



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Resolution – Amendment to Interlocal Agreement – SR 167 and SR 509 Completion Projects –
 October 20, 2020
DATE: October 7, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Department of Transportation, committing the City to providing an additional \$200,000 in future City funding to assist the Washington State Department of Transportation in securing federal grants to incorporate additional trail components into the estimated \$2 billion Puget Sound Gateway Program – State Route 167 (SR 167) and State Route 509 (SR 509) Completion projects.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's Recommendation is Based On: As part of the State Route 167 Project Scheduling and Funding presentation at the Study Session on April 3, 2018, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) shared that in July 2015, the Washington State Legislature and Governor Jay Inslee acted to fund the Puget Sound Gateway Program through the Connecting Washington Revenue Package.

On April 24, 2018, the City Council approved a commitment for the City to provide \$2 million in future City funding, under Resolution No. 39995, to assist WSDOT in securing federal grants for the estimated \$2 billion Puget Sound Gateway Program – State Route 167 and State Route 509 Completion projects. On March 5, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 40243 authorizing an Interlocal Agreement to formalize that commitment.

The Interlocal Agreement provides a commitment of match funds for two project grants:

- \$500,000 for the 70th Avenue East Project
- \$1.5 million for the Port of Tacoma Spur

The proposed amendment would commit an additional \$200,000. This contribution from the City of Tacoma, along with contributions from WSDOT and the City of Fife, will secure a \$1,020,531 federal grant, fully funding the estimated \$1,852,589 required to extend a trail connection from Alexander Avenue East along SR 509 and the proposed extension of SR 167 to the Hylebos Trail in Fife.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The trail components being added to the SR 167 completion project are based on recommendations from a subcommittee that included membership from the Puyallup Tribe, Metro Parks, Pierce Transit, Pierce County, Downtown On The Go!, the Tacoma Wheelmen, the City's Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Puyallup Watershed Initiative. Additionally, while the trail components constructed with this grant are in Tacoma and Fife, the connection will ultimately be part of a larger regional trail; because of this, the connection will be consistent with the adopted comprehensive plans in Tacoma, Fife, Milton, Edgewood, and Pacific. Each of these Comprehensive Plans included public process and opportunity for public comment.



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2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**Equity and Accessibility:**

The proposed amendment will leverage limited City funds to achieve a larger benefit to the community; using outside resources helps preserve City resources for other strategic priorities. In addition, the project is part of the vision adopted in the City's Transportation Master Plan, and will be part of the network that will ultimately provide trail connections among Northeast Tacoma, Downtown Tacoma, the Port of Tacoma, and regional trail facilities, thereby facilitating more widespread access to affordable and equitable transportation options. The project is in an area that has barriers to access, and the improvements will facilitate access to jobs and opportunity.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Choose an item.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The City's contribution will be leveraged toward federal grants required to fund the projects providing congestion relief in and out of the Port of Tacoma, thereby supporting both surrounding businesses and residents with access.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Decline to approve	None	Risk of losing future grants

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Success of this proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and WSDOT will lead to construction of a trail facility along the proposed Port of Tacoma Spur portion of the SR 167 completion project.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Department of Transportation, committing the City to providing an additional \$200,000 in future City funding to assist the Washington State Department of Transportation in securing federal grants for the estimated \$2 billion Puget Sound Gateway Program – SR 167 and SR 509 Completion projects.



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FISCAL IMPACT:

This proposed amendment will commit the City to provide a \$200,000 to be used at matching funds to support the grant funded project to complete a segment of the trail along the SR 167 Completion project. These funds will be allocated from the Streets Initiative Fund, and with the acknowledgement of the Transportation Commission, will come from the 2023 Active Transportation set aside in the fund's budget.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. Streets Initiative Fund 1085	PWK-00440-48	5419230	\$200,000
TOTAL			\$200,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

The Streets Initiative Fund 1085 is being used to support the expense. With support from the Transportation Commission, the funds will be allocated from the 2023 Active Transportation portion of this fund's budget.

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**YES**

This proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the WSDOT will add a City match of \$200,000 to be used as matching funds to the Puget Sound Regional Council grant for a segment of the shared-use path, Hylebos Nature Area to Alexander Avenue East.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**YES**

While there will not be financial costs, by not implementing this legislation, federal grants required to complete the overall Gateway Project could be put at risk and either delay or defeat the effort to complete much needed transportation improvements regionally and locally at the Port of Tacoma. Additionally, the scope of the proposed project could be modified, potentially removing features that would be beneficial to the City.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**NO**

This legislation will not have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact.

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**NO**

This legislation will not change the City's FTE/personnel counts.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Department of Transportation
- Executed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Department of Transportation