



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement for Construction of South Orchard Street Grind & Overlay (South Orchard Street and Center Street) Between the City of Tacoma and the City of Fircrest – August 20, 2024
DATE: July 24, 2024

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with City of Fircrest, in the amount of \$177,992.21, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$204,691.04, budgeted from 1085 Streets Initiative Fund, for the construction of a joint project on South Orchard Street and Center Street.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's recommendation is based on the poor roadway condition and non-compliant ADA facilities in the South Orchard Street and Center Street intersection. This intersection is a major arterial that provides a vital connection between Tacoma and Fircrest. The cities of Tacoma and Fircrest have completed the design of the improvements, which includes a grind and overlay of the intersection and ADA upgrades. The proposed Interlocal Agreement details roles and responsibilities of each party and outlines the construction cost-sharing breakdown, in which each City is responsible for the costs incurred within their jurisdiction.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Infrastructure improvements identified in this proposed Interlocal Agreement were identified by a significant amount of public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan. The outreach included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven't met expectations with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping assure community members spending is allocated equitably city-wide.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This proposed resolution will support the City's goals for Equity and Accessibility and Public Works' goals for Access, Traffic Flow and Safety on City streets, and pedestrian facilities. Infrastructure improvements align with Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) goals to enhance an organizational culture supporting anti-racist actions and equitable infrastructure investment for the improvements, maintenance, and repair of transportation infrastructure in a timely manner affecting all community members requiring access to a variety of different modes of transportation.

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Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score: Very Low Opportunity*

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

Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs.

Livability: *Equity Index Score: Low Opportunity*

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

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



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

This proposed resolution will provide the opportunity to partner with the City of Fircrest to deliver equitable infrastructure investment for transportation infrastructure improvements. This critical intersection provides access to jobs, businesses, and housing between Fircrest and Tacoma. By improving accessibility and increasing the lifespan of the roadway, we will continue to be able to provide this critical access between Cities which promotes livability and business development.

ALTERNATIVES:

| Alternative(s) | Positive Impact(s) | Negative Impact(s) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| No partnership agreement. | None. | The project will not move forward, which could impact our relationship with the City of Fircrest and cause them to lose grant funding. |

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Project scope, schedule, and budget are tracked to ensure successful delivery of projects meeting grant timelines and other milestones. Community benefits are tracked by performance measured reported to the City Council. Project outreach is completed through mailings and public meetings. Project amendments are presented to the City Council as needed.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends authorization of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fircrest to complete the construction of the roadway and pedestrian improvements to the South Orchard Street and Center Street intersection.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project will be paid for with funds from the 1085 Streets Initiative Fund. The total amount allocated towards the project is \$204,691.04.

| Fund Number & Name | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | Cost Element | Total Amount |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1085 Streets Initiative Fund | PWK-00438-47-01 | 5419230 | \$204,691.04 |
| TOTAL | | | \$204,691.04 |

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

1085 Streets Initiative Fund is being used to support this expense.

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

This expenditure will likely occur during fiscal year 2024 but depending on contractor scheduling and weather, payments may occur in fiscal year 2025.

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

YES



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Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Interlocal Agreement for Construction of South Orchard Street Grind and Overlay (South Orchard Street and Center Street)