



**TO:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**FROM:** Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer / *KDK*  
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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Resolution – Setting Final Hearing Date for SCF-11 – July 29, 2014  
**DATE:** July 14, 2014

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**SUMMARY:**

Setting Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, to confirm the Assessment Roll for SCF-11 for the reconstruction of unfit or unsafe sidewalk, as set forth by Ordinance No. 28054.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.
- Plan for and improve public infrastructure that meets the transportation needs of all Tacoma residents and visitors.

Sidewalks are an important part of our transportation system and an essential component of the public infrastructure. Consistent with Complete Streets, sidewalks should be safe and provide comfortable access in an effort to support a more walkable community. The replacement of unfit or unsafe sidewalks improves the walkability and connectivity to housing, schools, parks, shopping centers and other related activities.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 38351 on October 25, 2011, setting a Hearing Examiner date of November 17, 2011, to authorize the Department of Public Works to initiate abatement proceedings for 91 properties for sidewalks determined unfit or unsafe by the City Engineer.

Ordinance No. 28054 was passed on March 6, 2012, authorizing the Department of Public Works to perform the necessary sidewalk replacement work, with such costs to be assessed against the properties.

Of the 91 properties listed in Resolution No. 38351, 21 properties had a final assessment of zero costs. The sidewalk had been replaced by the property owner and accepted by the City of Tacoma for 19 properties. Two properties had a change of ownership prior to the passage of Ordinance No. 28054. Sidewalk reconstruction was completed at 70 locations consistent with available funding for the Abatement Program. The Assessment Roll requires confirmation in order to bill property owners for their portion of the project. The property owners are responsible for 100 percent of the costs to reconstruct the sidewalk, which is payable to the City over a five-year term.

**ISSUE:**

Per RCW 35.69.030 and TMC 10.18.030, the Public Works Department is requesting the City Council set a date with the Hearing Examiner on the consideration of the final assessments for SCF-11, and report the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation back to the City Council for their consideration.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This resolution, if not passed, would prevent the City from proceeding to final assessment and the recovery of all costs of the improvement totaling \$168,663.35.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council set a hearing date on or about Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, to confirm the Assessment Roll for SCF-11 for the reconstruction of unfit or unsafe sidewalk, as set forth by Ordinance No. 28054.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures for this project were granted under Resolution No. 38351.

**EXPENDITURES:**

| FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME * | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           |                            |              |              |
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|                           |                            |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                            |              |              |

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

| FUNDING SOURCE             | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Property Owner Assessments | 662030                     | 4368110      | \$168,663.35        |
|                            |                            |              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |                            |              | <b>\$168,663.35</b> |

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

| POSITION TITLE | PERMANENT/PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION | FTE IMPACT | POSITION END DATE |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                |                                      |            |                   |
|                |                                      |            |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                                      |            |                   |

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** None

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** The revenues have not been budgeted. This is a five year assessment roll. It is anticipated that one-fifth of the revenues will be collected in 2015. The remaining balance will be paid over the next four years.

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.** N/A