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SUBJECT: Resolution- Grant and Loan Acceptance- March 3, 2026
DATE: February 4, 2026

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution accepting grants and a loan from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Washington State Public Works Board (PWB), and the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), in the total amount of \$10,642,746; and depositing said sum into the Capital Project funds, together with \$562,686 in matching City funds, budgeted various funds, for a cumulative total of \$11,205,432, to fund Public Works projects that include pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, roadway improvements, safety education, planning study, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department applied for grants and a loan for infrastructure projects in 2024-2025. Several projects were selected to receive up to \$10,642,746 in grant and loan funds. Notifications of grant and loan award were received for the following projects:

| Project | Total Grant Awards |
|--|---------------------------|
| Stewart Middle School Safe Route to School | \$2,043,000 |
| South 12th Street Preservation and Safety Improvements project | \$2,900,000 |
| South 12th Street Improvements, South Grant Street to South Cedar Street | \$3,721,000 |
| South Park Avenue Greenway, South 86th Street to South 76th Street | \$478,746 |
| South Tacoma Way Vision Zero Planning Study | \$1,500,000 |
| TOTAL | \$10,642,746 |

The attached table provides background information including a brief project summary, grant description, supplemental funding information, and City match requirements for each project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Infrastructure improvements included in this resolution were identified by significant public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan (recently renamed to Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP)) and Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. Outreach for the TMP included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven't met expectations, with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping to assure community spending is allocated equitably city-wide. The City's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program is updated annually to include planned transportation projects for the remaining year and the ensuing six years. Each update includes public outreach and engagement, including community and Transportation Commission outreach and a public hearing. In addition, Public Works capital projects include community engagement and public outreach during design and construction. Project outreach may include public meetings, design charettes, project events, postcards, emails, and other project correspondence depending on project complexity and location.



2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This resolution will support the City’s goals for Equity and Accessibility and Public Works’ goals for access, safety, and traffic flow on City streets, pedestrian facilities, and bicycle facilities. Infrastructure improvements are aligned with the City’s Access, Opportunity, and Belonging framework to remove barriers, provide necessary services and support, and foster inclusive environments by prioritizing infrastructure investments for the improvements, maintenance, and repair of traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure in a timely manner; affecting all community members share access to the City’s transportation infrastructure via a variety of different modes. Public Works staff uses data, building on the City’s Equity Index and Vision Zero Action Plan, to allocate infrastructure improvements and to prioritize improvements in under-represented neighborhoods increasing community trust with data-driven decisions.

Economy/Workforce: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

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

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

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

This resolution will provide grant and loan funding to deliver infrastructure investments for various Public Works’ projects that include pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, roadway improvements, safety education, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. It will provide infrastructure access and safety improvements and increase livability, business development or support, and increase community engagement.

ALTERNATIVES:

| Alternative(s) | Positive Impact(s) | Negative Impact(s) |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1. Return grant funding. | None. | Funding requiring Council approval cannot be accepted, and funds may need to be returned; projects relying on those funds would not be completed. |

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Project scope, schedule, and budget are tracked to ensure successful delivery of projects meeting grant timelines and other milestones. Community benefits are tracked by performance measures reported to the City Council and through granting agency audits. Project outreach is completed through mailings, public meetings, and website capital project improvement updates. Project contracts and amendments are presented to the City Council as needed.



STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is to approve the resolution to accept grant and loan funding to support delivery of projects listed, improving safety, access, and equity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Project have been or will be budgeted through the capital budgeting process.

| GRANT SOURCE | PROJECT NAME | GRANT AMOUNT | CITY CONTRIBUTION | TOTAL FUNDS |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| WSDOT: 2024 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Program and Safe Routes to School Program | Stewart Middle School Safe Route to School | \$2,043,000 | \$443,000 | \$2,486,000 |
| PWB: Low-Interest Construction loan | South 12th Street Preservation and Safety Improvements project | \$2,900,000 | | \$2,900,000 |
| TIB | South 12th Street Improvement, South Grant Street to South Cedar Street | \$3,721,000 | | \$3,721,000 |
| TIB | South Park Avenue Greenway, South 86th Street to South 76th Street | \$478,746 | \$119,686 | \$598,432 |
| WSDOT: 2025-27 Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program State Funding | South Tacoma Way Vision Zero Planning Study | \$1,500,000 | | \$1,500,000 |
| Total | | \$10,642,746 | \$562,686 | \$11,205,432 |

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Various one-time funding sources including grant revenues and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue.

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

YES
Revenues and expenditures for these grants and City match amounts will be budgeted at the next budget process opportunity.

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

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

NO



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

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Project Summary