



# Streets Initiative II Timeline and Feedback

City of Tacoma | Public Works Department  
Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability  
Committee  
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## OVERVIEW

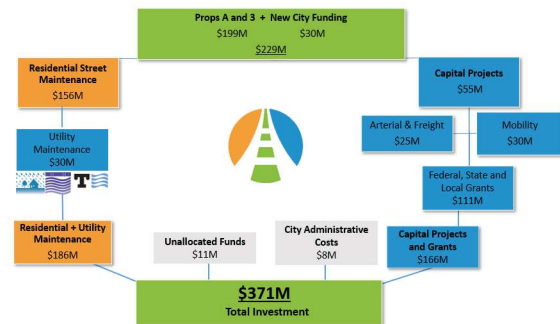


- Background Information
- Update on Tacoma Streets Initiative Timeline
- Next Steps and Feedback from Council



## OVERVIEW

- In 2015, Tacoma voters approved Propositions No. 3 and A, funding street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements, focusing on residential streets.
- The propositions raised funds through a tax increase, set to expire in 2025, generating over \$371 million, surpassing the projected \$325 million.
- Funded projects include resurfacing, pothole repair, pedestrian safety, school crossing beacons, and sidewalk improvements.
- This briefing will update the timeline for a new ballot measure and seek City Council input and feedback.



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## BACKGROUND

- The Tacoma Streets Initiative launched by the Public Works Department addresses critical transportation needs due to concerns from residents, businesses, and City officials.
- The initiative aims to improve residential streets through resurfacing, pothole repair, school beacons, and building missing sidewalks.
- Proposition No. 3 increased taxes on natural gas, electric, phone companies and property taxes to fund these projects over ten years.
- Proposition A funded maintenance and improvement projects by raising the sales tax by one tenth of one percent, focusing on residential streets, arterials, and bike/pedestrian mobility.
- Both measures will expire in December 2025.



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## SI SUCCESSES

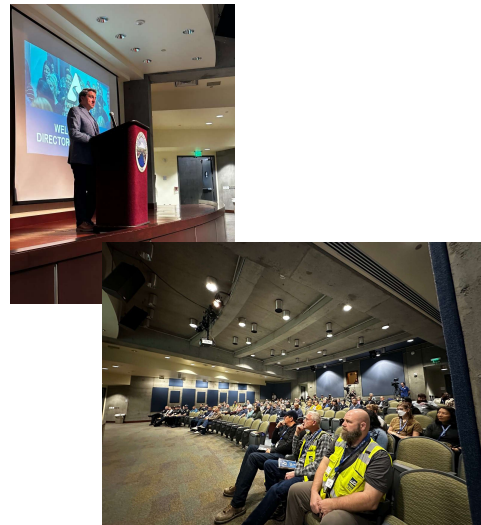
- For every **\$1** spent on the Streets Initiative we've been able to leverage **\$2.02** in grant match funds.
- To date, we have earned over **\$111 million** in grants awarded to **59 projects**, surpassing our original \$90 million goal.
- We are on pace to beat our original goal of 5,600 blocks topping out **6,000 blocks**.
- **60%** of expenditures have been utilized in contracted work.
- Full transparency and stewardship – passed State Auditor's Office audit and **did not receive any recommendations or findings**.



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## UPDATES Q2 - 2024

- **April and May 2024:** Public Works met with City Council members to discuss goals for a potential ballot measure and gather feedback.
- Fehr and Peers were selected to finalize the Transportation Impact Fee Framework, expected to be presented to the Council by end of 2024 for early 2025 passage.
- City Council passed Ordinance No. 28965, enhancing the Transportation Benefit District to include roadway maintenance and preservation.
- The first Public Works Summit was held, involving City Council, executives, and staff to discuss divisional functions, achievements, and future plans.



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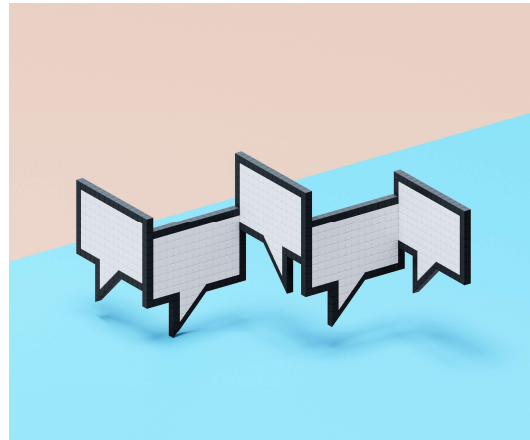
- **June 2024:** Street Operations team conducted Pothole Palooza, repairing and preventing 5,389 potholes across 9,545 square yards of arterial roadways with 1,938 tons of asphalt.
- Released public research survey results to City Council via City Manager's Report.



# UPDATES Q3 - 2024



- **July and August 2024:**
- Start scheduling external and internal outreach for the Streets Initiative.
- Ongoing briefings with City Council on the Streets Initiative will continue throughout the summer.



## PROPOSED NEXT STEPS



- **September 2024:** Present the Streets Initiative Jobs Creation Report to the Economic Development Committee, highlight job creation and economic impact of the Initiative.
- **October 2024:** Provide updates on the Transportation Impact Fee to the IPS Committee.
- **December 2024:** Finalize ballot language for the next Streets Initiative, including a 15-year performance period.
- Propose extension of the one tenth of one percent sales tax beyond the current expiration date of the Streets Initiative.

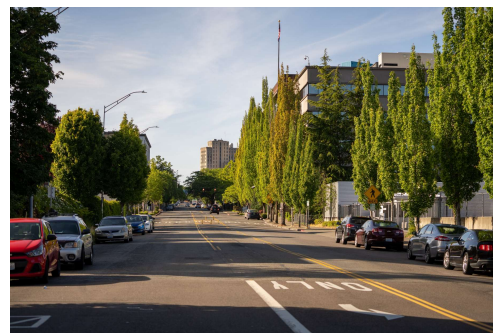


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- **January 2025:** Request City Council to adopt a resolution to place the Streets Initiative on the April 2025 ballot.
- **March 2025:** Distribute informational packets to Tacoma residents on the Streets Initiative and its impact on City streets and multimodal transportation.
- **April 2025: Ballot measure will be voted on.**
- **May 2025:** Propose to City Council for a potential increase in the vehicle license fee through the Transportation Benefit District.
- **Summer/Fall 2025:** Propose to City Council adoption of Transportation Impact Fees.



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## PROPOSED NEXT STEPS



- This timeline is subject to change.
- We will continue to keep Council updated regarding our efforts on the Streets Initiative.
- We welcome Council's feedback on the timeline and outreach efforts.

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