



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

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Council Member Keith Blocker and Council Assistant Rebecca Boydston  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File  
**SUBJECT:** **Public Asset Mapping**  
**DATE:** August 8, 2017

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**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 ask for City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to allocate funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the City Council Contingency Fund, to support Forterra convening an effort to map publicly and privately owned land in the City, to include Tacoma Public Utilities, for the purpose of determining which properties are the most ripe for affordable housing use to the benefit the public.

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

As Tacoma continues to thrive, the cost of living will continue to rise. With increased development, there is significant interest in ensuring equity and continued affordability and resources for our residents while spurring economic development that serves our communities' needs.

Based on conversations originating from the Joint Municipal Action Committee, there is an interest from peer local government agencies in developing a broader strategy to improve coordination and cooperation in deploying and activating real estate assets that will address gentrification in at-risk neighborhoods and ensure U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Assessment of Fair Housing principles to ensure community, economic, and environmental benefits in all neighborhoods within the City's borders.

Forterra has drafted a proposal to convene such a comprehensive review to evaluate properties, create a framework for evaluating opportunities for utilizing publicly- and privately-owned real estate for public benefit, and complete a mapping of properties prime for use to benefit the community. This proposal will include City of Tacoma data gathering and mapping to provide to Forterra and encourage governmental partners to do the same. Forterra will gather data and map private land resources and combine these with public properties. The initial stage of data gathering and mapping of public and private properties will culminate in recommendations to address at-risk neighborhoods August through December 2017. The outreach, strategies, and recommendations phase will interface with Forterra for use in HUD's required Assessment of Fair Housing in 2018 and 2019. Assessment of Fair Housing training will be provided to Forterra prior to contract start and with stakeholder groups at no cost by the Fair Housing Center of Washington.

Forterra's preliminary draft of a scope of work totals \$57,000. As of now Forterra, Pierce County Council, Metro Parks, and Tacoma Housing Authority have all pledged \$10,000 towards this project.

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**

I would request the council consider an allocation of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund towards convening this asset mapping exercise. The funding request is contingent on securing sufficient funds to complete the mapping process, and would allow City staff to negotiate and execute an agreement for services with the terms and deliverables for the city's contribution.

Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document is attached for your review.

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:**




Keith Blocker

**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.)*

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In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Rebecca Boydston at 253-591-5164 or [rebecca.boydston@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rebecca.boydston@cityoftacoma.org)

## 2017-2018 Council Contingency Commitments

<b>2017-2018 Biennium Budget</b>	\$	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Hilltop Regional Health Center (\$50K 2017, \$50K 2018)</b>	\$	100,000.00
<i>Resolution No. 39693 (03/28/2017)</i>		
<i>To support the Hilltop Regional Health Center expansion, contingent upon the Center securing sufficient funds for building renovations and expansion [Council Member Blocker]</i>		
<b>Developing an Anchor Institutions Strategy</b>	\$	50,000.00
<i>Resolution No. 39701 (04/18/2017)</i>		
<i>To develop an anchor institutions strategy to complete a comprehensive study to align current planning efforts, identify gaps, and achieve Tacoma 2025 related goals [Council Member Ibsen]</i>		
<b>Sister Cities Events for Festival of Sail Delegation</b>	\$	12,000.00
<i>Resolution No. 39747 (6/13/2017)</i>		
<i>For expenses related to events for visiting Sister Cities' delegations during the Festival of Sail 2017 [Mayor Strickland, Deputy Mayor Thoms, and Council Members Ibsen and Lonergan]</i>		
<b>Retail Enhancement Strategy Contract</b>	\$	25,000.00
<i>Resolution No. 39776 (Council consideration August 8, 2017)</i>		
<i>Contract for \$25,000 to develop a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy.</i>		
<b>Total 2017-2018 Approved by City Council Through Legislation</b>	\$	<b>162,000.00</b>
<b>2017-2018 Biennium Budget Remaining</b>	\$	<b>338,000.00</b>

**Please Note:**

Retail Enhancement Strategy Contract for \$25,000 is not included in the amount approved by Council (\$162,000). If resolution is adopted on 8/8/2017, total approved for 2017-2018 will increase to \$187,000.