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SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement with Port of Tacoma – Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Replacement Project – June 4, 2019
DATE: May 23, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma to accept \$500,000, for the replacement of a portion of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

The project will replace three sections of the bridge infrastructure and improve the transportation system for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

On January 6, 2009, Resolution No. 37693 authorized an amendment to an existing 2004 Alexander Avenue Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma (Port) to cooperatively seek full funding for the Hylebos Bridge Project. At that time, the Port committed an additional \$9.97 million in future right-of-way vacation funding to fill the funding gap for the Hylebos Bridge Project. Cost sharing for the full bridge rehabilitation was developed as follows:

Grant (Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee)	\$ 11.75 million
City funding	\$ 2.00 million
Port funding for Phase 1	\$ 2.00 million
Port right-of-way vacation funding	<u>\$ 9.97 million</u>
Total Hylebos Bridge Project Estimate	\$ 25.72 million

In the first quarter of 2012, the City estimated a June 2012 completion date for the Hylebos Bridge Project, and it appeared the Port’s commitment to the project would be \$1.8 to \$2.3 million less than the \$11.97 million total contribution. The City asked the Port Commission to consider a \$500,000 contribution toward the rehabilitation of the three westerly bridge sections of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge assuming a minimum of \$1,500,000 remained from the Port’s \$11.97 million commitment.

The City hoped to leverage the Port’s commitment for additional grants to fill a multi-million dollar funding gap for the estimated \$42 million Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge project.



The City's funding partnership request for the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge project was based on the following:

1. Prior to the placement of weight restrictions on the bridge, a 2006 study showed approximately five percent of the bridge traffic was destined for or departing from Port of Tacoma facilities (800 of the 16,000 daily vehicles were trucks).
2. The bridge is located midway along the five-mile Puyallup Avenue/Pacific Highway corridor which serves over 100 manufacturing businesses and a major commercial sector in the Tacoma/Fife/Port of Tacoma region.
3. There are few alternate routes with sufficient volume and weight capacity that serve Port facilities.
4. The Port's commitment may leverage partnership dollars with the City of Fife and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.
5. The proposed bridge design provided for the clearance requirements mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration to allow for future rail tracks to be constructed under the bridge.

A Letter of Intent was sent from the Port to former Mayor Strickland conveying the Port's agreement to re-direct \$500,000 of the expected savings from the Hylebos Bridge contribution as a partial match for additional City of Tacoma grant applications for the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Reconstruction. In early 2016, the City obtained sufficient funding to finalize the project budget and advance the design build option.

ISSUE:

The Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge project will reach completion later this year. During a financial review of the project and subsequent discussions with the Port of Tacoma, it was determined that the agreement to re-direct \$500,000 was never finalized in an Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

On May 9, 2019, the Port of Tacoma Commission authorized the execution of the ILA with the City, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to replace a portion of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the ILA is not authorized, then other funding will need to be identified to complete the funding package.

RECOMMENDATION:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma to accept \$500,000, for the replacement of a portion of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.



FISCAL IMPACT:

The overall project cost is \$42,000,000 and the Port will reimburse the City for construction related expenditures up to \$500,000.

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Transportation Capital Fund 1060	PWK-00274-05-02	5330100	\$500,000
TOTAL			\$500,000

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Transportation Capital Fund 1060	PWK-00274-FS-AD-05	4345221	\$500,000
TOTAL			\$500,000

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$500,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes