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## **Memo**

**To: Master Plan Update Group**

**From:** Milt Tremblay  
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**Re:** Hillside Development Group presentation

The Hillside Development Councils' July meeting agenda included a discussion of our two current Master Plan update alternatives. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 key community members including Sharon Winters of Historic Tacoma and Spencer Beier of Tacoma Public Works. Here are some comments from the group:

- A local property owner stated that angled parking along Pacific Avenue tends to slow down traffic along Pacific Avenue and he would like to see us work with the City and tenants to either eliminate parking on Pacific or make it parallel parking.
- It was suggested that our buildings incorporate awnings or other weather protection to allow for movement on campus during inclement weather.
- It was suggested that Tacoma Avenue should remain four lanes to provide north-south traffic flow. It was noted that the trees shown in the island along Tacoma Avenue can not exist if a streetcar also is there.
- There was a lot of positive discussion regarding the improvement of 21<sup>st</sup> street and its' transition to becoming the main east-west arterial replacing 19<sup>th</sup>. There was support expressed for closing 19<sup>th</sup> if this is done.

Generally speaking the discussion was very open and positive. The group expressed its appreciation for our communicating with them throughout this process. The Hillside Development Council would like to provide a Letter of Support for the campus to assist us in securing funding for Phase 3 and future projects. They would also like for us to provide them with some input for this letter and to also provide a list of key communicators whom they should distribute the letter to. (Perhaps Mike Wark can assist here)