



City of Tacoma

Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

October 27, 2025

**Re: Transportation Impact Fees – Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group Comments**

Dear Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee,

The City's recently adopted Transportation and Mobility Plan sets a bold vision "to create and sustain a transformative multimodal transportation system that connects people to places and people to people." Achieving this vision will require significant new investments and a robust financing plan. Transportation Impact Fees are a crucial piece of the funding puzzle to support growth.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG) fully supports the City's proposed Transportation Impact Fees and urges City Council to adopt Transportation Impact Fees.

Cities of our size and smaller across WA state have long used impact fees as a way to improve their transportation system and it is time for Tacoma to join them.

As the City continues to grow – we must invest in a safe and accessible transportation system that allows people to travel to work, school, local businesses, parks, and other daily destinations.

It is essential for new developments to continue to build infrastructure that provides on- and off-site improvements to support access to their individual developments. The addition of impact fees will help ensure that we can implement a cohesive transportation system that gets people where they need to go within their neighborhood and to essential services.

In particular, we appreciate the multimodal focus of the City's proposed transportation impact fee approach. We are excited for Tacoma to continue to add more residents and businesses. In order to do so sustainably and prevent the congestion, pollution and safety issues that come with higher traffic volumes – we must make walking, rolling, biking, and taking transit easy, safe, and convenient.

Sincerely,

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Tacoma Transportation Commission