



Transportation Benefit District: Pedestrian Safety

Public Works Department
Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee
September 10, 2025

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Overview

- Informational briefing
- Staff are proposing a framework to allocate the Transportation Benefit District 15% towards pedestrian safety
- Staff requests feedback on the proposed framework

Missing Link Sidewalk



St. Helens Avenue and South 2nd Street

- Cost: Approx. \$13,845
- 2024 construction
- Add-on to St. Helens Avenue Improvement Project



**Costs are for sidewalks only
ADA curb ramps and other corridor improvements covered by project**

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Background

Transportation Benefit District - 1/10 of 1% sales tax

Transportation Benefit District Resolution 008

- Adopted November 3, 2015, and expiring March 31, 2026
- Prioritized to fund maintenance for residential and arterial streets, freight access and bike and pedestrian mobility projects

Transportation Benefit District Resolution 023

- Adopted December 2, 2024, with collection starting April 1, 2026
- Approximately \$7.5 million collected annually
- Amendment for Resolution 023 to prioritize 15% of annual revenue (approximately \$1.1 million) for safety improvements, including but not limited to sidewalks, streetlights, and bulbouts and remaining 85% for maintenance, preservation, and operations of transportation system

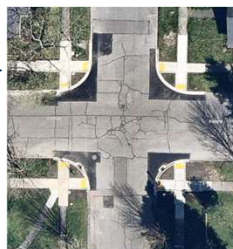
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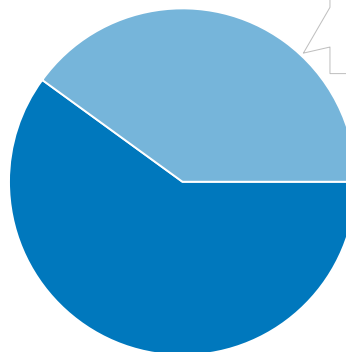
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Proposed 15% Allocation Programming

**Curb Ramps
(Residential)**
~\$145,000



**Curb Ramps and Bulbouts
(Arterial)**
~\$350,000



**Signal and
Streetlight Improvements (~40%)**
Accessible Pedestrian Signals,
Leading Pedestrian Intervals,
Crosswalk Beacons, Pedestrian Illumination

ADA and Sidewalks (~60%)
Curb Ramps, Missing Link Sidewalks,
Marked Crosswalks, Bulbouts
Grant match for future years

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Proposed 15% Allocation Programming

- Early successes through small-scale improvements and construction opportunities to demonstrate community benefit
- Annual reporting through Streets Initiative Dashboard
- Dedicated section in the Annual TBD Report

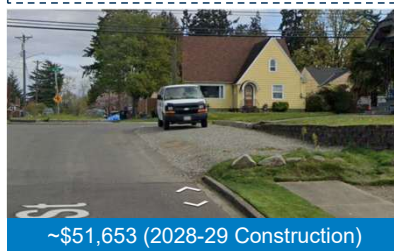
Missing Link Sidewalks

Portland Avenue and East 59th Street



~\$19,831 (2026 Construction)

South 50th Street and A Street



~\$51,653 (2028-29 Construction)



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Equity and Sustainability Analysis

Project Identification

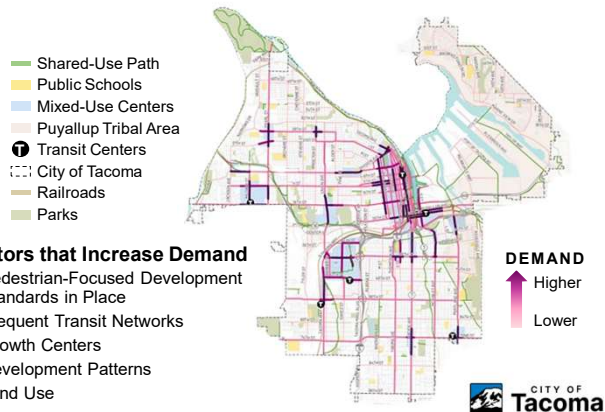
- Transportation and Mobility Plan goals, actions, and projects
- Partnership opportunities with current projects or agency stakeholders
- ADA requests and input
- Consistency with:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - ADA Transition Plan
 - Missing link sidewalks
 - Equity Index
 - Vision Zero

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Tacoma's Arterial Pedestrian Network Vision

Source: 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan

All streets in Tacoma shall prioritize pedestrian safety and accessibility. This map illustrates areas with expected higher pedestrian volumes based on land use and connectivity to key destinations.



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Outreach

- Community survey results indicated support for renewing Streets Initiative and that respondents were not satisfied with arterial conditions.
- Throughout the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and Transportation and Mobility Plan development process, community priorities included a safe, accessible, and connected transportation system.
- Community engagement conducted for Vision Zero Action Plan, Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and upcoming ADA Transition Plan update.

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Next Steps

Date	Step
September 10, 2025	IPS presentation
January – June 2026	Project identification
April 1, 2026	Collection of TBD sales tax revenues

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Feedback

- Staff proposal
 - Support proposal to expend 15% TBD on ADA and pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements
- The proposal is in alignment with the Vision and Goals of the Transportation + Mobility Plan

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