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SUBJECT: Resolution - Interlocal Agreement Between Port of Tacoma and City of Tacoma for Stormwater Management - January 28, 2025
DATE: February 11, 2025

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing an amendment to an interlocal agreement (ILA) between the Port of Tacoma and the City of Tacoma, regarding mutual cooperation and support with relation to stormwater management responsibilities, extending the expiration date of the ILA from February 28, 2025 to August 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's Recommendation is Based On: The existing interlocal agreement has been in place since 2020, adopted by Resolution No, 40655. The extension does not alter any of the existing conditions of the ILA and is solely to extend the expiration date from February 28, 2025 to August 31, 2025. The extension is desired to allow the parties to evaluate the impacts of new permit conditions in the new Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit and new Industrial Stormwater General Permit and review draft updates to the City of Tacoma Stormwater Management Manual available in Q2 of 2025, which may impact the conditions in the new ILA. Cooperation documented in this ILA is mutually beneficial because each party benefits by a coordinated approach by increased efficiency in operations for stormwater management. It also promotes more effective collaboration to reduce pollutants in municipal stormwater to the maximum extent practicable within two interconnected and independently owned and operated municipal stormwater systems.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Customer for this agreement is the Port of Tacoma (Port) and their tenants. The ILA has been developed cooperatively with the Port and the Port has considered the needs and feedback of their tenants in its development.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The ILA helps businesses on Port-owned properties to operate with less inspection disruptions from regulatory staff. It will continue to enhance partnership for stormwater management between the City and the Port, and it will allow easier construction permit issuance for businesses on Port-owned property. This could assist businesses on Port-owned properties to be more efficient and competitive and increase their ability to be stable employers.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

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

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

Continued and enhanced cooperation between the City and the Port will increase efficiency of operations and decrease time spent by businesses within the Port to escort inspection staff through their sites. Through cooperation



between the City and the Port, the Public will see that Tacoma is interested in helping businesses be more productive and improve environmental conditions in the Tideflats Subarea.

ALTERNATIVES:

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Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not extend the ILA.	N/A	Hinder further coordination efforts.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The ILA has requirements for the administrators of the agreement for both the City and the Port to meet annually to coordinate. The administrators will check in with affected staff to ensure that the actions outlined in the agreement are occurring.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to extend the interlocal agreement with the Port of Tacoma for mutual cooperation and support regarding agency stormwater management.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.N/A			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense? N/A

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

No

There will be no necessary expenditures required to amend this ILA. Staff time necessary to process the amendment is already accounted for in the existing biennial budget.

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

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts? No

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Executed 2020 ILA