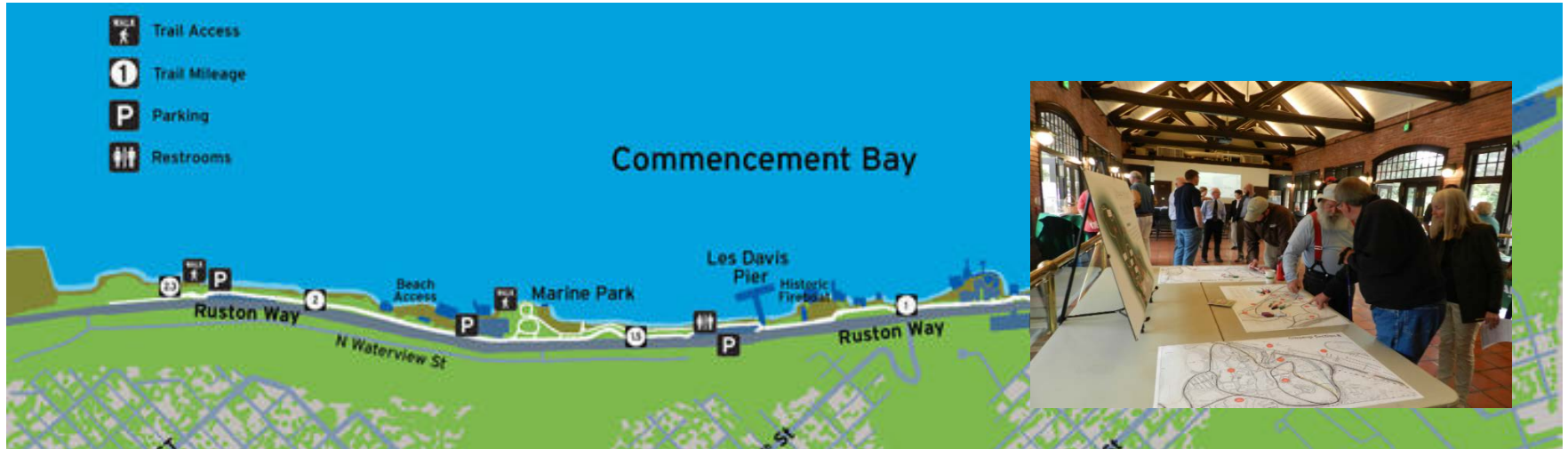


- Family Play and Nature Contact
- Picnic, Restrooms & Concessions
- Utility Infrastructure
- Accessibility





# Tacoma Waterfront – Ruston Way



A Chain of Parks

# Tacoma Waterfront – Ruston Way



Planning for:  
Multi-Modal Access

# Tacoma Waterfront – Ruston Way



## Planning Timeline

Planning Framework (Summer 2017)

- Project Plan

- Consultant Selection

- Outreach strategy

Community Visioning Workshops (Fall 2017)

Concept Alternatives (Winter 2017-2018)

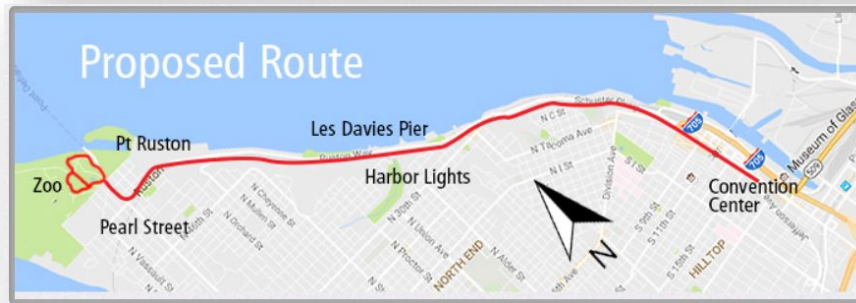
Preferred Option (Spring 2018)

Implementation Planning (Summer, 2018)



# Pt. Defiance Park - Triangle





# Thank You !