

Vision Statements

Twelve vision statements for Takoma Junction were drafted in a brainstorming exercise by members of the public. The public was then asked to vote for their favorite. The following three statements received the most votes.

1. Takoma Park Junction is a welcoming inclusive, historic, creative space that reflects Takoma Park values of sustainability, inclusivity, creativity, diversity, and respect for nature. It offers the local community an opportunity to meet, relax, take advantage of local goods & services and enjoy public and green spaces. It is easily accessible and safe for public transit riders, pedestrians, and bikers. It is a magnet for community events, artistic output, and provides an opportunity to meet people and ideas we would not otherwise meet.
2. Historic Takoma Junction is more than just a commuter route; it is a thriving community and commercial hub, serving residents and visitors of every age, ability, and income, with welcoming and independent shops, services, a local natural food store and green, shady public gathering spaces. The junction is safely accessible by foot, bike, transit, and private vehicle. It is the physical center of our proudly progressive People's Republic where we can gather, talk politics, hold protests, listen to music, buy our groceries, and eat an ice cream cone in the shade.
3. Takoma Junction will transform from a primarily traffic-centric junction to a place prioritizing the intersection of a full diversity of people and honoring the history of the community. It will be a vibrant, historic, environmentally sustainable, inclusive, and human-scaled place where there will be a gathering space and a balance of social functions and essential services, including support for minority-owned businesses and a walkable grocery store.

These three vision statements were reviewed for common words and themes. These words and themes will be included in the final vision statement.

Common words and themes, and which statements they were used in:

- Historic/history – 1, 2, 3
- Gathering space – 1, 2, 3
- Welcoming/inclusive – 1, 2, 3
- Community – 1, 2, 3
- Diversity – 1, 2, 3
- Pedestrian/bikers/walkable – 1, 2, 3
- Local/independent shops and services – 1, 2, 3
- Vibrant/thriving – 1, 3