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SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement for Design of Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive (South 56th Street to South 74th Street) Between the City of Tacoma, the City of University Place and the City of Lakewood – January 25, 2022
DATE: January 6, 2022

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of University Place and the City of Lakewood for design of a joint project on South Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive from South 56th Street to South 74th Street.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s recommendation is based on needed roadway and pedestrian improvements to Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive, a major arterial providing vital mobility connections between Tacoma, University Place and Lakewood. The cities of Tacoma, University Place and Lakewood plan to complete 30 percent design of the roadway and pedestrian improvements to the South Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive corridor between South 56th Street and South 74th Street with the intent of identifying a phased approach for the remainder of design and identification of right-of-way needs for this project. The parties plan on submitting a future joint grant application(s) for federal or state funding for phased improvements to this corridor. The proposed Interlocal Agreement details roles and responsibilities of each party and sharing of design costs with each party responsible for actual design costs in their jurisdiction. The City of Tacoma will be responsible for design costs for the Manitou area of the project currently owned by Pierce County and planned for annexation by the City of Tacoma.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Infrastructure improvements identified in this proposed Interlocal Agreement were identified by a significant amount of public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan. The outreach included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven’t met expectations with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping assure citizens spending is allocated equitably city-wide.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The proposed resolution will support the City's goals for Equity and Accessibility and Public Works’ goals for Access, Traffic Flow and Safety on City streets, pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Infrastructure improvements align with Public Works’ Racial Equity Action Plan 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 citizens requiring access to a variety of different modes of transportation.



Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Low 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 proposed resolution will provide the opportunity to partner with the Cities of University Place and Lakewood to deliver equitable infrastructure investment for 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. No partnership agreement.	None.	Potential loss of future grant funds. Cost and Right-of-Way information needed for grant applications will not be obtained.

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 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 Public Works Department recommends authorization of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma, the City of University Place and the City of Lakewood to complete 30 percent design of the roadway and pedestrian improvements to the South Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive corridor between South 56th Street and South 74th Street with the intent of identifying a phased approach for the remainder of design and identification of right-of-way needs for this joint project.



FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of 30 percent design is expected to be \$80,567. The City of Tacoma’s portion of this figure is expected to be approximately \$62,000. All other dollars are to be contributed by partnering agencies.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1060-CAPT (PW Street Capital Projects)	662000	5195000	\$80,567
TOTAL			\$80,567

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Fund 1085 Streets Initiative revenues will be used to support this expense.

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

YES

This expenditure is budgeted in this biennium.

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:

- Proposed Interlocal Agreement for Design of the South Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive Corridor between South 56th Street to South 74th Street.