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SUBJECT: Resolution – Grant Acceptance – December 19, 2023
DATE: November 20, 2023

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution accepting grants as required by City of Tacoma Purchasing Policy, 4.10 Grant Funds, and providing information relating to supplemental project funding received from the Puget Sound Regional Council, National Highway Performance Program, and the Washington State Public Works Board, in the total amount of \$17,684,908, and depositing said sum into the various Capital Project funds, to fund various Public Works projects including pedestrian facilities, bikeways, safe routes to schools, roadway improvements, traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. Purchasing Policy requires Council approval for acceptance of grant funding if the City is providing matching funds or services over \$500,000 or if the terms of the grant require governing body approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department aggressively applied for grants for numerous infrastructure projects in 2022-2023. Six projects were selected to receive approximately \$17,684,908 million in grant funds or supplemental funding for grants already received. Notification of grant award or supplemental funding was received for the following projects:

Project	Total Grant Awards
Baker Middle School Safe Routes to School	\$1,469,658
Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Phase 2	\$9,000,000
South 48th Street Seismic	\$1,096,000
Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvements: East 27th Street to East 56th Street	\$2,119,250
St. Helens Avenue Improvement	\$1,500,000
Links to Opportunity Streetscape	\$2,500,000
TOTAL	\$17,684,908

The attached table provides background information including brief project summaries, grant descriptions, supplemental funding information, and City match requirements for the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Infrastructure improvements identified in this resolution were identified by a significant amount of public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan and Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. Outreach for the Transportation Master Plan included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven't met expectations, with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping assure the 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, Traffic Flow and Safety on City streets, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities. Infrastructure improvements align with Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) goals to enhance an organizational culture supporting anti-racist actions and equitable infrastructure investment for the improvements, maintenance, and repair of traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure in a timely manner, affecting all community members requiring access to a variety of different modes of transportation. Public Works staff uses data building on the City's Equity Index 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 funding to deliver equitable infrastructure investment for the improvement, maintenance, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, traffic signal, bridge, 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 funding to support delivery of projects listed, improving safety, access, and equitability.



FISCAL IMPACT:

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

GRANT SOURCE	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	GRANT AMOUNT	CITY CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS
Puget Sound Regional Council	Baker Middle School Safe Routes to School	PWK-G0054	\$1,469,658	\$100,000	\$1,569,658
National Highway Performance Program	Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Phase 2	PWK-G0058	\$9,000,000	N/A	\$9,000,000
National Highway Performance Program	South 48th Street Seismic	TBD	\$1,096,000	N/A	\$1,096,000
Puget Sound Regional Council	Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvements: East 27th Street to East 56th Street	TBD	\$2,119,250	\$370,750	\$2,490,000
Washington State Public Works Board	St. Helens Avenue Improvement	PWK-01035	Loan - \$1,275,000 Grant - \$225,000	N/A	\$1,500,000
Washington State Public Works Board	Links to Opportunity Streetscape	PWK-G0041	Loan - \$2,125,000 Grant - \$375,000	N/A	\$2,500,000
TOTAL			\$17,684,908	\$470,750	\$18,155,658

What Funding is being used to support the expense? One-time funding sources including grant revenues from 1085 revenues.

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

No. Some projects have been budgeted, and the rest are planned to be budgeted through the capital budgeting process.

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

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

NO

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

No

This resolution will provide the opportunity to accept grant funding and deliver more projects meeting grant and other required timelines.



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ATTACHMENTS:

- Public Works 2023 Grant Awards Summary