





Public Works REAP Goals
Workforce demographics reflecting the community it serves.
Equitable outreach and communications.
Equitable Service delivery and Infrastructure Investments.

Workforce Reflects the Community

- Intent: Achieve parity between the demographics of our workforce and the overall city population.
- Specific tasks include:
 - Attend job fairs that aid in attracting people of color.
 - Challenge hiring process screening criteria.
 - Challenge current candidate testing procedures.



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Workforce Reflects the Community

Status

- Job fairs
 - Put on hold due to the impacts of COVID.
 - Pivoted during COVID to develop a draft communications protocol and the departmental equity mission statement.
- Hiring processes
 - Street Operations Division reviewed/revised 8 positions to remove potential barriers consistent with the positions.
 - Traffic Signal and Streetlight section worked with Bates Technical College and the Tacoma Training and Employment Program (or TTEP) to create a pathway for participants to enter its apprentice program.



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Workforce Reflects the Community

- Next steps:
 - Creation of presentation strategy and research job fairs and opportunities for engagement with educational institutions for 2023.
 - Work with PW hiring managers to implement strategy and begin to assign presentation roles for upcoming job fairs and engagement.
 - Continue to refine hiring requirements and testing criteria to increase departmental trend lines for diversity in candidate pools and hires.



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Equitable Outreach and Engagement

- Intent: Continue to build on efforts to deliver projects in an equitable manner by engaging in meaningful communications with community members.
- Specific tasks include:
 - Working with other departments in the development of an equitable engagement framework.
 - <u>Create tools and guidelines for use with our various projects, programs, and other city-wide initiatives.</u>
- Past example: Project Office for the Lincoln Business District Revitalization Project, multi-lingual staff.



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Equitable Outreach and Engagement

Status

- Vision Zero Action Plan and REAP
 - Engagement led by community members most impacted by traffic violence.
 - Purposeful engagement events with translation services and participant compensation.
 - Creation of an external Task Force to assist with plan review.







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Equitable Service Delivery



- Intent: Public Works needs a greater ability to overlay infrastructure information with the City's Equity Index.
- Specific tasks include:
 - Developing a central source of spatial data to better understand potential inequities of City provided programs and projects.
 - Developing tools to:
 - Reference and overlay equity related graphic information to assist in planning and allocating resources within the community.
 - · Visualize inequities and adapt strategy and operations accordingly.



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••• Equitable Service Delivery



Status

- Initiated an inventory of asset data.
- Completed a State Title VI audit and systems update 85% complete.
- City-wide Addressing Project Complete.
 - Partnered with Planning Development Services and Information Technology Departments to capture over 20,000 missing addresses.
- Positioning ourselves to take advantage of the SAP Now! project to completely revamp our asset management capabilities.



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••• Equitable Service Delivery **Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes by Status Equity Index Areas** • 75% of the City's high-risk Very High 14 transportation network is located in low & very low opportunity zones. The active transportation team prioritizes projects based on safety, equity & connectivity to begin to address these disparities – but more work is needed. Vision Zero Data Dashboard: cityoftacoma.org/visionzero

Departmental Look Forward



- Goal 1: Finalize the departmental Equity Mission Statement and Communications Protocol.
- Goal 2: Work with other departments to finalize the Equitable Engagement Framework.
- Goal 3: Continue working on the ability to overlay all of our asset information against the city's equity index.



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Recent Accomplishments



- TPD Released a video segment for the public on <u>How do we</u> <u>recruit officers to TPD</u> via Talks with the Chief series to respond to ongoing concerns around TPD staff capacity. 10/13
- OMB Held budget town halls for community engagement in the biennial budget process. 10/24, 10/27, 11/01
- HR Performed an Employee Survey to inform the department and organization-wide action plans.. 10/13
- OEPS Hosted Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort to educate frontline community members about the intersection of climate change and critical topics concerning our community. 11/04 -11/06

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Community Engagements



- TPU Apprenticeship Expo will be taking place on 11/15 from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium and online. Participants must register at cityoftacoma.org/jobs.
- TFD Informational Sessions will host its final session 11/09 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in a hybrid format.
 Participants must register at cityoftacoma.org/jobs.
- Departments and offices hosted nearly 50 students today for Student Government Day.





