



RESOLUTION NO. 41161

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BUSHNELL AND DIAZ

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$12,500,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to install wheelstops along
5 the east side of South "D" Street, from South 72nd Street to South 74th
6 Street.

7 WHEREAS, until recently, the area between South 72nd Street and South
8 74th Street, on the east side of the street, was a gravel-covered right-of-way with a
9 history of encampments, litter and dumping, and graffiti along a retaining wall, and

10 WHEREAS for years, neighbors around South "D" Street, between South
11 72nd Street and South 74th Street have requested that the City make infrastructure
12 investments in the area to deter negative behavior and enhance the sense of space
13 and community, and

14 WHEREAS the South End Neighborhood Council ("SENCO") has long
15 advocated for investment along this street, and in recent months has taken a
16 leadership role in finding funding and community partners to create positive change,
17 which has included applying for and receiving grants for planting trees and for a
18 40 foot mural along the retaining wall, and

19 WHEREAS through a partnership with the City's Environmental Services
20 depave program, select gravel areas have been removed and replaced with Tagro
21 where trees will be planted, and

22 WHEREAS this request would fund wheelstops to act as semi-permanent
23 curbing to protect the newly planted trees, and maintain this area as a positive
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1 space for the community, which is especially important as the new trees establish
2 themselves, and

3 WHEREAS SENCO volunteers have organized the planting of over 30 street
4 trees, and are asking the City to partner by providing a semi-permanent curbing
5 option that would help preserve this investment and improve health outcomes for
6 the community, and

8 WHEREAS this location is in an area that ranks “very low” on the City’s
9 Equity Index, and this score mirrors known data on the reduced tree canopy cover
10 in the South End of the City, and acknowledges the health impacts and increased
11 temperatures of neighborhoods with fewer trees, and

13 WHEREAS SENCO also received a grant to host a block party this summer
14 to celebrate this space and bring the community together, and

15 WHEREAS, at the March 14, 2023, Study Session, Council
16 Member Bushnell shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-
17 time use of \$12,500 from the Council Contingency Fund to install wheelstops along
18 South “D” Street, from South 72nd Street to South 74th Street on the east side of
19 the street, and

21 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
22 with terms and deliverables for the City’s contribution, and

24 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
25 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of

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1 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
 2 adopting the budget, and

3 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
 4 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
 5 Therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

8 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,500, budgeted from
 9 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting
 10 the installation of wheelstops along the east side of South "D" Street, from South
 11 72nd Street to South 74th Street.
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13 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
 14 confirm deliverables with the South End Neighborhood Council for the purposes
 15 hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.
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 Mayor

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 City Clerk

24 Approved as to form:
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 Deputy City Attorney