

Built & Natural Environment

Focus area renamed from *Infrastructure, Mobility & Sustainability*

Why it's important

The physical layout of cities is the foundation upon which a community thrives. Each city must balance meeting infrastructure needs while preserving a quality natural environment.

Topics

- Transportation
- Carbon emissions
- Energy
- Sprawl
- Soil quality
- Communications
- Water and waste
- Forest cover

Key Facts

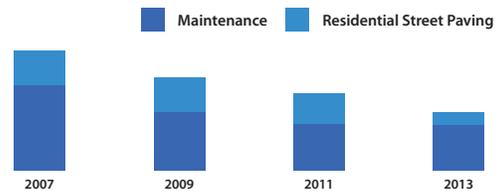
Roads



City of Tacoma, Office of Management and Budget

Over 50% of Tacoma's residential roads and 44% of arterial streets are in poor condition.

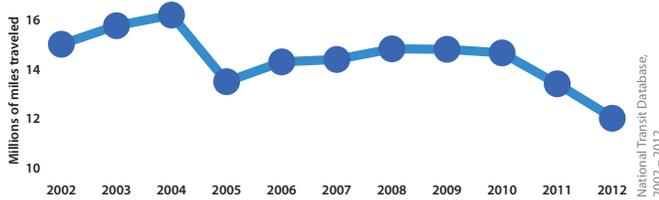
Declining maintenance budgets



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Years of budget cuts have made transportation investments challenging.

Transit service



National Transit Database, 2002-2012

Pierce Transit has reduced its service over the past several years.

Parks and open space



Metro Parks Tacoma

Metro Parks maintains nearly 3,000 acres of parks and open spaces in Tacoma.

How are the City and its partners responding?



(Public Works Department)
Developing a comprehensive transportation plan to provide bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and funding options for road maintenance

(Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability) Tacoma was the first city in the United States to receive STAR certification, which measures how well Tacoma is meeting sustainability goals



Implementing Green Vision 2030, a strategic plan for parks, open spaces, and diverse programming in Tacoma



shared vision | shared future