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SUBJECT: Resolution Creating a Hilltop Community Engagement Group for the Tacoma LINKS TO OPPORTUNITY Program and Establishing the Selection Criteria – August 23, 2013
DATE: August 18, 2016

SUMMARY:

A resolution creating a 13-member Hilltop community engagement group for the purpose of building the capacity for Hilltop residents to engage in advising staff on streetscape design; partnering with a third party agency to provide financial sustainability services to participants in the Tacoma LINKS TO OPPORTUNITIES Program; and, identifying barriers that limit Hilltop residents’ participation in existing workforce training and apprenticeship programs.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Keith Blocker

BACKGROUND:

On April 5 of this year, the City Council adopted Resolution No 39413 which authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$2 million for a special project of limited duration. The grant includes an Equity Initiative which calls for the engagement of the Hilltop community in both the design and engineering of a new streetscape as a result of the Tacoma LINK Expansion Project and in creating opportunities for workforce development and inclusion in the construction of the extended LINK route.

The City Manager shared information on efforts to seek nominations for a Hilltop community engagement group at the August 16th Study Session. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting on September 8th, followed by a resolution to appoint the members at a future City Council meeting.

ISSUE:

To meet the grant objectives of engaging the Hilltop community in the LINK expansion, there will be 8 appointed members to the advisory group from established Hilltop community organizations and 5 at-large members preferably selected from among people that live, work, study, or worship within the LINK expansion boundaries.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose to not support the requested recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the City Council approve the resolution establishing a Hilltop community engagement group and for the Community Vitality and Safety Committee to interview applicants from the following community based organizations: Bates Technical College, Central Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Centro Latino, Hilltop Action Coalition, Hilltop Business District Association, New Tacoma



Neighborhood Council, Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma Urban League along with 5 at-large members for City Council consideration of a resolution to appoint members in September 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.