



City of Tacoma
Finance Department
Budget and Research Division

City Council Public Hearing
2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program
November 18, 2014

A. SUBJECT OF HEARING –

Adoption of the **2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program**

B. BACKGROUND

The 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program (CFP) is an implementing strategy of the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan and provides information on capital facilities in the City of Tacoma. It is both a planning and financial document as it prioritizes the capital improvements the City intends to build in the next six years and provides a plan for paying for these improvements. The Program does not appropriate funds, but rather functions as a budgeting tool, supporting the actual appropriations that are made through adoption of the budget. Each year providers of publicly supported capital facilities submit information about projects relative to type, size, location, financing (including anticipated cost and funding sources), and impact on existing levels of service. Consistent with requirements of the Growth Management Act, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Municipal Code, this information is compiled into a draft document and presented for public review and comment through the public hearing process prior to consideration by the City Council for adoption or amendment concurrently with the City's budget. [RCW 36.70A.130 (2) (a) (iv)].

Resolution No. 36914, adopted on July 11, 2006, reinforces the City's commitment to public involvement and ensures consistency throughout the public review process by prioritizing the projects to be included in the 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program and requiring public hearings by both the Planning Commission and City Council. The draft 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program was presented to the Planning Commission on September 17, 2014 and the public hearing was held on October 1, 2014. More than 230 notices announcing the public hearing were sent to interested parties. An e-mail notice was sent to more than 360 recipients that are on the Planning Commission's distribution list. An advertisement on the public hearing was published in the Tacoma News Tribune on September 23, 2014. The draft CFP will be posted to the City's Internet website and a hard copy of the draft CFP will be made available at the main branch of the Tacoma Public Library. Comments and edits are actively being solicited and will be posted to the website as well. The Environmental Checklist (SEPA File No. SEP2014-400002231430) and the Determination of Environmental Nonsignificance have been completed. A "Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment 60 Days Prior to Adoption" was sent to the State Department of Commerce (per RCW 36.70A.106) on September 25, 2014.

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