



RESOLUTION NO. 41314

1 A RESOLUTION relating to roadway safety education; authorizing the
2 execution of the Second Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the
3 Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, adding up
4 to \$50,000 to the original amount of \$30,000, accepting and depositing
5 said sum into the Transportation Capital Fund, for the piloting and
6 installation of additional traffic gardens and safety events, through
7 June 30, 2025.

8 WHEREAS from 2016 to 2022, Washington State Department of
9 Transportation data shows that 168 youth, ages 19 or younger, were hit by
10 people driving in the City while walking or biking, and
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12 WHEREAS teaching youth traffic safety skills at a young age is one
13 piece out of a comprehensive approach to reducing youth injuries and fatalities
14 while walking and biking, and
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16 WHEREAS traffic gardens are small versions of roadways painted onto
17 a paved surface that offer a playful low-stress environment for learning traffic
18 safety, and to provide children with opportunities to safely practice biking,
19 scootering, and the rules of the road in an environment designed at child-scale
20 and free from motorized vehicles, and
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22 WHEREAS this pilot with the Washington State Department of Social
23 and Health Services (“DSHS”) Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership
24 Advisory Council provides the DSHS team and the City with a partnership
25 opportunity to continue testing temporary and permanent traffic garden
26 strategies, offer safety education and materials, and teach vital traffic safety
skills in a fun environment, and



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WHEREAS in summer 2023, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Program installed four temporary traffic gardens and hosted four pop-up events serving over 275 people and fitting 174 youth with free helmets, where 98% of the families in attendance said the event gave them a sense of being part of their community and over two-thirds said both the parent and child learned something about traffic safety skills and helmet fitting, and

WHEREAS the proposed Interlocal Agreement amendment provides the City’s Safe Routes to School program with up to an additional \$50,000 to install temporary traffic gardens, create educational and promotional materials, and host events that teach traffic safety skills and offer free helmets and proper helmet fit instruction for families, and

WHEREAS potential locations will be prioritized using the Tacoma Equity Index and SRTS school prioritization analysis, and assessing areas that offer fewer play-spaces for young children; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement amendment with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (“DSHS”), in the amount of up to \$80,000, to be deposited into the Transportation Capital Fund, for the piloting and installation of traffic gardens and safety events, through June 30, 2025, as more specifically set forth in the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.



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Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an amended agreement with DSHS, outlining the scope of work and deliverables outlined in Section 1.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney