



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2018

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. In order to accommodate a very busy Study Session calendar in May, the Office of Management & Budget will present on the **City's 2017 Year End and First Quarter 2018 Financial Report at the May 15th Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting** (GPFC). Staff will offer individual briefings to City Council Members in advance of the GPFC meeting, from May 3rd to May 15th, to review the financial reports. Please reach out to your Council Assistants if you would like to schedule an individual briefing with Budget Manager Katie Johnston. At the May 15th Study Session, the Office of Management & Budget will provide a six-year financial forecast to the City Council, which will incorporate the City's recent financial performance as well as long term trends and risks.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. As reported in the Weekly Report of April 12, 2018, the City has been approached by Pierce County to launch a collaborative planning effort for the **potential annexation of a small portion of the Manitou neighborhood**. County and City planning staff will hold a **community meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, at the Manitou Park Elementary School, to introduce the subject to the neighborhood. Planning and Development Services Director Peter Huffman provides the attached meeting invitation, which also includes a summary of the project and ways to stay involved. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Planner Lihuang Wung at 253-591-5682 or lwung@cityoftacoma.org.
3. The Environmental Services' Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability provides the attached **recap of the 11th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo** held on April 14th. The free event brought together thousands of residents, local businesses, non-profits, educational groups, and others working to create a more vibrant and sustainable South Sound. This year's event had 2,000 community members attending, with 58% attending for the first time.

4. The Community and Economic Development Department reports that the City is working with its community partners to create a comprehensive action strategy addressing community needs relating to **affordable housing**. To help inform this process, the City and its community partners are hosting a series of **Community Listening Sessions** to understand community members' experiences surrounding this issue.
 - The first session is Tuesday, May 8th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Peace Community Center located at 2106 S. Cushman Ave.
 - The second session is Saturday, May 12th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at Blix Elementary School, located at 1302 East 38th St., Tacoma.

These events have also been posted to the City of Tacoma General Government Facebook page.

5. **Next week, May 6th through May 12th, is Public Service Recognition Week.** For the last 33 years, the first full week of May has been a time set aside to honor the public servants who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees, and who work tirelessly on behalf of our citizens. These employees do the work that keeps our nation and cities working and provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity.

Public servants do amazing things across our great nation, around the world, and in your hometown and community. Through Public Service Recognition Week, we showcase their accomplishments and recognize the significant challenges they take on each and every day. This year's recognition theme is "Connecting Citizens with Their Government." The recent T-Town event held in March, is just one of the examples that showcased General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities staffs' efforts in promoting that theme.

Next week as you encounter one of the City's employees, please join me in recognizing and thanking them for their hard work, the services they provide, and for improving the quality of life in Tacoma through their support of providing opportunity, equity, partnerships, and accountability.

6. The **May 9, 2018 Public Utility Board meeting agenda** is attached for your information. Please note the following motion is tentatively scheduled for Council confirmation on the May 22, 2018 Council agenda:
 - Motion 18-03 – Extending the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities to August 31, 2018 or the date that a permanent Director is appointed by the Board, confirmed by the City Council, and begins employment, whichever occurs first.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

7. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, May 8, 2018, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will include: (1) **Racial Equity and Homelessness Report**; (2) **Other Items of Interest: Council Consideration Request - Support of Electric Vehicle Initiatives**; (3) **Committee Reports**; and, (4) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**.

At the request of the Office of Equity and Human Rights at Tuesday's Study Session, **Marc Dones**, co-leader of Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC), **will share information on the Racial Equity and Homelessness Report**.

Under "Other Items of Interest" at the Study Session, Deputy Mayor Ibsen will share the attached **Council Consideration Request** for the City Manager to prepare a **resolution** for City Council consideration **expressing policy support** for planning and initiatives to foster better conditions **for Electrification of Transportation**, including electric vehicle purchase and usage.

8. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast** and **Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/INQUIRIES

9. For your information, **attached is a memorandum and quick reference on the Safe Routes to School Program**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10. You have been invited to the following events:
- **Travel Tacoma & Pierce County 2018 Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 10th, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**, at Pioneer Park Pavilion, located at 330 South Meridian, Puyallup.
 - **South Sound Military and Communities Partnership Elected Official Council on Thursday, May 17th, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, at the Eagles Pride Golf Course, located off of Exit #116 on I-5.

- **Grand Opening Event for NewCold Tacoma Cold Store on Thursday, May 24th**, 4601 South Orchard Street. Program begins at **11:00 a.m.**, followed by a 12:30 p.m. luncheon and warehouse tour.

Sincerely,



Kurtis D. Kingsolver
Acting City Manager

KDK:crh
Attachments



Did You Know Your Neighborhood Isn't in a City?

Please join us to find out how things could change if your neighborhood becomes part of Tacoma, and tell us what you think!

Community Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Manitou Park Elementary School Cafeteria
4330 South 66th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

What Does It Mean?

The Manitou neighborhood—specifically the area between 64th Street W, Lakewood Drive, and 70th Street W—is an island in Pierce County. Not an island circled by water, but rather by the City of Tacoma (mostly). Yet, you're missing out on benefits that your neighbors down the street currently have: access to services tailored for an urban environment, membership to Tacoma's libraries, representation from the City Council, and cheaper water bills, to name a few.

"Annexation" is the process of transferring an area from one jurisdiction to another. The annexation of the Manitou neighborhood from Pierce County to the City of Tacoma is expected by State law and encouraged by regional planning policies. But, before we begin with the annexation process, we want to know your thoughts and questions.

What Happens Next?

Pierce County and the City of Tacoma are planning to conduct a joint review of the Manitou neighborhood in preparation for the potential annexation. We expect that the review will be initiated by the County Council and the City Council in May-June 2018.

How to Get Involved?

- Attend this Community Meeting
- Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou; and sign up to be notified of future meetings
- Attend County Council and City Council meetings considering annexation in May-June 2018 (*additional notice will be provided when those meetings are set*)
- Contact our staff noted below with questions and comments:

Dan Cardwell, Pierce County
(253) 798-7039
dan.cardwell@co.pierce.wa.us

Lihuang Wung, City of Tacoma
(253) 591-5682
lwung@cityoftacoma.org



DENNIS HANBERG, Director
Planning and Public Works Department
Pierce County

PETER HUFFMAN, Director
Planning and Development Services Department
City of Tacoma

- c. Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive
Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, City of Tacoma

April 27, 2018

BUDGET



Total: \$14,852.59

*The values listed in the chart are based on the projected costs and revenue for the 2018 Expo.



MEDIA

46% of event survey participants learned about the Expo via [Facebook](#), 27% via word of mouth, 11% via email, 11% via poster, 9% via newspaper ad, and 8% via newspaper articles.

Additional media coverage included:

- [Tacoma News Tribune](#)
- [Tacoma Weekly](#)
- [CityLine](#)
- [Tacoma Report](#)

DEMOGRAPHICS

63% of event survey participants live within Tacoma*:

- District 1, 22%
- District 2, 21%
- District 3, 23%
- District 4, 13%
- District 5, 21%

*View the [district map](#)

27% visited from other areas of Pierce County, and 11% visited from outside of the county.

85% identified as white, and 15% identified as a person of color.

THANK YOU 2018 SPONSORS





**City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
May 9, 2018; 6:30 p.m.
Tacoma Public Utilities – Ground Floor Auditorium
3628 S 35th Street, Tacoma WA 98409**

Call to Order

Roll Call

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- B. Comments by the Public**
- C. Consent Agenda**
- D. Regular Agenda**

Departmental

- D-1 Resolution U-11006 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
 - 1. Award contract to Stillwater Energy LLC for implementation of a commercial strategic energy management program (Five year initial term in the amount of \$501,450, plus applicable taxes. Includes option for two additional one-year terms for a projected contract amount of \$718,780).

- D-2 Motion 18-03 – Extend the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities to August 31, 2018 or the date that a permanent Director is appointed by the Board, confirmed by the City Council, and begins employment, whichever occurs first. **(Motion for Council confirmation tentatively scheduled May 22, 2018)**

- D-3 Motion 18-04 – Authorize amendment to the compensation agreement with Linda McCrea to cover the extension of her appointment as Interim Director through August 31, 2018 or until a permanent Director is appointed by the Board, confirmed by the City Council, and begins employment, whichever occurs first with said document on file with the Clerk of the Board.

- D-4 Motion 18-05 – That three individuals to be named be moved forward to the next step in the recruitment process as finalists for the position of Director of Tacoma Public Utilities.



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Deputy Mayor Anders Ibsen and Council Assistant Rebecca Boydston
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Linda McCrea, Interim Tacoma Public Utilities Director; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Electric Vehicle Initiatives
DATE: May 01, 2018

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully request City Council support to direct the City Manager to prepare a Resolution for Council consideration expressing policy support for planning and initiatives to foster better conditions for Electrification of Transportation, including electric vehicle purchase and usage.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Rapidly increasing electric vehicle (EV) sales in the United States is a trend that will have positive impacts for our communities in the form of fewer greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improved air quality and reduced fuel costs. It would be very prudent for the City of Tacoma to express full policy support for improving the conditions that bolster transportation electrification in our community and to encourage the expenditure of staff time and resources to explore and implement Electrification of Transportation initiatives. The Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability under the Environmental Services Department and Tacoma Power staff have been exploring a range of actions that would incentivize and improve necessary infrastructure to support EV adoption. I request City Council support in putting forth a Resolution that would encourage City of Tacoma General Government departments and Tacoma Power to align their Electrification of Transportation planning work and explore several initiatives to encourage EV adoption.

This action aligns with the City of Tacoma's Environmental Action Plan as well as the Tacoma 2025 strategic vision goal of improving the natural and built environment. Tacoma Power has begun work on the Transportation Electrification Initiative and will develop a Transportation Electrification Plan that identifies EV charging solutions, among other strategies to support EV adoption. Additionally, Tacoma Power is exploring EV initiatives such as a residential charger incentive pilot program, and supporting commercial charging infrastructure by working with Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment suppliers to make investments of free or subsidized charging equipment, and maritime electrification.

There are many opportunities that General Government departments and Tacoma Power can explore together, including alignment of government relations advocacy on this issue, requiring EV infrastructure for residential new construction and identifying a solution for residential, on-street charging where homes do not have a garage. Both Tacoma Public Utilities and General Government can contribute to the overall goal of Electrification of

Transportation operationally through additional EV fleet purchases, as well as collaborating on the electricification of Tacoma General Government parking garages. I request that these concepts, and any other emerging ideas from staff, be explored in terms of feasibility, cost, estimated greenhouse gas reductions, grant opportunities, and a strategy for implementation and long-term accountability metrics, with a full report to be shared with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee by November, 2018.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

Request for policy development and legislation

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

Community Vitality and Safety

Economic Development

Government Performance and Finance Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

Request for Resolution

Is there a specific deadline for this request? (Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible) Click here to enter a date.

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline. _____

FUNDING REQUESTED:

Council Contingency Fund Request *Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? One-time Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Rebecca Boydston at 253.591.5164 or RBoydston@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____
Council Member

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1. 	POS # <u>5</u>
2. 	POS# <u>4</u>
3. 	POS# <u>2</u>

**City of Tacoma 2018
City Council Forecast Schedule**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
May 8, 2018	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon) City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	Racial Equity and Homelessness Report	OEHR	Author Marc Dones will share information on the Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) report on Racial Equity and Homelessness.
		Council Consideration Request - Support of Electric Vehicle Initiatives	Deputy Mayor Ibsen	Request for Council support to direct the City Manager to prepare a resolution expressing policy support for planning initiatives to foster better conditions for Electrification of Transportation, including electric vehicle purchase and usage.
		Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan First Reading	PDS	
May 15, 2018	Joint Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Director of Utilities Candidates' Interviews (tentative)	Council/TPU	
	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Six Year Financial Forecast	OMB	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan Final Reading	PDS	
May 22, 2018	Joint Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	CTC Energy and Technology Recommendation for Proposals on the Alternative Click! Partnership Model	CAO	CTC Energy & Technology consultant will provide the Council and U-Board recommendations for the proposed Click! alternative partnership model.
	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Local Food Access and Equity Research and Projects	ESD/OEPS	Harvest Pierce Co & Puyallup Watershed Initiative's Just and Healthy Food Community presentation on local food access and equity research, projects, and the community they are growing.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
May 29, 2018	CANCELLED			

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Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
June 5, 2018	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Creates Ballot Measure Request	CED	Tacoma Creates' request for a ballot measure to increase sales tax by 0.1%. Tax would be used to leverage and enhance existing cultural offerings and organizations, and to promote greater economic activity through investment of public resources.
		2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code	PDS	Review of the Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
	Special Committee of the Whole (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Council Strategic Priorities Discussion		At the February 23rd Council Strategic Planning Work Session, Council identified their top four strategic priorities. Staff will provide Council an update on their discussions on how to achieve the components identified under the priorities.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Public Hearing	PDS	
June 12, 2018	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code	PDS	Review of public input for the Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
June 19, 2018	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Update	WSDOE/PDS	WA Department of Ecology will be providing an update on the Tacoma Smelter Plume to include progress of soil samplings, yard cleanups and outreach efforts with TPC Health Dept.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Ordinance First Reading	PDS	
June 26, 2018	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Joint Utility Board Study Session	TPU	
		Tacoma Public Utilities Low Income Program Update	TPU	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Ordinance Final Reading	PDS	

Community Vitality and Safety			
Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Beale, Camarata, Ushka, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Linda Stewart; Staff Support - Will Suarez		2nd and 4th Thursdays 4:30 p.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: • Citizen Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
May 10, 2018	Human Services Commission Interviews	Clerk's Office	4 vacancies
	Fire Station #5, Tideflats (informational briefing)	Jim Duggan, Fire Chief and Josh Clarke, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works	Project update regarding Fire Station #5 in the Tideflats
	Tenants' Rights	ChiQuata Elder, Landlord Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Debra Casparian, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office	A presentation on regulations related to rental agreements.
	Relocation Assistance Fund	ChiQuata Elder, Landlord Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights, Andreta Armstrong, Program Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Pam Duncan, Human Services Division Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services	
FUTURE:			
May 24, 2018	Chronic Nuisance Code and Business license code updates	Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, and Danielle Larson, Tax & License Division Manager, Finance Tax and License Division.	City staff will be presenting amendments to the Chronic Nuisance and Business License Codes to better address problems in the City.
	United Way of Pierce County Center for Stronger Families (informational briefing)	Pam Duncan, Manager, Department of Neighborhood and Human Rights, and Christopher Wright, Contract & Program Auditor, Department of Neighborhood and Human Rights	UWPC Center for Strong Families (CSF) Initiative responds to the problem of persistent poverty, financial instability, and low-wage stagnation among families.
	Human Rights Commission Annual Report (informational briefing)	Rebecca Stith, Chair, Human Rights Commission, and Brad Bates, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission	Presentation about the accomplishments of the Human Rights Commission in 2017 and future projects.
June 14, 2018	Neighborhood Council Program	Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, Community and Economic Development	Summary of recommendations for the Neighborhood Council Program
	Alternate list for Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	Alison Beason, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights	

Economic Development Committee			
Committee Members: McCarthy (Chair), Hunter, Ushka, Woodards, Alternate-Beale Executive Liaison: Tadd Wille; Staff Support - Lynda Foster		2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •Foss Waterway •City Events and Recognition Committee
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May 8, 2018	CANCELLED		
FUTURE:			
May 22, 2018	Green Jobs	Joel Baker, Center for Urban Waters	
	Tentative: Leveling Development playing field	CM Ushka & staff	Research national best practices in urban environments using public, private, and public private partnerships to aid in leveling the development playing field between areas with good infrastructure compared to those areas where infrastructure has been under funded and or seriously deferred
May 29, 2018	Tacoma Mall Update & Trends in the National Retail Activities	Pat Beard, Project Manager, CEDD - Private Capital Division	Chuck Davis, Simon Senior Vice President of Development, Western Region and Cara Ritchie, Tacoma Mall Manager, will present regarding the upcoming redevelopment plans for Tacoma Mall and respond to questions about retail trends and the future of the Tacoma Mall.
	Tentative: Foss Waterway Development Authority	Pat Beard, Project Manager, CEDD - Private Capital Division	• Disposition of FWDA Sites 9 and 10, • Lease for City-owned Municipal Dock site and • Development Agreement for FWDA Site 11.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Committee Members: Ibsen (Chair), Blocker, Hunter, Mello, Altemate-Camarata		1st and 3rd Tuesday	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston		10 a.m. Room 248	
May 15, 2018	Public Utility Board Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	1 position open
	2017 Year End and 2018 First Quarter Financial Update	Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget	Update on financials for end of 2017 and first quarter of 2018
FUTURE:			
May 29, 2018			
June 5, 2018			

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Kurtis Kingsolver; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston		2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 16	CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
May 9, 2018	Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews [request for recommendation]	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	6 vacancies
	Landmarks Preservation Commission Annual Report [briefing]	Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, PDS	The Landmarks Preservation Committee will discuss their work plan and give an overview of the year's activities.
	Traffic Light Synchronization [briefing]	Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works; Leigh Starr, Division Manager, Public Works	Recent media coverage and community surveys have identified traffic synchronization as a growing concern in Tacoma. Public Works staff will provide an overview of traffic signal synchronization and provide information about the City of Tacoma's Traffic Signal infrastructure
FUTURE:			
May 23, 2018	CANCELLED		
May 30, 2018 Special Meeting	Tacoma Planning Commission Interviews [request for recommendation]	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	Three vacancies representing Districts 2, 3, and 5
	Cushman and Adams Substation Update [briefing]	Clark Mather, Community and Government Relations Manager, TPU	Staff will present a draft Memorandum of Understanding created jointly by both TPU and General Government staff in response to Substitute Council Resolution 39741, enacted in 2017.
	Infill Housing Development [briefing]	Brian Boudet, PDS	update on infill housing projects including DADU pilot program and minimum lot sizes



TO: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer *KDK*
CC: Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School Action Plan – Quick Reference Information
DATE: May 3, 2018

The Tacoma Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program is a partnership between the City of Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, and local community organizations.

The goal of the program is to support and encourage students and families to safely walk, bike, and skateboard to school.

The SRTS aims to improve traffic safety through targeted infrastructure improvements, active transportation safety education, enforcement partnerships, and encouragement programs.

The Action Plan is a results-based framework that outlines specific goals and actions that follow the Six “E’s” (Equity, Engineering, Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, and Evaluation). Public Works is actively working on components of Equity and Engineering.

The Action Plan Equity Vision states that “Tacoma SRTS resources are prioritized for students at under-resourced schools and those most impacted by unsafe conditions.” To accomplish this, an Equity and Safety Needs Analysis was developed.

The Safety Needs Analysis considers the number of youth bicycle and pedestrian crashes within a mile of the school as well as the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches and schools with higher proportion of students of color.

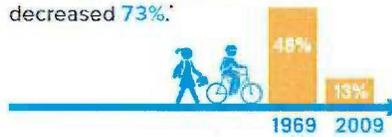
The Actions under this goal include prioritizing underserved communities for infrastructure improvements, technical assistance, and other resources, engaging diverse community members and reducing barriers to participation.

The Action Plan Engineering Vision states that “all students in Tacoma have access to safe routes for students to walk, bike, or skate to school.” The Actions under this goal include identifying infrastructure needs and priorities, funding improvements, and communicating routes. High crash locations will be prioritized for analysis and funding opportunities.

The next page provides quick reference information regarding the SRTS program.

THE PROBLEM

Within the span of one generation, the percentage of children walking or bicycling to school has decreased **73%.**



Children and adolescents should have **60 minutes (1 hour)** or more of physical activity daily.



14% of all morning traffic is parents driving children to school!



THE EQUITY NEED

In Tacoma, between 2010 and 2014:



Students at low-income schools are **four times more likely** to walk to school, but lower-income communities tend to have less access to safe places to walk, bike, and skate.⁵

23 of the 54 schools in Tacoma Public Schools are high needs schools



THE SOLUTION

Safe Routes to School programs and activities help overcome obstacles to walking, biking, and skating by **improving safety** and **making it fun and convenient for everyone.**



SRTS education and encouragement programs can result in a **25%** increase in walking and biking over five years.

When education and encouragement programs are combined with infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks and safe crossings, SRTS can result in a **45%** increase in walking and biking.⁶



*See Safe Routes to School Action Plan for specific study references

The 6 E's of Safe Routes to School

SRTS programs involve a variety of activities and events that make it easier, safer and more fun to walk, bike, and skate to school. These activities depend on partnerships among agencies, school staff, teachers, students, parent volunteers, community members, and law enforcement professionals.



EQUITY

Equity refers to how decisions impact communities, ensuring that benefits and burdens are shared appropriately. All SRTS activities and events should **strive to include all students and families** in Tacoma and celebrate the diversity of the community.



EDUCATION

Classes and activities that **teach** children bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety skills, the benefits of bicycling and walking, and the positive impacts these activities have on personal health and the environment.



ENGINEERING

Infrastructure improvements (signage, crosswalks, signals, etc.) designed to **improve the safety** of people walking, bicycling, and driving along school routes.



ENFORCEMENT

Strategies to **deter unsafe behavior** of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and encourage all road users to obey traffic laws and share the road safely around schools.



ENCOURAGEMENT

Events and activities that **spark interest** in both parents and students in walking and biking to school, with programs that reward participation.



EVALUATION

Evaluating the projects and programs of each of the other "E's" helps to **track progress** and determine which programs and projects are most effective.