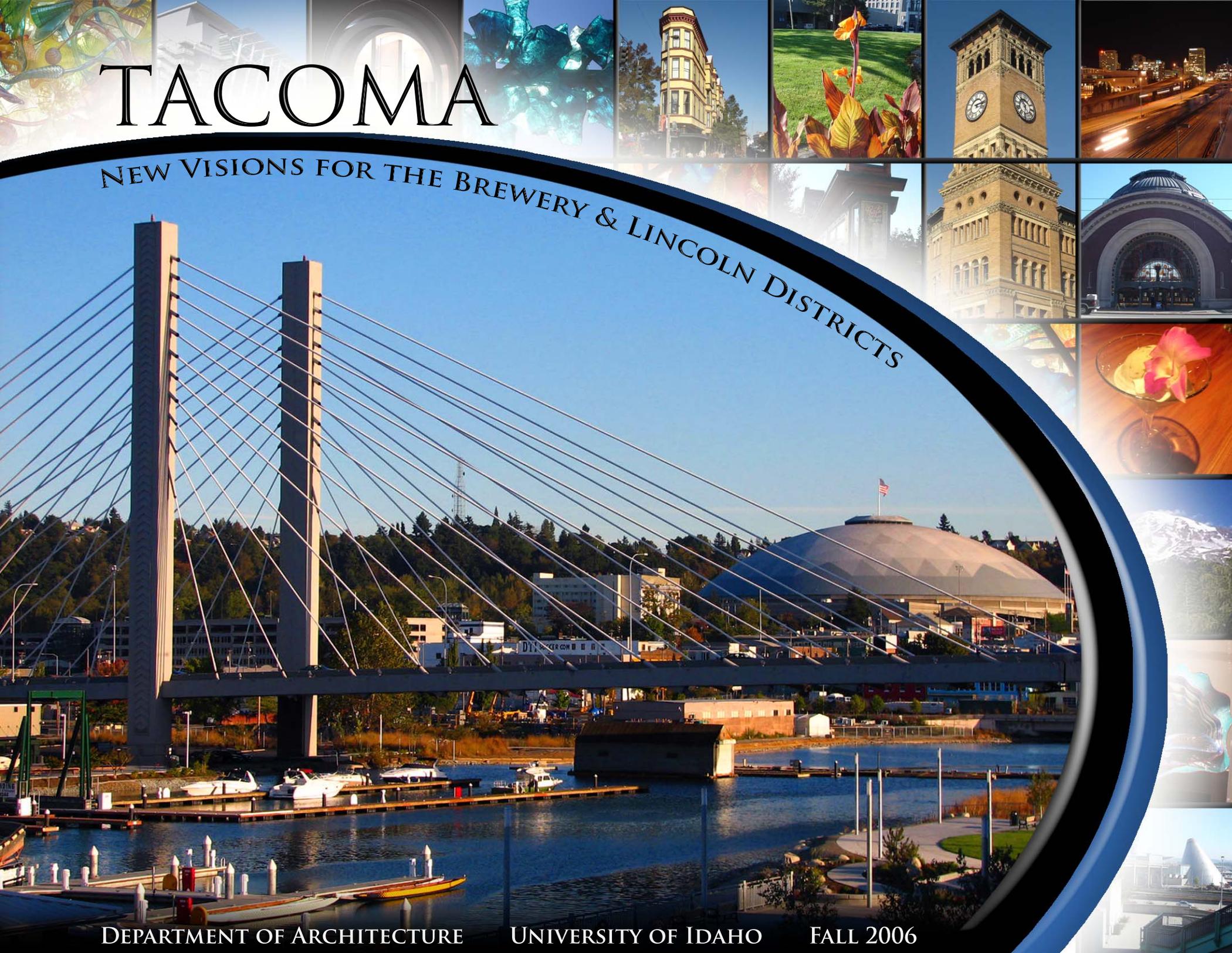


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This book contains architectural and urban designs proposed for the Brewery District and Lincoln District in Tacoma, Washington, by architecture students from the University of Idaho. The purpose is to show people of Tacoma visions of how the built environment of their neighborhoods might be transformed.

Three projects are proposed for the Brewery District, as well as a streetcar line that connects these three projects to the heart of downtown and University of Washington Tacoma. An infill building - containing a grocery store, retail, and moderate income residential units - is proposed for a site between Pacific and Commerce. A landscaped pedestrian area and infill building containing a hotel is proposed along Holgate. An adaptive reuse into a market, restaurant, and townhouses is proposed for the Stables Building.

A redesigned streetscape, façade renovation, and seven infill buildings are proposed for the Lincoln District. The redesigned streetscape includes a new streetcar line, wider sidewalks, benches, trees, and public art. Four historic buildings were selected for façade restoration: the Horsfall Building, the Rex Theatre, the Vien Dong, and the Old Lincoln Bank Building. Proposed infill buildings include an art center, a science center, two residential buildings, a library, a café, and a police substation.

The students traveled to Tacoma September 27-30, 2006, and examined the Brewery and Lincoln Districts under the guidance of Reuben McKnight, Gerald Eysaman, and Pat McGregor. Soon thereafter, students surveyed residents and business owners from the Lincoln District to find out what was important regarding their neighborhood. Working from the Comprehensive Plan and other guidelines of the City of Tacoma, students developed proposals for streetscapes, new infill buildings, and façade restoration and adaptive reuse of historic buildings in these two neighborhoods. On December 6, 2006, students returned to Tacoma and presented their visions at a public meeting in Whitman Elementary School to about 30 neighborhood residents, business owners, City officials, Neighborhood Councilmembers, and others. This book contains those visions.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us envision the potential of these two neighborhoods. Caroline Swope suggested that I consider doing a design project in Tacoma, put me in touch with other people in Tacoma, and organized an initial brainstorming meeting with Morgan Alexander, Russell Holter, and Reuben McKnight on September 2. Reuben McKnight, Gerald Eysaman, and Pat McGregor led the students on tours of the two districts and introduced them to the primary issues of these neighborhoods. Pat McGregor initiated and distributed the survey of the Lincoln District and many residents and business owners responded. Reuben McKnight provided a wealth of information to the students, without which they could not have done these projects. He assembled a web page of links to relevant City of Tacoma web sites and tracked down historic photographs and architectural drawings of historic buildings. University of Idaho architecture faculty Diane Armpreist, Ron Jelaco, Wendy McClure, Nels Reese, and Randy Teal critiqued early iterations of the students' design proposals. Pat McGregor, Reuben McKnight, Gerald Eysaman, and others scheduled and advertised the December 6 meeting. The librarian at Whitman Elementary School generously allowed us to use her space. About 30 people of Tacoma attended the presentation, commented, and asked intelligent questions. Brian Smith allowed us to use his photograph for the cover of this book. Of course, most of the work was expended by the students, many of whom went above and beyond what is normally expected for a senior architecture student. I am sure that others, behind the scenes, contributed too. I thank you all!

I sincerely hope that the visions presented in this book contribute to the enhancement of the built environment and lead to a higher quality of life and increased economic opportunities for the people of Tacoma. I also hope that the work completed this year is the beginning of a long-term collaboration between people of the City of Tacoma and the Department of Architecture at University of Idaho.

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### BREWERY DISTRICT

#### Brewery District Plan

Pacific Landing: Housing/mixed-use

Darin Harding, Ben Larsen, and Fran Wolstein

Brewery Plaza

Desiree Haas and Maura Martin

Stables Building: An Adaptive Reuse

Heather Sealy and Jeremy Smith

### LINCOLN DISTRICT

Making Place: Plan and Façade Renovation

Janelle Forster and Rebekah Ownbey

Lincoln Art Center

Hillary Fairfield

Lincoln Science Center

Ty Crossley

Lincoln Crossing

Stephen Williams

Lincoln Multifamily Housing

Roberto Ayllon Barba

Lincoln Library

Katie Lessard

Tacoma Mocha Internet Café

Kenny Bissegger

Lincoln District Substation

Kori Arthur