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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution: Approval of Interagency Agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma for Construction and Construction Management of the South 17th Street Realignment – October 7, 2014
DATE: October 2, 2014

SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve an amendment to the Interagency Agreement (IA) with the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) for construction management and construction of the South 17th Street realignment between Jefferson Avenue, Broadway and Commerce Street. UWT will provide funding for all work as described in the IA. The City of Tacoma will manage the right-of-way, public outreach, construction management and construction.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Plan for and improve public infrastructure that meets the transportation needs of all Tacoma residents and visitors.

The realignment of South 17th Street will help UWT reduce vehicular emphasis on Broadway and Jefferson Avenue between South 17th and 19th Streets, placing additional emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle traffic in this area.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, South 17th Street between Pacific Avenue and Broadway is not a through street. The street jogs around a planted area that creates additional vehicle movements and impacts pedestrians within the UWT campus.

UWT has expressed a desire to partner with the City to realign the two segments of South 17th Street into a continuous street and reconfigure the intersections of South 17th/Broadway/Jefferson Avenue and South 17th/Commerce Street/Jefferson Avenue. The City and UWT have met a number of times to discuss different design options for the realignment of this road.

On December 17, 2013, City Council adopted Resolution No. 38802 approving the design portion of this project. If approved by Council, under the first amendment to the IA, the City will provide project management, construction management and inspection, and public outreach services to support this effort. The City will advertise the project and contract directly with the contractors to complete construction improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2014 and be completed in spring 2015. The project will be suspended between November 24, 2014, and January 2, 2015, for the holiday shut down.

ISSUE:

The realignment of South 17th Street will help UWT reduce vehicular emphasis on Broadway and Jefferson Avenue between South 17th and 19th Streets, placing a heightened emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle traffic in this area.



ALTERNATIVES:

If not implemented, the UWT will pursue other means to design and manage this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve an Interagency Agreement (IA) with the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) for construction management and construction of the South 17th Street realignment between Jefferson Avenue, Broadway and Commerce Street. UWT will provide funding for all work as described in the IA. The City of Tacoma will manage the right-of-way, public outreach, construction management and construction.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Transportation Capital Fund 1060	PWK-01000	5600000	\$1,100,000
TOTAL			\$1,100,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
University of Washington Tacoma	PWK-01000	4338002	\$1,100,000
TOTAL			\$1,100,000

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT: N/A

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$0

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A