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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement – Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection
Route Analysis Study – June 25, 2019
DATE: June 3, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to commit \$30,000, budgeted from the Public Works Streets Initiative Fund 1085, towards the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Route Analysis Study in association with WSDOT’s Puget Sound Gateway Program.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.
- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

The Tacoma to Puyallup trail connection is envisioned as a several mile-long corridor that will provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup for access to jobs, schools, parks, housing, and transit centers. The City’s contribution and participation support a safe, connected, and accessible active transportation network.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there are no safe routes between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup for people traveling on foot or by bicycle. In an effort to promote safe travel, a coalition of agencies came together in 2018, to promote a corridor between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup for people that would be physically separated from automobile traffic. The agencies, including the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Pierce County, the City of Tacoma, the City of Puyallup, the City of Fife, Metro Parks Tacoma, and WSDOT, agreed to develop and execute agreements to participate in, and fund, a trail route analysis study looking at three potential conceptual alignments.

This agreement was memorialized in March 2019, as shown in the attached Letter of Understanding (LOU). The study is expected to cost approximately \$180,000, and will be led by Puget Sound Gateway Program’s SR 167 Completion Project. The study is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2019. The \$30,000 provided by the City will be used to support the hiring of a consulting firm to conduct the feasibility study. The consulting firm will be managed by WSDOT.

ISSUE:

The Interlocal Agreement will commit the funds identified in the LOU and will define the roles and responsibilities between the parties for delivery of the study.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could decline to approve the agreement, but that would not be cost effective or efficient for the City with regards to this mutually beneficial project.



RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The study is expected to cost approximately \$180,000. The \$30,000 provided by the City will be used to support the hiring of a consulting firm to conduct the feasibility study. The City's commitment shall not exceed \$30,000.

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1085 PW Streets Initiative Fund	PWK-00440-43	5330100	\$30,000
TOTAL			\$30,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Streets Initiative Revenues	663020	Various	\$30,000
TOTAL			\$30,000

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$30,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A