

## **RESOLUTION NO. 39851**

A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, including the proposed adoption of the Subarea Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan and associated Land Use Regulatory Code amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS the purpose of the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan ("Subarea Plan") is to anticipate, support, and guide long-term community development in the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea, an approximately 601-acre area, including the current Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center and an approximately 116-acre expansion area, and to complete a pre-development environmental review to identify how to address environmental and community issues while reducing development uncertainty and risk, and

WHEREAS the Subarea Plan provides innovative planning and policy strategies to help the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea achieve its potential as a thriving, livable, walkable, and transit-ready urban neighborhood, an outcome that will deliver a broad range of equitable social, economic, and environmental benefits at both the local and regional levels, and

WHEREAS the Subarea Plan will serve as a statement of the City's commitment to and direction for future development in the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea, in addition to serving as a resource for potential investors, property owners, the community, and other public agencies, and

WHEREAS proposed implementation actions in the Subarea Plan apply to urban form, land use, housing, transportation, environmental, parks and open



space, community empowerment, economic development, and utilities and services, as well as funding and implementation of goals and actions, and

WHEREAS key Subarea Plan actions include the following: (1) expansion of the current Regional Growth Center to include an additional 116 acres of land; (2) zoning and design standard changes to support urban form, walkability, and other goals; (3) innovative, area-wide green stormwater strategy and a 25 percent tree canopy target; (4) robust, area-wide transportation strategy, including a prioritized capital projects list, expanded transit service, and new connectivity requirements with major development; (5) parks and open space investments to support urban form, livability, and environmental goals; (6) coordinated infrastructure and services, improved transportation choices, and streamlined City environmental review to support businesses and attract new development; (7) a range of housing options, complete neighborhood amenities, improved safety, and a vibrant local culture; and (8) an action plan for collaborative implementation and funding action by the City, public agency partners, and the community, and

WHEREAS the Subarea Plan, along with three Downtown Tacoma Subarea Plans, helps set the stage for necessary federal, state, and regional funding and implementation actions to promote growth within the City's two designated Regional Growth Centers, and

WHEREAS this community-based planning effort includes input from residents, business and property owners, public agency partners, and the broader community, and



WHEREAS there has been significant community interest in many of the proposals of the Subarea Plan, in particular, the proposed future development of new pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular connections across existing private property, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.02, the City Council is required to conduct a public hearing before enacting any amendments to the Land Use Regulatory Code, and

WHEREAS the City desires to fix a time and date for public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed the proposed Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Planning Commission; Now, Therefore,

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, as the place when and where a public hearing shall be held on the proposed Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, including the proposed adoption of the Subarea Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan and associated Land Use Regulatory Code amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission.



1	Section 2. That the City Clerk shall give proper notice of the time and place
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