

# Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

**Tacoma Public Utility Board**  
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# OVERVIEW



- History of Addressing Homelessness
- Shelter Inventory and Capacity
- Encampment Outreach and Community Feedback
- Siting a Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site

# HISTORY OF ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS



- 2017
  - Emergency declaration on homelessness
  - 694 sites reviewed
  - Located Stability Site (24<sup>th</sup> and Puyallup)
- 2017-Present
  - Expanded shelter capacity
    - Faith based organizations
    - Micro-shelters

Work is responsive to declaration of public health emergency



# SHELTER INVENTORY



ESTABLISHED	SHELTER	NUMBER OF BEDS/UNITS
Since 2017	Bethlehem Baptist	40
Since 2017	Alzheimer Memorial Church	32
Since 2017	Stability Site	85/58
Since 2017	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #1 (TEMS) (TCRA) (Jan 2020-July 2020)	35/22
Since 2017	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #2 (TEMS) (THA) (July 2020-Dec 2020)	65/50
Since 2017	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #3 (TEMS) (First Christian) (Dec 2020-July 2023)	60/40
Since 2017	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #4 (TEMS) (City-controlled) (Sept 2021-Dec 2023)	+20 Units
Traditional	Nativity House	167
Traditional	The Rescue Mission Adams Street Family Shelter	100
Traditional	The Rescue Mission Adult Shelters	179
Traditional	The Salvation Army	76
Traditional	Beacon Young Adult Shelter	40
Traditional	Youth Crisis Residential Center	12
Traditional	YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	56
Traditional	Korean Women's Association Domestic Violence Shelter	18

Total Temporary and Emergency Beds: 240

Total Traditional Beds: 648

# CURRENT CAPACITY

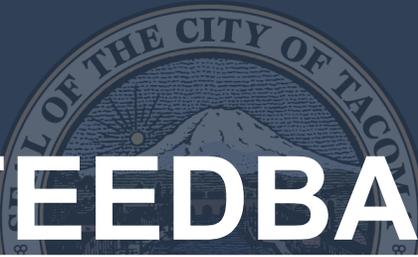


## Weekly Update of City-funded Temporary & Emergency Shelters July 19, 2021

Site	Current Census	Available beds	# of clients actively working with a Case Manger	Total exits to permanent housing	Total clients served to-date	Program Start Date (Totals are cumulative since program inception)
Stability Site (1421 Puyallup)	60	0	58	111	500	June 2017
TEMS II (60 <sup>th</sup> & McKinley)	51	4	51	28	121	July 2020
TEMS III (6 <sup>th</sup> & Orchard)	62	2	20	19	97	December 2020
Alzheimer Memorial (1121 S. Alzheimer)	26	2	26	61	103	February 2020
Bethlehem Baptist Church (4818 Portland)	23	7	5	28	106	February 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>927</b>	

Existing capacity cannot meet need

# ENCAMPMENT OUTREACH/COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



- Noticeable increase in encampments and number of people in encampments (pandemic related reasons)
- Preference for smaller, scattered sites vs. single larger location
- Option to continue to live outdoors with belongings
- Access to hygiene and basic services
- Supportive services available on-site (health/mental health)
- Desire for active site management and security

Site Design and Management Model Must Be Responsive to Broad Community Input

# SITING A TEMPORARY MITIGATION/STABILIZATION SITE



- Early 2021-Present
  - Study Sessions to review site recommendations and models
  - Support for S. 69<sup>th</sup> and Proctor TEMs site
  - Re-review of properties
  - Support for 82<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific and request for follow-up on NE Tacoma property
- Request to enter into MOU for property at 82<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific

Establishing Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization site is responsive to community need



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