



## RESOLUTION NO. 39721

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Special Projects; designating 17 Public Works and  
 2 Environmental Services projects as special projects of limited duration; and  
 3 designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed  
 4 on said projects pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code 1.12.155, 1.24.187,  
 5 1.24.980-.986, 1.30.300, and Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma City Charter.

6 WHEREAS the Public Works and Environmental Services Departments  
 7 desire to designate the 17 projects set forth on the attached Exhibit "A" as special  
 8 projects of limited duration, and to acquire project staff to supplement permanent  
 9 staffing levels on an as-needed basis to support the projects, and

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 1.12.155, 1.24.187,  
 11 and 1.24.980-.986, and Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma City Charter, employees who  
 12 are not regular employees and are hired as special project employees are  
 13 unclassified and paid as provided for by ordinance or resolution of the City Council;

14 Now, Therefore,

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

16 Section 1. That the 17 projects set forth on the attached Exhibit "A" are  
 17 hereby designated as special projects of limited duration through December 31,  
 18 2022.

19 Section 2. That, in accordance with TMC 1.24.187 and 1.24.980-.986, and  
 20 Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma City Charter, employees who have been hired or  
 21 may be hired for positions expected to be of limited duration shall be designated  
 22 as unclassified special project employees as of the date of hire.

23 Section 3. That the salaries and classifications set forth in the  
 24 Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma for permanent employees, or the  
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1 closest classifications, shall be applied, contingent upon funding, to similar  
2 positions of the special project. The Compensation Plan is incorporated herein  
3 by reference as if fully set forth.

4 Section 4. That employees who have been hired or may be hired as  
5 special project employees shall receive benefits in accordance with and  
6 pursuant to the provisions of the Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma; as  
7 special project employees they shall not become members of the Retirement  
8 System unless they elect to do so pursuant to a one-time binding and  
9 irrevocable election under the provisions of TMC 1.30.300; provided, however,  
10 that special project employees hired to work on the identified special projects  
11 shall not be eligible for longevity pay; and further, that should any current regular  
12 employee eligible for longevity pay be assigned to one or more of the special  
13 projects, the employee so assigned shall continue to be eligible for longevity pay  
14 and shall become or remain a member of the City's Retirement System pursuant  
15 to any applicable provisions of TMC 1.30, and contributions shall be paid therein  
16 by the City pursuant to TMC 1.30.360.

19 Section 5. That, inasmuch as the positions to be filled pursuant to this  
20 resolution are of a temporary nature and are unique in that they pertain only to the  
21 aforementioned special projects, they are deemed unclassified, temporary  
22 positions of limited duration and persons so employed in such positions shall have  
23 no claim to further or continued employment with the City of Tacoma after  
24 cessation of such special project or after cessation of activities funded by said  
25 programs, except pursuant to obtaining status as regular City of Tacoma  
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employees under the provisions of the TMC or pursuant to further action of the City Council relating to these special projects.

Section 6. That all acts by agents or employees of the City consistent herewith are hereby ratified.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to direct the appropriate City officers to proceed with the necessary actions for the completion of these special projects.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**2017 SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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1. South Tacoma Way Corridor Safety Improvements

This project will construct safety improvements along South Tacoma Way, including signal system upgrades, flashing yellow arrow signal heads, countdown pedestrian signals, and audible pedestrian push buttons; and improve signal timing, communication, and coordination. A City match of \$145,883 will be funded from Streets Initiative funding.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,069,813  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

2. East Portland Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements

This project will construct safety improvements along Portland Avenue from East 72nd Street to Puyallup Avenue, including signal system upgrades, flashing yellow arrow signal heads, countdown pedestrian signals, and audible pedestrian push buttons; and improve signal timing, communication, and coordination. A City match of \$232,689 will be funded from Streets Initiative funding.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,601,224  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

3. State Route 7 (Pacific Avenue) Signal Corridor Improvements

This project will improve the visibility of traffic signal heads and improve the phasing, timing, and coordination between signals. Upgrades will be made to accessible countdown pedestrian signals and push buttons, crosswalks will be improved, and signs will be upgraded.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$995,166  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

4. WSDOT Southbound I-5 HOV

This project is part of the Tacoma/Pierce County High-Occupancy-Vehicle ("HOV") Program, a series of highway projects to provide operational improvements and HOV lanes on Interstate 5, State Route 16, and State Route 167. The most notable work to occur in this project is building a new



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southbound Puyallup River Bridge that will be straighter and wider than the existing bridge. The southbound bridge will be built after an adjacent northbound bridge is complete.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$305,349,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

5. WSDOT SR-16 HOV Connectors

The High-Occupancy-Vehicle (“HOV”) Connector project is a partnership with the City of Tacoma that will build new bridge structures and direct-access ramps to connect Interstate 5 HOV lanes to State Route 16 HOV lanes. These structures will be limited solely to HOV traffic, and will create the last HOV link within a system that will stretch from Gig Harbor to Everett. A significant amount of construction will also occur on northbound and southbound Interstate 5 while crews realign it for better traffic flow.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$217,539,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

6. Sound Transit Link Expansion

This Sound Transit project is a partnership with the City of Tacoma. Regional voters approved the Tacoma Link Expansion as part of Sound Transit 2 in 2008. The extension will take Tacoma Link from the Theater District up Stadium Way and through the Stadium and Hilltop neighborhoods. The system expansion includes seven new stations, five new Link vehicles, and an expansion to the existing Operations and Maintenance facility on East 25th Street.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$153,000,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

7. 2017-2018 Neighborhood Programs

This project designs and constructs neighborhood traffic calming devices such as speed humps, traffic circles, and bulbouts to address citizen and community requests.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$250,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.



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8. Traffic Enhancements

This project provides for the installation, upgrade, and replacement of guardrails, fences, and traffic safety barriers.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$250,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

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9. Fawcett Avenue: South 19th Street to South 21st Street

This project enhances the Top 4 Bikeways corridor with new crossing treatments at the intersection of South 21st Street and Fawcett Avenue and traffic calming/bike boulevard improvements along Fawcett Avenue from South 19th Street to South 21st Street.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,263,290

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

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10. South Stevens/Tyler/South 66th Street Bike and Pedestrian Connector

This project will link existing bikeways north/south across Tacoma by closing the gap on the Tyler/Stevens bikeway and will add an east/west connection along South 66th Street. It will also add pedestrian improvements at various intersections.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,778,290

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

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11. Puyallup River Bridge F16A and F16B Replacement

This project replaces the two most westerly segments of the total six segments that make up the Puyallup River Bridge spanning between Portland Avenue and Milwaukee Way.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$42,036,043

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

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12. First Creek Middle School Safe Routes to School

The project will improve student safety by installing a pedestrian crossing traffic signal on Portland Avenue. The project will also provide safety education and increase enforcement. A City match of \$65,000 is required and will be funded from Streets Initiative funding.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$397,885

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

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13. Lister Elementary Safe Routes to School

1 The project will improve pedestrian crossings, install school zone warning  
2 beacons, and improve bus/parent access in front of the school. The project  
3 will also provide safety education and increase enforcement. A City match  
4 of \$85,000 is required and will be funded from Streets Initiative funding.

4 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$553,115

5 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

6 14. Safe Routes to School Improvements

7 This project will employ strategies outlined in the Safe Routes to School  
8 Implementation Plan.

8 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$500,000

9 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

10 15. LED Streetlight Conversion

11 This project will convert the City's streetlight system to light-emitting  
12 diode ("LED") technology and reduce energy consumption by  
13 approximately 50 percent in the next ten years.

13 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$10,060,000

14 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.

15 16. Flow Monitoring Project

16 This project will provide monitoring and data analysis efforts to show  
17 compliance with the NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit, improve  
18 treatment effectiveness, and drive capital improvement projects through  
19 ongoing modeling of both the sanitary and surface water conveyance  
20 systems. The metering group is responsible for operating, maintaining,  
21 and downloading data logging systems used in monitoring both the sanitary  
22 and surface water conveyance systems throughout the City. The data from  
23 these flows is used to study inflow and infiltration, look for sanitary cross  
24 connections, monitor sanitary sewer overflows, and generate hydraulic  
25 models for capital improvement projects. Additional monitoring may be  
26 performed to log surface water quantity entering and exiting treatment  
27 devices throughout the City to evaluate system performance as well as  
28 groundwater level monitoring. Specific tasks in the overall monitoring  
29 program include data logging, equipment operation and maintenance, data  
30 analysis and reporting, data management, and database maintenance.

26 Total Project Cost: \$200,000/year estimated new staff costs

27 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.



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17. Salmon Beach Slope Management Plan and Implementation

This project provides for the creation and implementation of the Salmon Beach Slope Management Plan. One public meeting has been held with more scheduled, starting in summer 2017 and continuing through early 2018. Baseline data will also continue to be collected during this time. Work will continue to develop, finalize, and implement the new plan for this four-acre property. Specific tasks may include coordination with internal and external stakeholders; promoting and educating the public regarding the program; and planning, designing, and executing slope remediation, maintenance, and inventorying. Project personnel would allow Environmental Services to quickly secure staff during program development and implementation.

Total Project Cost: \$200,000/year estimated new staff costs  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2022.