



KEY PROPERTIES REDEVELOPING ALONG THE MLK CORRIDOR

Brownstar Grill / Porchert Redevelopment and Hilltop Lofts

From 1968 until 2005, the Browne Star Grill operated as the neighborhood diner and community watering hole. Today's owners are focused on attracting local commercial tenants and rehabilitating the residential units with an emphasis on historic features to bring this building and the Porchert Building back as the community icons they have been known for. Once completed, the neighborhood will have 10 market rate residential units, ranging from 2 bedrooms to studios, and 4 commercial spaces. Expected completion date is late summer of 2016. For more information, please contact John Hunt at (253) 214-2141 or jhunt@pwrprop.com.

The Hilltop Lofts project developed by the Tacoma Housing Authority will begin breaking ground in late 2017 to early 2018 and it will complement the design of the Brownstar Grill building, and consist of up to 50 mixed income residential units and 2,000 sq. ft. of street level commercial space. For more information, please contact Kathy McCormick at (253) 207-4433 or kmccormick@tacomahousing.org.



Brown Star Grill /Porchert



Hilltop Lofts



Valhalla Hall

Valhalla Hall Project

This exciting project will revitalize an iconic building at 1216 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The project will include remodeling of the 4 story building into 26 residential units; 2 of which are work/live units. The mix of residential units will provide rental housing for a variety of income levels. The estimated construction timeline is a September 2016 start date with an anticipated 12 month completion schedule. The project's development team is placing much emphasis on local job creation with a continued effort to approach and engage local subcontractors, to include directly soliciting Women and Minority owned Business Enterprises, through their work with the City's Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program and Small Business Enterprise staff. "The new units will provide rental housing for community members at a variety of income levels through affordable and market rate rents," said District 3 Council Member Keith Blocker. "This is just one of many exciting projects that will shape the future of Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood." For more information, contact Carey Jenkins at (253) 591-5238 or cjenkins@cityoftacoma.org



Catalytic Public Private Partnerships

11th and MLK Project

Designs are underway for a 250-apartment mixed use project along the Tacoma Link extension route in the Hilltop. The property, approximately one and one-half acres at S. 11th Street and Martin Luther King Jr Way has been vacant for many years. Kirkland developer Jagpal Basra executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with property owner Washington State Department of Commerce to acquire the site and develop the project. Mr. Basra stated that the extension of the light rail is a primary attraction for the site.

Jon Graves Architects and Planners, of Tacoma, are leading the design and construction team. Mr. Graves expects to submit plans for building permits later this year and for construction to begin in 2017, with the project opening late in 2018. Included will be apartments of various sizes and about 15,000 square feet of retail uses on the ground floor. For more information contact Tejvir Basra at (425) 822-6000 or basra.tejvir@gmail.com



11th and MLK Jr. Way



Streetscape Improvements



Mass Transit Expanded Services



Peoples Pool Redesign

Construction begins in 2018 on the Tacoma Link Expansion and will create opportunities for Transit Oriented Development in the Hilltop. Interested property owners and developers can contact Pat Beard for more information. (253) 591-5039 or pbeard@cityoftacoma.org.



Project overview

2.4 mile extension from downtown to the Hilltop:

- Double tracks will run in mixed traffic
- Six new stations proposed and relocated Theater District Station
- 4 "small" traction power substations and trolley wire
- Expansion of existing Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Five new vehicles

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