



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member John Hines and Policy Analyst Christina Caan

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma**

DATE: September 24, 2025

We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma. “Trick or Streets” is hosted by Safe Streets and offers neighbors the opportunity to close residential streets to vehicle traffic to promote a safe and fun environment to celebrate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos. Community members citywide will be able to register their street for closure with Safe Streets at no cost during the weekend of October 31-November 2, 2025.

- Safe Streets is a non-profit organization that aims to unite and inspire youth, neighbors, and businesses to build safe, healthy, and thriving communities.¹ Safe Streets has experience successfully hosting National Night Out in Tacoma, which similarly enables neighbors to host block parties and community events focused on fostering positive community celebrations and partnerships.²
- Without implementing “Trick or Streets,” community members would need to fulfill the City’s standard permitting process for special events to close their block to vehicle traffic, which entails costs and other permit requirements.³

Halloween is one of the most dangerous nights of the year for pedestrians. Children ages 4 to 8 years old are especially vulnerable and more likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween compared to any other night of the year.⁴ Last year, five traffic collisions with injuries took place on October 31, and at least three children were hit by cars in Tacoma.⁵ By closing some streets to vehicles, “Trick or Streets” aims to enhance pedestrian safety in alignment with Tacoma’s Vision Zero commitment. Vision Zero aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the City of Tacoma by 2035.⁶

¹ [Safe Streets | Take Action Now for Safer Streets](#)

² [National Night Out | Join the Movement — Promote Safety — Safe Streets](#)

³ [Special Event Permit — Tacoma Permits](#)

⁴ [Pedestrian Fatalities Associated With Halloween in the United States | Pediatrics | JAMA Pediatrics | JAMA Network](#)

⁵ [Tacoma Police Crime Dashboard | Tableau Public](#)

⁶ [Vision Zero | City of Tacoma](#)

“Trick or Streets” will also be a family-friendly event that brings together neighbors, helping to advance the City’s livability and community building goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 Framework.⁷

- The City of Tacoma’s sponsorship would be acknowledged through the use of the City logo on citywide advertising and promotion materials. The City of Tacoma’s sponsorship will also enable “Trick or Streets” to be offered free of charge and citywide, as long as the event is open to the public.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$7,500

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: October 7, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members concerned by the dangers posed to pedestrians on Halloween met with City Council Members to propose adopting “Trick or Streets,” which has been successfully implemented in other cities, including Seattle.⁸ The City of Tacoma community survey has also found residents consistently rank walkability, community safety, and pedestrian friendly streets as top priorities.⁹

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: “Trick or Streets” is designed to foster accessibility and inclusivity in our city by enhancing community celebrations and pedestrian safety. By offering free access to street closures, this event also enables community members citywide to participate. In addition, by offering street closures for the full weekend of October 31-November 2, “Trick or Streets” allows for celebrations for both Halloween and Dia de los Muertos. This helps to advance the City’s goal of being a welcoming city where all community members feel safe. Safe Streets will also work to portray an inclusive and friendly tone in all communications and advertising.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not fund the sponsorship	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers would need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, making it less accessible to the community and providing less community benefit.

⁷ [City of Tacoma 2025](#)

⁸ [Block Parties and Play Streets - Transportation | seattle.gov](#)

⁹ [Tacoma Community Survey 2024.pdf](#)

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will receive the sponsorship benefits outlined above and provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend providing \$7,500 in Council contingency funds to sponsor "Trick or Streets" in Tacoma.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$7,500 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:


Council Member John Hines

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  POS# 8

2.  POS# 2

Mayor's Initials: Victoria R. Woodards

Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
Resolution 41724	
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
Resolution 41723	
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Resolution 41140	
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
Resolution 411735	
	\$ 50,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
Resolution 41757	
	\$ 20,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	
	\$ 2,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	
	\$ 7,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 220,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 101,709.00