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SUBJECT: Resolution adopting the 2014 Washington State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction – April 1, 2014
DATE: March 12, 2014

SUMMARY:

A resolution adopting the 2014 Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and maintain a strong fiscal management position.
- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.
- Plan for and improve public infrastructure that meets the transportation needs of all Tacoma residents and visitors.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

Adoption of the 2014 Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction is necessary to maintain the City of Tacoma’s eligibility for Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) grants for transportation projects.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tacoma uses the WSDOT Standard Specifications for the majority of its construction projects. WSDOT publishes an update to the Standard Specifications every two years. In order to be eligible for FHWA grant funds, a construction project must follow the current publication of the Standard Specifications. The 2014 Standard Specifications supersede the 2012 Standard Specifications adopted by Resolution No. 38456 on March 20, 2012.

ISSUE:

April 1, 2014 is the deadline set by WSDOT’s Regional Local Programs Office for municipalities to adopt the 2014 Washington State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction. Adoption of these standards is necessary to maintain the City of Tacoma’s eligibility for FHWA grants for transportation projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

By not adopting the 2014 WSDOT Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction the City would no longer be eligible for FHWA grant funds for existing and future projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the 2014 WSDOT Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.