



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance Request No. 21-0160 – LID No. 8670 Formation – March 23, 2021
DATE: February 26, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance forming Local Improvement District No. 8670, for establishing a grade and placing thereon upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains and surface water catch basins, where needed on Ferry Street from South 12th Street to South 14th Street.

BACKGROUND:

The Hearing Examiner’s recommendation to approve formation of the Local Improvement District No. 8670 (“LID 8670” or the “LID”) is based on the evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing held on December 14, 2020. LID 8670 proposes to establish a grade and place thereon upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains and surface water catch basins, where needed on Ferry Street from South 12th Street to South 14th Street. To date, there is no opposition to forming the LID from property owners within the LID boundary. Based upon applicable Tacoma City Council policies and controlling State and local law with respect to formation of local improvement districts for street improvements and in the absence of any protest to formation, the Examiner recommends approval of the formation of LID 8670.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

All property owners within the boundary of the LID were notified of the public hearing, held on December 14, 2020, at which they could attend to express their concerns and voice support for, or opposition to the formation of LID 8670. At the hearing one property owner did ask clarifying questions to the City’s Department of Public Works LID Section representative. Property owners also had the opportunity to send written comments to the Hearing Examiner’s Office post-hearing. Property owners within LID 8670 will benefit from the improvements, the option of receiving long-term financing from the City, and from the City’s contribution to the LID.



2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Positive impacts on equity and accessibility result from approving this LID formation because residents within the LID boundary will have improved and safer roadways for travel, together with improved drainage and an improved streetscape aesthetic.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents of diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The formation of the Local Improvement District acknowledges the support of the property owners to form the LID and advances their opportunity to have direct involvement in public improvements in their neighborhood.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. The Council could approve formation of the LID under different terms than those recommended.	Any positive impact arising from varying from the Examiner's recommendation would depend on what those variations are.	Any variation from the current recommendation could potentially delay the LID formation and construction of the improvements.
2. The Council could reject formation of the LID.	The most positive impacts come from approving the LID formation.	The most positive impacts come from approving LID formation, thereby making the improvements that are supported by the City and the property owners.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

All evaluation and follow up should be coordinated between the appropriate City Department and property owners within the LID.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Hearing Examiner recommends formation of Local Improvement District No. 8670 as set forth in the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.1060-LID	LID-8670R-06	5600000	\$373,941.50
2.4301-ES Surface Water	LID-8670S-06	5600000	\$118,750.00
TOTAL			\$492,691.50

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

1060-LID, LID Assessments, 6398645, \$190,730.50
 1060-LID, Streets Initiative Funds, 6311108, \$183,211.00
 4301, ES Surface Water Funds, 4300020, \$118,750.00

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

YES

ES Surface Water is budgeted at the fund level.
 Streets Initiative Funds are budgeted at the project level.
 LID assessments are budgeted at the project level upon adoption of the formation ordinance.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

There are no financial costs to the city for not adopting the ordinance creating the Local Improvement District.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

The storm water main extension will require periodic cleaning.
 The new street surface with curb and gutter will require periodic street sweeping.

Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?

No

Existing staff will design, inspect and maintain the improvements authorized by the Local Improvement District.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments can be found in Legistar:

- The Hearing Examiner’s City Council Action Memorandum, dated February 26, 2021.
- The Hearing Examiner’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation, issued on January 7, 2021.
- The City’s Witness List, Exhibit List, and Exhibits C-1 through C-10.
- Verbatim electronic recording from the hearing held on December 14, 2020.