

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

December 5, 2013

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

1. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, December 10, 2013, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will be: (1) **Tacoma Link Expansion Project**; (2) **Neighborhood Council Review Recommendations**; (3) **Other Items of Interest**; (4) **Agenda Review**; and, (5) **Closed Session – Labor Negotiations**.

Last spring, the Council selected, and the Sound Transit Board approved, a Tacoma Link expansion in the North Downtown Central Corridor, as the preferred corridor for **potential expansion of the Tacoma Link light rail system**. The corridor includes the Stadium District and the Martin Luther King Jr. mixed-use center. That action concluded the Alternatives Analysis phase of the Tacoma Link Expansion Project and initiated the **current phase of conceptual design and environmental review**. Sound Transit and City staff have been working together to identify the specific streets within the corridor that could effectively serve as the alignment for the potential expansion. At Tuesday's Study Session, Sound Transit and City staff will present the potential alignments to the Council for its discussion and comment and will also review the public outreach efforts that will be conducted to gather community comments on the potential alignments. The public outreach efforts are aimed at gathering satisfactory community input to help the Council identify an alignment, or alignments, it would like to advance for more detailed evaluation in the environmental processes required by the National and State Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA/SEPA).

As a second item on Tuesday, staff will present recommendations for **proposed revisions to the existing Neighborhood Council language in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) and a Standards and Guidelines document**. These recommendations have been provided to the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee on August 19th and November 4th. At Tuesday's Council meeting, there will be the first reading of Ordinance No. 28195, which will propose revisions to the Neighborhood Council Program and governance language within TMC 1.45. In addition, at the December 17th Council meeting for your consideration, there will be a resolution for the creation of a Standards and Guidelines document to provide staff program and contracting direction.

2. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

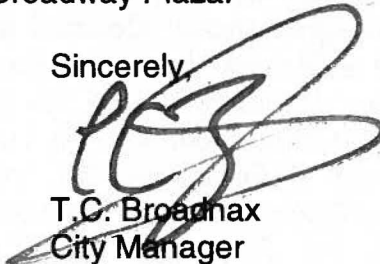
COUNCIL REQUESTS/INQUIRIES

3. At the November 26th Study Session, during the Mid-Biennium Budget Modifications presentation, Council Member Mello requested images of the **proposed esplanade improvement projects and a rendering of the Tacoma Art Museum Pedestrian Crossing**. Public Works Director Kurtis Kingsolver provides the attached memorandum in response.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4. You have been invited to the following events:
- **2013 Singing Christmas Tree - 15 Performances from Friday, December 6th, through Sunday, December 22nd**, various times, at Life Center Church, located at 1717 South Union Avenue.
 - The City and Downtown Merchants Group invitation to view the Pacific Avenue Streetscape improvements at the **"Pac the Ave" special event on Saturday, December 7th, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, on Pacific Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets.
 - **Port of Tacoma Security Open House on Wednesday, December 11th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, at the Fabulich Center, Suite 106, located at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road.
 - **Tacoma-Pierce County Chambers Public Officials Holiday Reception on Wednesday, December 11th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**, at the Hotel Murano, located at 1320 Broadway Plaza.

Sincerely,



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

**City of Tacoma 2013-2014
City Council Forecast**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department
December 10, 2013	Study Session	Tacoma Link Expansion	GRO/Sound Transit
	City Council Meeting	Neighborhood Council Review Recommendations	CED
December 17, 2013	Study Session (Council Chambers)	Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Recommendations	Finance
		District 1 Council Applicant Interviews	Council
		Executive Session - Council Applicants' Qualification Review	Council
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
December 24, 2013	CANCELLED		
December 31, 2013	CANCELLED		
2014			
January 7, 2014	Study Session	MLK Subarea Plan & EIS	PDS
	Committee of the Whole	2014 Council Appointments Discussion	Council
	City Council Meeting		
January 14, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
January 21, 2014	Study Session	Tacoma Link Expansion	ST/GRO/PW
		Overview of STAR Project	CMO/EPS
	Committee of the Whole	Special Event Program Improvements	CED
	City Council Meeting		
January 28, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	
	City Council Meeting		
February 4, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
February 11, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
February 18, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
February 25, 2014	Study Session	Pierce Co Community & Tech Colleges Legislative Initiatives	5 College Presidents
		Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
March 4, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
March 11, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
March 18, 2014	Joint Utility Board Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
March 25, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 1, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
April 8, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 15, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
April 22, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Wrap-up Report	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 29, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		

Council Committee Report

(Subject to Change)

Economic Development Committee	
Committee Members: Campbell (Chair), Boe, Walker, Mello, Alternate -Thoms Executive Liaison: Nadia Chandler Hardy; Staff Support - Anita Gallagher	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tacoma Arts Commission • Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District • Foss Waterway Development Authority • City Events and Recognition Committee
December 10, 2013	Third Quarterly Economic Financial Indicators Report Review of End-of-Year Report
	Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office
Future:	
December 24, 2013 CANCELLED	
December 31, 2013 CANCELLED	

Government Performance and Finance Committee	
Committee Members: Lonergan (Chair), Campbell, Thoms, Strickland, Alternate- Ibsen Executive Liaison: T.C. Broadnax; Staff Support - Reid Bennion	1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Utility Board • Board of Ethics • Audit Advisory • Civil Service Board
December 18, 2013	Charter Review Committee Interviews Franchise Agreement Amendment
	TBD Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications & Franchise Services Manager
Future:	
January 1, 2014 CANCELLED (Holiday)	
January 15, 2014	

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee	
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Boe, Walker, Ibsen, Alternate-Campbell Executive Liaison: Nadia Chandler Hardy; Staff Support - Carmen White	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 16
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Tacoma Commission • Planning Commission • Board of Building Appeals • Transportation Commission
December 11, 2013	Solid Waste Management Voluntary Oil Collection and Recycle Program Open Space Transition - Metro Parks Sustainable Tacoma Commission Greenhouse Gas Inventory
	Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services Kristin Lynett, Environmental Policy and Sustainability Manager, OEPS
Future:	
December 25, 2013 CANCELLED (CHRISTMAS)	
January 8, 2014	
Transportation Equity Transportation Master Plan Sustainable Tacoma Commission 2013 Accomplishments and Proposed Work Plan for 2014	CANCELLED Dorian Waller, Project Consultant, Tacoma Urban League Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Manager, OEPS

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<i>Neighborhoods and Housing Committee</i>	
Committee Members: Walker (Chair), Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Alternate-	1st and 3rd Mondays
CBC Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Tacoma Housing Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
December 16, 2013 CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Future:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 6, 2014 TCRA Interviews January 20, 2014 	Doris Sorum, City Clerk

<i>Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee</i>	
Committee Members: Woodards (Chair), Campbell, Lonergan, Strickland, Alternate-Mello	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Executive Liaison: Tansy Hayward; Staff Support - Julie Stoltman	4:30 p.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Review Panel • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board
December 12, 2013 Tacoma Police Department - Accreditation Update Humane Society Contract Extension Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	Assistant Chief Pete Cribbin, Tacoma Police Department Captain Shawn Gustason, Tacoma Police Department; Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager Chief Jim Duggan, Tacoma Fire Department; Assistant Chief Tory Green, Tacoma Fire Department
Future:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 26, 2013 CANCELLED (Day after Christmas) January 9, 2014 Committee Work Planning Approval of 2013 PSHSE Annual Report 	CANCELLED Tansy Hayward, Neighborhood & Community Services Director



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer /KDK
SUBJECT: Mid-Biennial Modification 2013-2014 Adjustments – Study Session Response
DATE: December 3, 2013

At the November 26, 2013 City Council Study Session, the Budget Officer presented the proposed Mid-Biennial Modification 2013-2014 Adjustments. Council Member Mello requested images of the proposed esplanade improvement projects and a rendering of the Tacoma Art Museum Pedestrian Crossing.

The Foss Waterway esplanade improvements consist of two separate projects. The first project is the Foss Site 9 Emergency Utility Relocation and Seawall.

The bulkhead and esplanade structure is failing significantly and near collapse. This site is located on Dock Street immediately south of the Murray Morgan Bridge. The in-water area adjacent to the bulkhead was capped as part of the Thea Foss cleanup. The upland site is part of the Ecology upland cleanup area and has not been remediated. Expedited design, permitting and an emergency contract are well underway. The emergency project will remove the seawall and esplanade and install a sloped rock wall. Future funding will be required to install a new esplanade. Work will begin in early to mid-December as permits and tides allow. This work will be completed at night during low tides and is expected to take 6-8 weeks. Attached are photos of the existing esplanade structure and failing seawall.

The second esplanade project is the Foss Site 11 Phase 2 project that will replace the existing wood esplanade providing public access along the shoreline with a 300-foot long concrete esplanade. This esplanade project will provide lighting, street furniture, and other amenities. The project will also include gangways and floats for access to boat moorage. Bids opened in October 2013, but exceeded funding available for the project. If additional funds are allocated, the project will be re-bid in April 2014, meeting the timeline for a state grant. The \$250,000 state grant may be in jeopardy if the project is further delayed. Construction is scheduled for September 2014 through March 2015. Attached are photos of the existing Site 11 Phase 2 esplanade and the Site 11 Phase 1 completed esplanade. This Phase 2 project will look very similar to Phase 1 when completed.

Also attached is a rendering of the new pedestrian crossing proposed for construction between the Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) and Tollefson Plaza. This project is being completed in cooperation with the TAM. The crossing is currently designed as an approximately 60-foot wide crossing constructed of black, scored concrete. A painted ladder style crosswalk will be applied over the concrete and extend between the accessible ramps located at TAM and Tollefson Plaza. The City has agreed to fund construction of this crossing. Construction is planned for 2014, in coordination with the TAM expansion.

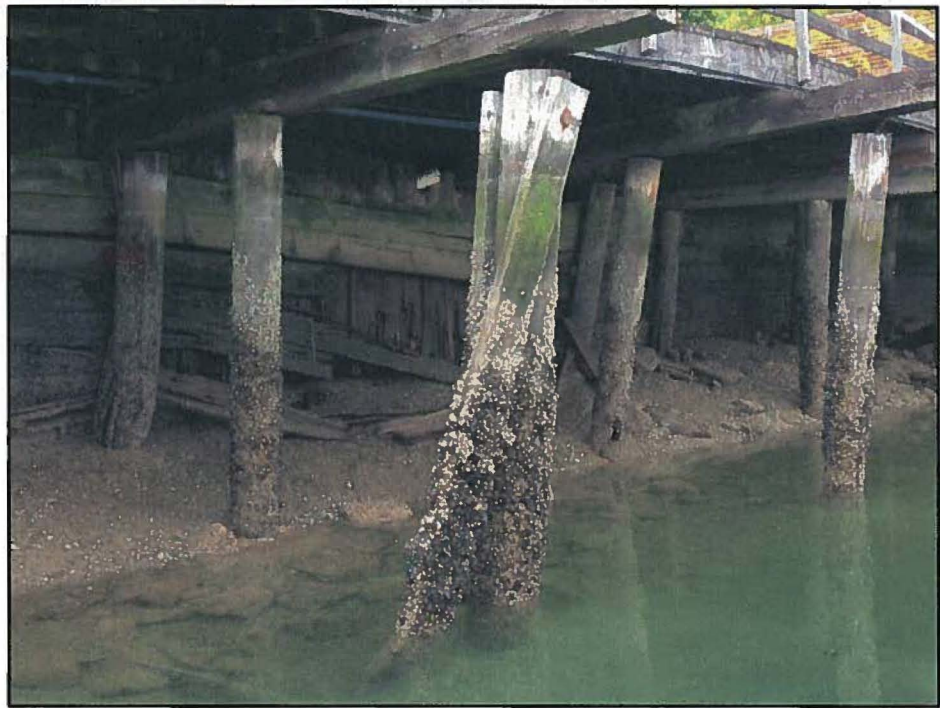
If you have any additional questions, please contact me or Sue O'Neill, Assistant Engineering Division Manager, at (253) 591-5789 or sonNeill@cityoftacoma.org.

Attachments

**Foss Site 9 Emergency Utility Relocation & Seawall
(Existing Condition)**



These photos show the failing bulkhead and esplanade structure.



**Foss Site 11 Esplanade Phase 2
(Existing Condition)**



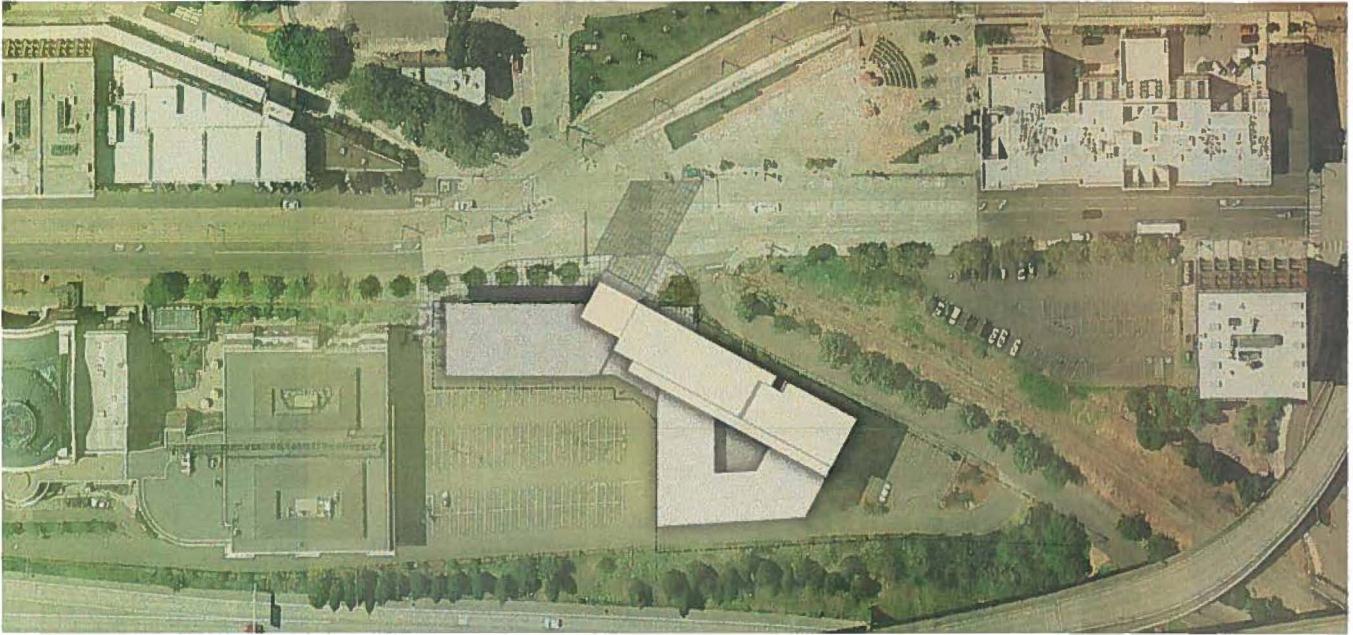
This photo shows the failing wood deck and adjacent asphalt parking area.

Foss Site 11 Esplanade Phase 1
(Completed)



This photo shows the completed Site 11 Phase 1 esplanade project. The Site 11 Phase 2 esplanade will be very similar when completed.

Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) Crossing



The TAM is the white building in the center of the photo. The proposed Pacific Avenue crossing is shown in the gray hatched pattern. The crossing is currently designed as an approximately 60-foot wide crossing constructed of black, scored concrete. A painted ladder style crosswalk will be applied over the concrete and extend between the accessible ramps located at TAM and Tollefson Plaza. Public Works will construct the crossing within the street right-of-way and the TAM will construct the building expansion and the adjacent sidewalk improvements.