



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Chad Edinger, P.E., T & D Assistant Manager, Tacoma Power  
Ralph K. Rodriguez, LID Administrator, Public Works  
Joseph A Wilson, P.E., Transmission and Distribution Manager  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Setting a Hearing Date for LID 7732 – June 8, 2021  
**DATE:** May 10, 2021

---

**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution setting Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time of a public hearing by the Hearing Examiner for consideration of Local Improvement District (LID) 7732 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone and cable television systems to underground along:

- Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- The alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
- Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;
- North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street;
- North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

**BACKGROUND:**

This recommendation is based on: Receipt of Advisory Survey No. 8640 with support from 67.01percent of the property owners along: Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street; the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue; Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street; North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street; North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street; North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

LID staff conducted community meetings inviting property owners abutting Cascade Avenue and Fir Street to discuss paving of the streets. Property owners attending the meetings were more interested in placing the overhead utility distribution lines underground. An LID packet was provided which was circulated within the neighborhood obtaining support from 67.01 percent of the property owners within the area specially benefitted by the proposed improvement. The formation hearing is a requirement and provides an opportunity for property owners to voice their support, or lack thereof, about the formation of the Local Improvement District. This resolution will set a hearing date before the Hearing Examiner which will continue the public notice/community engagement process for the improvement of the street.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)**

Setting a hearing date will allow for continued community engagement and inclusion in the Local Improvement District formation process.



**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

The Local Improvement District process provides an opportunity for property owners to have direct involvement in public improvements to define their neighborhood.

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.43.140, the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 10.04.026 and LID Policy adopted by Resolution No. 37956, setting a hearing date to consider the formation of LID No. 7732 by the Hearing Examiner, who will issue a report of the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Recommendation to the City Council for their consideration

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. There are no alternatives per RCW 35.43.140, TMC 10.04.010 and Resolution No. 37956	Placing the distribution lines underground will greatly enhance the livability of the neighborhood and enhance the views.	The utility lines will continue to hinder the views of the Narrows, the Narrows Bridge and the Olympic mountain range.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Evaluation and follow up will consist of the Hearing Examiner’s report of the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Recommendation to the City Council for consideration. Should the Hearing Examiner recommend, and the City Council concur; an Ordinance creating the Local Improvement District for the burying of the utility lines. Tacoma Power T & D section will design, advertise the project and follow up with a Resolution awarding the construction contract.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Tacoma Power T & D and the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, recommends the City Council approve this request to set Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time of a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to officially determine if majority support for the improvement exists.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for setting the hearing to consider formation of the Local Improvement District.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
N/A			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

If a majority of the property owners support the Local Improvement District and the City Council adopts an Ordinance creating the Local Improvement District, funding to support project would come from:

1060-LID Projects, LID assessments, 6398645 - \$1,965,125

Tacoma Power Utility Contribution - \$137,970

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**

**YES**

Tacoma Power contribution is budgeted within the New Services A&R capital budget.

LID assessments are budgeted at the project level upon adoption of the formation ordinance.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

**NO**

There are no financial costs to the city for not setting the hearing date.

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

**NO**

Setting a hearing date does not have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

**NO**

Setting a hearing date does not change the City's FTE/personnel counts

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Assessment Map
- Aerial Map