## **2022** QUICK FACTS

#### **OUR MISSION**

**Tacoma Public Utilities provides services that** are vital to our quality of life.

Power • Water • Rail



#### NOTEWORTHY

2021 United Way Campaign raised over \$202,340; we hadn't raised over \$200k since 2010.

#### **REVENUE & BUDGET**



2021 operating revenue \$615.8 MILLION

2021-2022 budget

\$1.3 BILLION

#### **LEADERSHIP**



We are governed by a five-member utility board, the members of which appoint the Director of Utilities. Board members serve five-year terms.

#### **BOARD**

Mark Patterson • Chair Christine Cooley • Vice-Chair Carlos M. Watson • Secretary Joe Bushnell Holland Cohen

#### **MANAGEMENT**

Jackie Flowers • Director of Utilities / CEO

Chris Robinson • Tacoma Power Superintendent

Scott Dewhirst • Tacoma Water Superintendent

Dale King • Tacoma Rail Superintendent

Steve Hatcher • Customer Services Manager

Jim Sant • Deputy Director for Administration

#### SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

TPU HELPED

5,406



HOUSEHOLDS PAY THEIR UTILITY BILLS WITH \$3,301,291.19

IN ASSISTANCE

In addition, TPU gave qualifying seniors and adults receiving disability benefits more than

**\$257,540 THOUSAND** 



**EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERED** 190 HOURS

With local nonprofit organizations and...



\$282,428

In cash, products, and volunteer time



We officially launched three of our six initiatives on our strategic plan:

- 1. Develop and implement a customer engagement program
- 2. Inventory and document core business processes
- 3. Establish and implement a risk management program



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

#### **MAINS & SERVICE AREA**



## 1,428 MILES OF WATER MAINS

1,292 DISTRIBUTION & 136 TRANSMISSION



**SUPPLY** in million gallons per day (mgd)

95%

**GREEN RIVER UP TO 150 MGD** 

5%

LOCAL WELLS 40 MGD



# CUSTOMERS RESIDENTIAL



| TACOMA CITY LIMITS |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 61%                | 39%     |
| INSIDE             | OUTSIDE |



| People served directly by Tacoma Water | 375,626 |
|--|---------|
| * Through wholesale connections        | 322,340 |
| * In partner service areas             | 243,497 |

#### **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD USE**



| 2020 | 169 | 61,610 |
|------|-----|--------|
| 2019 | 161 | 58,755 |
| 2018 | 170 | 62,014 |
| 2017 | 169 | 61,685 |
| 2016 | 189 | 69,056 |
|      |     | 7.000  |

Daily ...... Annually

**6,898,443,886**TOTAL GALLONS USED IN 2021

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

### WHAT WE DID TO PROTECT LAND AND WATER

- Salvaged over 4,000 native plants from sites within the watershed for use in current and future restoration projects.
   Mechanically removed 267,000 sq. ft. (0.6 acres) of invasive plant species (primarily blackberry) along a stream supporti
- Planted over 3,000 native plants on the Lester Airstrip restoration site in collaboration with Conservation Northwest and a grant from the Drinking Water Providers Partnership.
- Removed noxious weeds, on a two-acre restoration site, with help from Washington Conservation Corps crews, funded by a Re-Green the Green grant (through King County).
- Mechanically removed 267,000 sq. ft. (0.6 acres) of invasive plant species (primarily blackberry) along a stream supporting spawning salmon. Then planted 1,235 native plants to compete with the invasives and provide habitat/water quality improvements over time.



#### **RATES**

We are proud to say that our rates are among the lowest in the region.



**City of Bellevue \$55 month** \$658 year

City of Puyallup \$26 month

\$311 vear

City of Seattle \$58 month \$701 year



AVERAGE COST PER HOUSEHOLD + INSIDE CITY

#### **FINANCIAL**

748 GALLONS

As a result of careful financial rate making and risk management processes, our bond ratings are stable, which helps Tacoma Water borrow money at low-interest rates. That helps keep rates low.

Value of our fixed assets \$908.7 MILLION

Total operating revenue \$111.4 MILLION

#### **BOND RATINGS**

Moody's Aa2 Standard & Poor's AA+



#### **TAXES WE PAY**

Tacoma Gross Earnings \$8.3 MILLION

Federal (Social Security) \$2.0 MILLION

State

\$6.5 MILLION

Other cities' and counties' fees \$913,574

Taxes as a percent of total revenue 16.7%

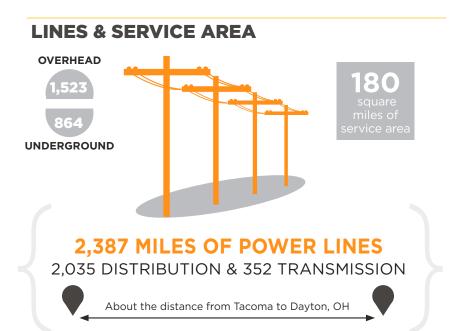
#### **NOTEWORTHY**

- Completed the Lead Gooseneck project in early 2021.
- Progress continued on two large projects Advanced Meter and Workforce Connect.
- Launched our new online Water Supply Indicator on our website.
- Installed EV stations in the Water Distribution building and added hybrid vans to the pool.



Tacoma Power continued to help secure the physical and financial safety of customers and employees during the second year of a global pandemic. Large projects (e.g., Advanced Meter, Energy Imbalance Market) saw great success in the face of multiple challenges.





#### **GENERATION** in megawatt-hours produced per year



| CUSHMAN 2     | 210,526 |
|---------------|---------|
| ALDER         | 208,280 |
| CUSHMAN 1     | 136,838 |
| WYNOOCHEE _   | 35,008  |
| HOOD STREET _ | 1,775   |
|               |         |

HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY

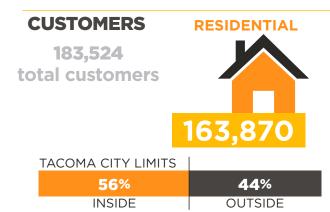
89%

11%

46% from our facilities

#### **SUBSTATIONS**

- 4 main/transmission substations
- 5 switching stations
- 49 distribution substations
- 14 dedicated distribution substations
- **23** BPA customer substations
- 8 generation switchyards



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL



426,060 total people served, approximately

#### **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD USE**



|      | Dally | .Annually |
|------|-------|-----------|
| 2020 | 32.2  | 11,761    |
| 2019 | 31.9  | 11,647    |
| 2018 | 32.2  | 11,770    |
| 2017 | 33.5  | 12,242    |
| 2016 | 31    | 11,494    |

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#### **CONSERVATION**

The utility relies on conservation, as opposed to other, more expensive power sources.

29.4 MILLION kWh

INVESTED \$8.1 MILLION

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

## WHAT WE DID TO PROTECT LAND AND WILDLIFE

 Issued 20 new Shoreline Permits to lots with shoreline structures in full compliance with our Shoreline Management Plan at Lake Cushman. • Issued 13 new Short-term
Licenses for construction for
lot owners to bring their shoreline
structures into compliance and for new structures
at Lake Cushman.

#### **RATES**

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KWH = KILOWATT-HOUR \$100 month \$1,204 year

**Seattle City Light \$117 month** \$1,404 year

Puget Sound Energy \$113 month

\$1,357 year

AVERAGE COST PER HOUSEHOLD

**Tacoma** 

\$97

\$1,159

year

#### **FINANCIAL**

As a result of careful financial rate making and risk management, our bond ratings are stable which helps Tacoma Power borrow money at low-interest rates. That helps keep rates low.

Value of our fixed assets \$1,125 BILLION

Total operating revenue \$470 MILLION

#### **BOND RATINGS**

Fitch AA-

Moody's Aa3

Standard & Poor's AA



#### **TAXES WE PAY**

Tacoma Gross Earnings \$36.3 MILLION

Federal (Social Security) \$7.8 MILLION

State \$18.7 MILLION

Other cities' and counties' fees \$4.1 MILLION

Taxes as a percent of operating revenue 14.7%

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

- Tacoma Power senior leaders intentionally rolled out the new five-year strategy (for 2021-2025) and refreshed Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Values to every workgroup across Power
- Each section within Tacoma Power created action plans to address the lowest scores on the 2020 Employee Satisfaction Survey.
- Safety remained a top priority for Tacoma
   Power, especially with the increasing number
   and severity of extreme weather events.

   Implemented new safety protocols addressing
   wildfire smoke and high heat events.
- The Arbor Day Foundation named Tacoma Power a Tree Line USA Utility for the seventeenth year in a row.
- The Advanced Meter project staff deployed over 81.000 meters.

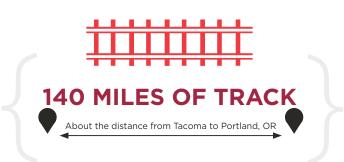
- All Tacoma Power staff attended Equity 101, safety, and environmental compliance training
- Senior leadership created and rolled out official Leadership Commitment to Safety and Leadership Commitment to Environmental Compliance.
- Multiple external organizations recognized Tacoma Power employees and workgroups, including Vivian deZwager (Tradeswoman of the Year Award, Women in the Trades); Jennifer Foster (Union Activist Award, Women in the Trades); Alex Abplanalp, Lay Conn, Sarah Nystrom, Travis Metcalfe and Haley Saul (MarCom Gold Award - Internal Communications Campaign category for their work on the 2021-2025 Strategy campaign).



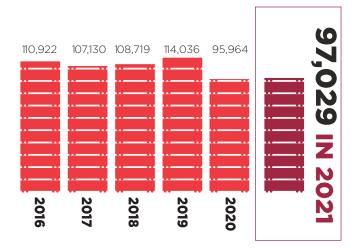
Line-haul count increased by more than 3,000 units in 2021 after decreasing more than 16,000 in 2020. An increase in intermodal platform railcars led to a corresponding rise in line-haul revenue and miscellaneous switching of more than \$400,000. The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) experienced volatility in international intermodal trade leading to large monthly volume swings throughout 2021. Unit trains and other commercial traffic were down versus the prior year. Five of the top 10 Tacoma Rail customers experienced rail traffic growth; the North Intermodal Yard, Washington United Terminal, South Intermodal Terminal, Wallenius Whilhelmsen Solutions, and Emerald Services.



#### **SERVICE AREA**

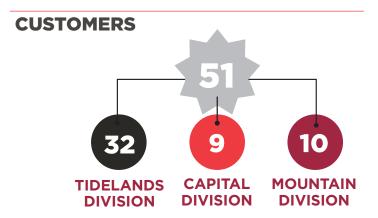


#### **CARS SWITCHED**



# SHORT-LINE RAILROADS IN THE COUNTRY

IN TERMS OF VOLUME AND FREIGHT



#### **FINANCIAL**

Value of our fixed assets \$33.1 MILLION

Total operating revenue \$34.1 MILLION



#### **TAXES WE PAY**

Tacoma Gross Earnings \$2.8 MILLION

Federal (Railroad retirement & Unemployment) \$2.3 MILLION

State

\$1.2 MILLION

Taxes as a percent of total revenue 18.5%

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

- Rail's mechanical department serviced more than 3.900 mainline locomotives.
- Commercial switching activities were more than 99% on time.
- Added two new locomotives to the fleet.
- Installed new signalized crossings across Marine View Drive for enhanced vehicular safety.



# **Our Service Area**

