



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and
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SUBJECT: South Tacoma Way Vision Zero Planning Study
Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW26-0021F, Contract No.
CW2281406 – June 23, 2026 City Council
DATE: May 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department (PW) recommends awarding a contract to Toole Design Group LLC, Seattle WA, in the amount of \$1,361,085, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund 1060 for consulting services to conduct initial planning and data collection work, develop alternatives, engage with the community, and develop 30 percent plans, estimate, and specifications to improve pedestrian safety along South Tacoma Way from South 60th Street to South Pine Street.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The Project will develop a comprehensive design to enhance safety and accessibility for people walking, biking, rolling, driving, and accessing transit along and near South Tacoma Way. Planned improvements on South Tacoma Way include pedestrian safety and ADA-compliant upgrades, separated bicycle facilities and/or a shared-use path, traffic calming elements to reduce vehicle speeds, enhanced transit access, and new or upgraded pedestrian and bicycle crossings. Planned improvements to South Washington Street and Puget Sound Avenue South include traffic calming elements to reduce vehicular speeds and deter traffic diversion from South Tacoma Way. These enhancements aim to create a safer, more connected corridor for residents, commuters, and visitors.

BACKGROUND:

South Tacoma Way has been identified in Tacoma’s Vision Zero Action Plan and Local Road Safety Plan as one of the City’s priority corridors. The improvements proposed through this project are intended to reduce the risk of serious injuries and fatalities while enhancing multimodal access, connectivity, and safe, convenient active transportation options along the corridor.

The City of Tacoma has secured Sandy Williams Connecting Communities grant funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to support the South



Tacoma Way Vision Zero Study. This effort represents a key initiative in advancing the City’s transportation safety and equity goals and plays an important role in broader regional and community planning efforts. The project will help strengthen connections to the planned multimodal improvements surrounding the Sound Transit South Tacoma Station, improve access to the South Tacoma Neighborhood Business District, and enhance connectivity to key community destinations, including schools, parks, and essential services.

ISSUE: The Project will develop a 30 percent comprehensive design to enhance safety and accessibility for people walking, biking, rolling, driving, and accessing transit along and near South Tacoma Way from South 60th Street to South Pine Street.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is to not to perform the planning study and perform regular maintenance where necessary. Not awarding the contract would result in not completing the vision of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan nor the Vision Zero Road Safety Audit.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Requests for Qualification Specification No. PW26-0021F was opened March 10, 2026. One hundred fourteen companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Five submittals were received.

<u>Respondent</u> RFQ	<u>Location</u>	<u>Score</u>
Toole Design Group LLC	Seattle, WA	394
DKS Associates	Seattle, WA	367
Seva Workshop LLC	Seattle, WA	295
Keller Associates Inc	Kent, WA	272
Precision Consulting Firm LLC	Las Vegas, NV	183

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gases and sustainable transportation is a mitigation to address the cause (per the Climate Action Plan). This study helps support greenhouse gas reduction by supporting multimodal transportation and increasing tree canopy. This project is funded by the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Grant through the Washington State Climate Commitment Act Legislation.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - Service contract - EIC Regulations are not yet established

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 - Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-G0083-01-02	5310100	\$1,361,085
TOTAL			Up to \$1,361,085

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Grant	PWK-G0083-FS-04	4332270	(\$1,361,085)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,361,085)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,361,085.00

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A