



## RESOLUTION NO. 38945

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE, IBSEN, MELLO, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION relating to sustainability; establishing a Green Roads Community  
3 Policy and Program for the City's roads and other transportation facilities  
4 and infrastructure to be models of environmental, economic, and social  
5 stewardship by setting community goals of sustainable design, construction,  
6 and maintenance.

7 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma recognizes its responsibility to minimize  
8 impacts on human health and the environment while supporting a diverse,  
9 equitable, and vibrant community and economy, and

10 WHEREAS the City desires that its roads and other transportation  
11 facilities and infrastructure be models of environmental, economic, and social  
12 stewardship by setting community goals for sustainable design, construction,  
13 operation, and maintenance, and

14 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution  
15 No. 38188, encouraging life cycle thinking as a way to identify possible  
16 sustainability improvements to goods and services, and

17 WHEREAS the intent of these practices is to provide environmental  
18 benefits, improve citizen health and equitable access to services, and deliver life  
19 cycle cost savings, and

20 WHEREAS *Greenroads™* is an internationally recognized, voluntary  
21 sustainability rating system for roadway design and construction, and

22 WHEREAS the *Greenroads* rating system supports the Tacoma  
23 Climate Action Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and  
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other related policies, and operationalizes Complete Streets Guidelines; Now,

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

3 Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to develop a Green Roads  
4 Policy and Program to guide the City's planning, location, design, operation, and  
5 maintenance of roads and other transportation infrastructure in the public  
6 right-of-way, in support of City efforts to become a *Green Roads* community.  
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8 Section 2. That the City Manager shall appoint a Green Roads Team to  
9 assist in the development of the Green Roads Policy and Program and provide  
10 assistance and information regarding the feasibility and financial impacts of  
11 achieving *Greenroads* certification.  
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13 Section 3. That the Green Roads Policy and Program shall include the  
14 following goals:

15 A. Strive to achieve an equivalent of *Greenroads* certification for all new  
16 road construction and full road right-of-way reconstruction projects as financially  
17 feasible, excluding alleys;  
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19 B. Strive to certify an example of each form of road type by *Greenroads*.  
20 Road types include arterial, residential, alley, trail, and bridge.  
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22 C. Strive for *Greenroads Gold*, or equivalent rating system, certification  
23 on all new road construction and full road right-of-way reconstruction projects  
24 over \$5 million.

25 Section 4. That the Program will be operationalized in the City's design  
26 manual, standards, and specifications.



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Section 5. That the City Manager shall report annually to the City Council

and Sustainable Tacoma Commission on achievements through the  
implementation of the Green Roads Policy and Program.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney