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SUBJECT: Micromobility Request for Proposals
DATE: March 4, 2020

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Public Works Department staff will present an overview of the Micromobility Request for Proposals (RFP) process to competitively solicit one or more micromobility vendors to enter into a contract with the City, replacing our current system of short-term permits.

BACKGROUND:

On January 15, 2020, Public Works Department staff provided an update to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on lessons learned from the City's micromobility pilot program – including usage statistics, responses to community feedback, and planned next steps.

Staff have worked closely with stakeholders to develop the Micromobility RFP – including work with the City's Micromobility Stakeholder Group and presentations to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities on February 14, 2020, the Transportation Commission on February 19, 2020, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group on January 27, and February 24, 2020.

Since January, staff have been working to incorporate lessons learned from the pilot, best practices research, and stakeholder feedback into a Micromobility RFP. The RFP process will allow the City to competitively solicit one or more micromobility vendors to enter into a contract with the City, replacing our current system of short-term permits. Draft Micromobility Operating Requirements, along with the City's fee and incentive structure, will be released alongside the RFP, allowing the City to clearly articulate our vision for micromobility moving forward.

ISSUE:

The current micromobility vendor's permit expires on May 31, 2020. Staff have incorporated lessons learned from the pilot into a RFP process to competitively solicit one or more micromobility vendors to enter into a contract with the City, replacing our current system of short-term permits.

ALTERNATIVES:

The RFP solicitation process can occur at a later date; however, there may be a gap in service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.