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SUBJECT: Update on potential Hilltop Business Improvement Area
DATE: September 9, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

An informational presentation by the Community and Economic Development Department and Uncommon Bridges (formerly BDS Planning), the contractor working on the potential of expanding the number of Business Improvement Areas in the City of Tacoma. This presentation will provide a progress update on the potential expansion to Hilltop, including the work done over the past 3 years, the current status of the potential expansion and next steps.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, a contract was entered into with BDS Planning to assess the feasibility of forming new BIAs in the Dome, Hilltop, Sixth Avenue and South Tacoma Way areas. The contract has been extended through the end of 2025.

ISSUE:

Informational Briefing Only

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.