

## **RESOLUTION NO. 41439**

A RESOLUTION relating to infrastructure projects; accepting grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, National Highway System Asset Management Program, and the United States Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$8,297,819, and depositing said sum into the Capital Project funds, together with \$790,142 in matching City funds, budgeted from various funds, for a cumulative total of \$9,087,961, to fund various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, traffic safety education, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.

WHEREAS the City's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") is updated annually to include planned transportation projects for the remaining year and the ensuing six years, and each update includes public outreach and engagement, community and Transportation Commission outreach, and a public hearing, and

WHEREAS outreach for the Transportation Master Plan included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically have not met expectations, with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods to help assure that community spending is allocated equitably citywide, and Public Works ("PW") staff used data, building on the City's Equity Index, to allocate infrastructure improvements and to prioritize improvements in under-represented neighborhoods increasing community trust with data driven decisions, and

WHEREAS PW applied for grants for numerous infrastructure projects in 2023-2024, and six projects were selected to receive approximately \$8,297,819 in grant funding or supplemental funding for grants already received, and



WHEREAS notification of grant awards or supplemental funding was received for six projects, as follows: (1) South 11th Street - \$3,163,000; (2) South Yakima Avenue - \$1,639,000; (3) Tacoma Washington I-5 Crossing Study - \$1,300,000; (4) South 38th and Cedar Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement - \$945,819; (5) Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvement at South 56th Street and Pacific Avenue (State Route 7) - \$650,000; and (6) ADA Transition Plan - \$600,000, and WHEREAS this resolution will support the City's goals for equity and accessibility, and PW's goals for access, safety and traffic flow on City streets,

WHEREAS this resolution will support the City's goals for equity and accessibility, and PW's goals for access, safety and traffic flow on City streets, pedestrian facilities, and bicycle facilities and infrastructure improvements align with Racial Equity Action Plan goals to enhance an organizational culture supporting anti-racist actions and equitable infrastructure in a timely manner, allowing all community members access to the City's transportation infrastructure in a variety of different modes, and

WHEREAS the grant awards require a total City match of \$790,142, and WHEREAS, under the grant process guidelines, the City Council must approve acceptance of grant funding; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State

Department of Transportation, National Highway System Asset Management

Program, and the United States Department of Transportation, in the total amount

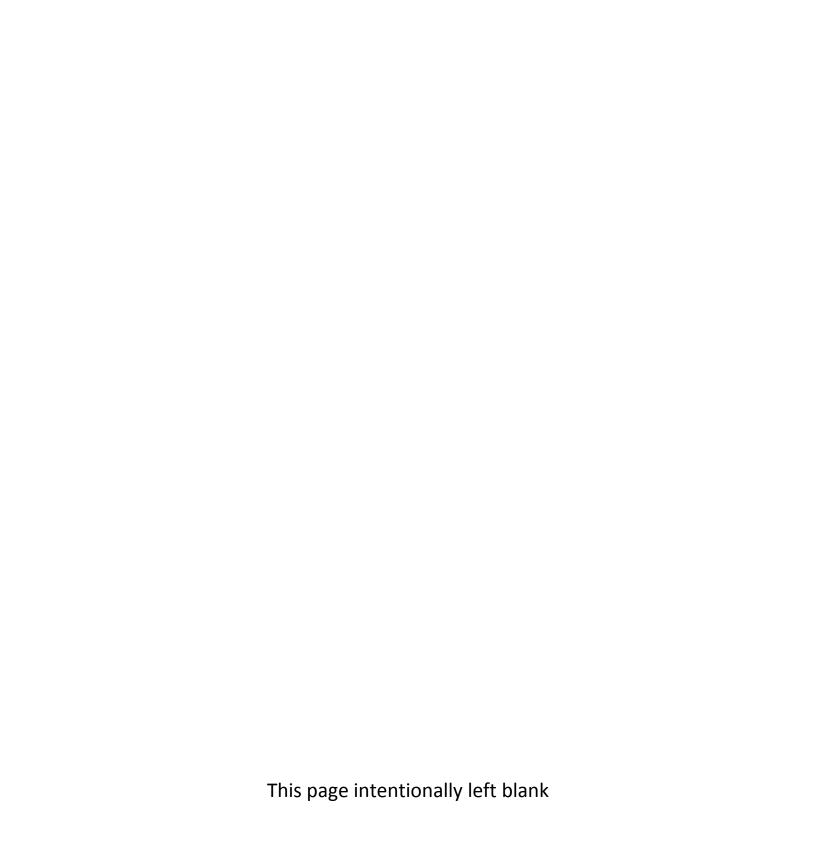
of \$8,297,819, for deposit into the Capital Project funds, together with \$790,142 in matching City funds, budgeted from various funds, for a cumulative total of \$9,087,961, to fund various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, traffic safety education, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements, as more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute grant agreements and any associated term extensions with the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, National Highway System Asset Management Program, and the United States Department of Transportation for the administration of the funding accepted pursuant to Section 1.

Attest:	Mayor	
City Clerk		
Approved as to form:		

**Deputy City Attorney** 

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_



## EXHIBIT 'A' Public Works Spring 2024 Grant Awards

Project	Grant	Background Information/General Discussion	Contact
South 11th Street	2023 National Highway System Asset Management Program \$3,163,000	This project on S 11th St between S Sprague Ave and Tacoma Ave S will include a grind and overlay, pedestrian improvements at five intersections, and utility work and signal improvements as needed. Crews will grind S 11th St at the gutter line and overlay the street with 2" of HMA. All curb ramps that are not currently compliant with the ADA will also be reconstructed as a part of this project and underground utilities will be afforded the opportunity to improve/maintain their assets in advance of paving. It is anticipated that utility work will be minimal at this location. Signal improvements may be needed at multiple locations and ROW easements may be required for any signal work and curb ramp improvements.  A City match is not required.	Charla Kinlow 253.208.4223
South Yakima Avenue	2023 National Highway System Asset Management Program \$1,639,000	This project on S Yakima Ave between S 12th St and S I St will include a grind and overlay, pedestrian improvements at 3 intersections, and utility work and signal improvements as needed. Crews will grind S Yakima Ave at the gutter line and overlay the street with 2" of HMA. All curb ramps that are not currently compliant with the ADA will be reconstructed as a part of this project and underground utilities will be afforded the opportunity to improve/maintain their assets in advance of paving. It is anticipated that utility work will be minimal at this location. Signal improvements may be needed at multiple locations and ROW easements may be required for any signal work and curb ramp improvements.  A City match is not required.	Clara Dubow 253.208.4161
Tacoma Washington I-5 Crossing Study	U.S Department of Transportation: Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods \$1,300,000	This project will study crossings and crossing opportunities along the 6.5 mile segment of I-5 that runs through Tacoma. The study will develop community-supported solutions and conceptual designs that, when implemented, will address the significant safety and accessibility challenges created by Interstate-5 (I-5) for people walking, biking, and rolling, helping to improve community connectivity and support housing and economic justice.  A City match of \$325,000 is required and funded via \$200,000 from the General Fund and \$125,00 from Fund 1060 motor vehicle fuel tax	Basel Kitmitto 253.591.5448

## **Public Works Spring 2024 Grant Awards**

Project	Grant	Background Information/General Discussion	Contact
South 38th and Cedar Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement	Puget Sound Regional Council: Equity Pilot Program \$945,819	The project, located near the center of the Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center will include construction of pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of S 38th St and S Cedar St, including curb bulbs, accessible curb ramps, high visibility crosswalk markings, accessible pedestrian signal (APS) push buttons, implementation of leading pedestrian intervals (LPI), and replacement of traffic signal heads to meet current standards. The second major project element is the construction of a segment of 10' wide sidewalk to meet close a greater than 400' gap in the sidewalk network on the north side of S 38th St. Street trees and landscaping will be added in the areas where new sidewalks are constructed.	Charla Kinlow 253.208.4223
	_	A City match of \$315,142 is required and funded via Real Estate Excise Tax.	
Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvement at South 56th Street and Pacific Avenue (SR7)	Washington State Department of Transportation: Sandy Williams Connecting Communities \$650,000	This project will include reconstruction of all four corners of the intersection to provide ADA-compliant ramps, modification of the traffic signal equipment to provide accessible push buttons, and sidewalk improvements to create an accessible connection to the bus stop west of the intersection. Curb extensions will be provided where possible to facilitate ramp reconstructions, to reduce pedestrian crossing distances, and to improve general visibility of road users at the corners.  A City match is not required.	Clara Dubow 253.208.4161
ADA Transition Plan	U.S. Department of Transportation: Safer Streets and Roads for All \$600,000	The City of Tacoma will work with a consultant to develop an ADA Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation that will be a comprehensive assessment of all facets of accessibility in Tacoma's public right-of-way. It will include measurements of accessibility criteria for sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signals, bus stops, and driveway curb cuts in the public right-of-way, as well as an assessment of existing policies and procedures. The Self-Evaluation phase will include a significant public outreach and involvement effort to assist the City in identifying issues and prioritizing projects. The plan will identify all barriers to accessibility in the public right-of-way, describe methods that will be used to achieve accessibility, create a prioritized schedule to remove barriers, and identify the person responsible for the implementation of the plan.  A City match of \$150,000 is required and funded via 1060 motor vehicle fuel tax.	Veronicah Munyao 253.591.5492