City of Tacoma

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PRESENTER: Craig Kuntz, Planning and Development Services **SUBJECT:** Accessory Dwelling Unit Accelerator Project Update

DATE: August 6, 2024

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff will provide an update on the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Accelerator Project, including the preapproved plan project and related activities to simplify the permitting process. This update will also provide a recap of past efforts and address comments and follow-up requests from the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS) meeting on July 10, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

ADUs and detached ADUs (DADUs) are infill housing options that are integral to low-scale residential contexts. They contribute to affordable housing options and choice, respond to changing household needs and lifestyles, add to the City's housing supply, and contribute to neighborhood stability. As the names indicate, the former type is included within a primary dwelling's structure, while the latter is a stand-alone, detached structure.

The ADU Accelerator Project is focused on providing our community with access to services and designs with the goal of removing uncertainty from the construction of DADUs. Past efforts focused on the pre-application process and providing site plan review assistance. This current project is advancing pre-approved DADU plans to further promote this type of development.

ISSUE:

The item before this Committee is an informational brief to provide an update on the PDS ADU Accelerator Project, pre-approved plans, and related ADU updates. This update could be used to develop future departmental actions and/or budgetary investments related to the ADU and DADU infill housing options.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is informational only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is informational only. There are no recommendations.