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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Grant Acceptance – January 14, 2025  
**DATE:** December 23, 2024

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution accepting grants as required by City of Tacoma Purchasing Policy, 4.10 Grant Funds, and providing information relating to supplemental project funding received from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), in the total amount of \$10,627,945, and depositing said sum into the various Capital Project funds, to fund various Public Works projects including pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. Purchasing Policy requires Council approval for acceptance of grant funding if the City is providing matching funds or services over \$500,000 or if the terms of the grant require governing body approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department applied for grants for numerous infrastructure projects in 2024. Since the last Public Works grant acceptance Resolution No. 41439, adopted June 4, 2024, six additional projects have been selected to receive up to \$10,627,945 in grant funds. Notification of grant award was received for the following projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Grant Awards</b>
Puyallup Ave Corridor Improvements with Pedestrian Access to Fife	\$ 5,465,000
6th Avenue & Tacoma Avenue Pavement Preservation	\$ 792,406
Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Loop Road - Active Transportation Plan	\$ 284,000
S 11th Street and S Sprague Avenue Signalized Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,200,000
E Roosevelt Ave Arterial Improvements	\$ 2,213,118
S 56th Street Crossing Improvements	\$ 673,421
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,627,945</b>

The attached table provides background information including brief project summaries, grant descriptions, supplemental funding information, and City match requirements.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

Infrastructure improvements identified in this resolution were identified by significant public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan and Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. Outreach for the Transportation Master Plan included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven't met expectations, with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping to assure community spending is allocated equitably city-wide. The City's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program is updated annually to include planned transportation projects for the remaining year and the ensuing six years. Each update includes public outreach and engagement, including community and Transportation Commission outreach and a public hearing. In addition, Public Works capital projects include community engagement and public outreach during design and construction. Project outreach may include public meetings, design charettes, project events, postcards, emails, and other project correspondence depending on project complexity and location.



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This resolution will support the City's goals for Equity and Accessibility and Public Works' goals for access, safety and traffic flow on City streets, pedestrian facilities, and bicycle facilities. Infrastructure improvements align with Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) goals to enhance an organizational culture supporting anti-racist actions and equitable infrastructure investment. Roadway improvements, maintenance, and repair of traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure in a timely manner, affects all community members who share access to the City's transportation infrastructure through a variety of different modes. Public Works staff uses data, building on the City's Equity Index, to allocate infrastructure improvements and to prioritize improvements in under-represented neighborhoods increasing community trust with data driven decisions.

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

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

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

**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 resolution will provide grant funding to deliver equitable infrastructure investment for the improvement and maintenance of pedestrian facilities, bikeways, roadways, traffic signals, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure. It will provide infrastructure access and safety improvements. It will increase livability, business development or support, and community engagement. It will increase positive perceptions of Tacoma by repairing pavement and increasing the safety of transportation facilities.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Return grant funding.	None	Funding requiring Council approval cannot be accepted, and funds may need to be returned; projects relying on those funds would not be completed.

**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 measures reported to the City Council and through granting agency audits. Project outreach is completed through mailings, public meetings, and website capital project improvement updates. Project contracts and amendments are presented to the City Council as needed.



**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation is to approve the proposed resolution to accept grant funding to support delivery of projects listed, improving safety, access, and equity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projects have been or will be budgeted through the capital budgeting process.

GRANT SOURCE	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	GRANT AMOUNT	CITY CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS
PSRC: Regional	Puyallup Ave Corridor Improvements with Pedestrian Access to Fife	PWK-00440-30	\$5,465,000	\$2,668,865	\$8,133,865
PSRC: Countywide	6th Avenue & Tacoma Avenue Pavement Preservation	NA	\$792,406	\$355,379	\$1,147,785
PSRC: Countywide	Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Loop Road - Active Transportation Plan	NA	\$284,000	\$96,000	\$380,000
WSDOT: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	S 11th Street and S Sprague Avenue Signalized Intersection Improvements	NA	\$1,200,000	NA	\$1,200,000
TIB: Urban Arterial Program (UAP)	E Roosevelt Ave Improvements	PWK-00434-27	\$2,213,118	\$453,280	\$2,666,398
TIB: Complete Streets Program (CSP)	S 56th Street Crossing Improvements	NA	\$673,421	\$168,356	\$841,777
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,627,945</b>	<b>\$3,741,880</b>	<b>\$14,369,825</b>

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

Various one-time funding sources including grant revenues, 1085 Streets Initiative Fund, and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues.

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

Revenues and expenditures for these grants and City match amounts will be budgeted at the next budget process opportunity.

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

YES

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

No

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

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Project Summary