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SUBJECT: Schuster Parkway Promenade
DATE: July 16, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Public Works staff will present preliminary options and a recommendation regarding the proposed Schuster Parkway Promenade project.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed project will consist of a shared-use promenade along Schuster Parkway connecting the Thea Foss Waterway esplanade and downtown Tacoma with Old Town and the Ruston Way shoreline promenade. This trail serves as a critical segment of the 8.5 mile "Dome to Defiance" multi-modal access system that stretches from the Tacoma Dome in south downtown to Point Defiance Park in the north end of Tacoma, linking together the City's most populous neighborhoods with commercial, recreational, and cultural destinations.

The first phase of the project is completing the 1.6 mile Schuster Parkway Promenade segment. This segment will extend along the west side of Schuster Parkway from the intersection of the South 4th Street overpass, continuing on to North 30th Street into Old Town, and then northwards on McCarver Street to connect to the Ruston Way walking path along the waterfront.

A planning study was completed for the project in 2014. In 2015, Tacoma received a design grant for \$1.1 million. Construction funding totaling \$4 million is earmarked in the State of Washington's 2023-2025 Biennium Budget through the Connecting Washington program.

ISSUE:

City staff and consultants evaluated several project options. The presentation will review three options, construction impacts and financial constraints.

ALTERNATIVES:

Public Works staff will present three options; a full scale project, a reduced scope project, and canceling the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Public Works staff will present the fiscal impacts and issues for each of the three options.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works recommends constructing a reduced scope project for the Schuster Parkway Promenade between Ruston Way and Garfield Gulch.