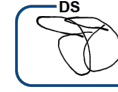




City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Dan Hansen, P.E., Grant Coordinator, Public Works
 Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Public Works Director/City Engineer **FOR**
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Grant Acceptance – June 4, 2024
DATE: May 13, 2024



SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

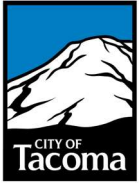
A resolution accepting grants as required by City of Tacoma Purchasing Policy, 4.10 Grant Funds, and providing information relating to supplemental project funding received from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, National Highway System Asset Management Program, and the United States Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$8,297,819, 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, traffic safety education, 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 aggressively applied for grants for numerous infrastructure projects in 2023-2024. Six projects were selected to receive up to \$8,297,819 million in grant funds or supplemental funding for grants already received. Notification of grant award or supplemental funding was received for the following projects:

Project	Total Grant Awards
South 11th Street	\$3,163,000
South Yakima Avenue	\$1,639,000
Tacoma Washington I-5 Crossing Study	\$1,300,000
South 38th and Cedar Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement	\$ 945,819
Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvement at South 56th Street and Pacific Avenue (SR7)	\$ 650,000
ADA Transition Plan	\$ 600,000
TOTAL	\$8,297,819

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



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 for the improvements, maintenance, and repair of traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure in a timely manner, affecting all community members share access to the City's transportation infrastructure via 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: Moderate 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: Moderate 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, maintenance, of pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, traffic safety education, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. It will provide infrastructure access and safety improvements and increase livability, business development or support, and increase community engagement.



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.

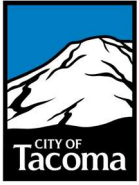
STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is to approve the 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
2023 National Highway System Asset Management Program	South 11th Street	TBD	\$3,163,000	N/A	\$3,163,000
2023 National Highway System Asset Management Program	South Yakima Avenue	TBD	\$1,639,000	N/A	\$1,639,000
U.S Department of Transportation: Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods	Tacoma Washington I-5 Crossing Study	TBD	\$1,300,000	\$325,000	\$1,625,000
Puget Sound Regional Council: Equity Pilot Program	South 38th and Cedar Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement	PWK-01039	\$945,819	\$315,142	\$1,260,961
Washington State Department of Transportation: Sandy Williams Connecting Communities	Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvement at South 56 th Street and Pacific Avenue (SR7)	TBD	\$650,000	N/A	\$650,000
U.S. Department of Transportation: Safer	ADA Transition Plan	TDB	\$600,000	\$150,000	\$750,000



GRANT SOURCE	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	GRANT AMOUNT	CITY CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS
Streets and Roads for All					
TOTAL			\$8,297,819	\$790,142	\$9,087,961

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Various one-time funding sources including grant revenues, General Fund, 1060 Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (MVFT) revenues, 1065 Street Fund revenues, 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 (biennium-end).

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