



## RESOLUTION NO. 40484

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Special Projects; designating 28 Public Works and  
2 Environmental Services projects as special projects of limited duration, and  
3 designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed  
4 on the projects pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code 1.12.155, 1.24.187,  
5 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and 1.30.300, and Tacoma City Charter  
6 Section 6.1(h), as applicable.

7 WHEREAS the following 28 Public Works (“PW”) and Environmental  
8 Services (“ES”) projects are hereby identified and designated as special projects of  
9 limited duration:

- 10 (1) Safe Routes to School Projects;
- 11 (2) South 19th Street and Clay Huntington Way;
- 12 (3) Streets Initiative, Contracted Maintenance Projects;
- 13 (4) I-5 and South 56th Street Interchange ADA Improvements;
- 14 (5) South 56th Street and Cirque Drive Corridor Phase 2;
- 15 (6) Yakima Avenue Bridge;
- 16 (7) Prairie Line Trail Phase II;
- 17 (8) Water Flume Line Trail Phase III;
- 18 (9) East 64th Street Improvements: Pacific Avenue to East City Limits;
- 19 (10) Municipal Dock, Sites 10 and 12 Seawall Repair;
- 20 (11) Yakima Avenue Traffic Signal Operations and Visibility Improvements;
- 21 (12) Sheridan Avenue Missing Link Sidewalk;
- 22 (13) Traffic Signal Infrastructure Improvements: Pierce Transit Routes 1 and 2;
- 23 (14) 6th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements;
- 24 (15) Damaged Streetlight and Circuit Replacement;
- 25 (16) Taylor Way;
- 26 (17) Fawcett Avenue: South 19th Street to South 21st Street;
- (18) Revitalizing Tacoma's Brewery District with Complete Streets;
- (19) South 19th Street Signal & Crosswalk Improvements, Yakima Avenue to Tacoma Avenue;
- (20) McKinley Avenue Crosswalk Improvements at East 36th Street and East 37th Street;
- (21) Links to Opportunity;
- (22) Sheridan Avenue Improvements, South 61st Street to South 72nd Street;
- (23) South 48th Street Sidewalk Improvements;



- 1 (24) Jefferson and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project;  
2 (25) Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System  
3 Replacement;  
4 (26) Larchmont Permeable Pavement Neighborhood Project;  
5 (27) Wastewater/Surface Water Facilities Documentation Project; and  
6 (28) Flow Monitoring Project (extending existing project), and

7 WHEREAS these special projects will require temporary employees for a  
8 limited duration to support the projects, including, but not limited to: construction  
9 inspectors, construction managers, project managers, project specialists, design  
10 engineers, survey technicians, CAD technicians, development specialists,  
11 associate planners, signal and lighting electricians, environmental specialists,  
12 IT staff, technicians, laboratory personnel, arborists, and landscape architects, and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Tacoma Municipal  
14 Code ("TMC") 1.12.155 and 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, for major independent  
15 construction and government aid projects, TMC 1.24.187, TMC 1.30.300, and  
16 Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h), employees who are not regular employees  
17 and are hired as special project employees are unclassified and paid as provided  
18 for by ordinance or resolution of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

20 Section 1. That the 28 projects listed on Exhibit "A" are hereby designated as  
21 special projects of limited duration, for the periods designated in said Exhibit "A."  
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23 Section 2. That, in accordance with the provisions of TMC 1.12.155,  
24 1.24.187, 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, as applicable, and TMC 1.30.300, and  
25 Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h), employees who have been hired or may be  
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1 hired as special project employees are unclassified special project employees as of  
2 the date of hire.

3 Section 3. That the salaries and classifications set forth in the  
4 Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma for permanent employees, or the closest  
5 classifications, shall be applied, contingent upon funding, to similar positions of the  
6 special project. The Compensation Plan is incorporated herein by reference as if  
7 fully set forth.

8 Section 4. That employees who have been hired or may be hired as special  
9 project employees herein shall receive benefits in accordance with and pursuant to  
10 the provisions of the Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma. They shall be  
11 given a one-time binding and irrevocable election to participate in the City's  
12 Retirement System pursuant to TMC 1.30 and shall not be eligible for longevity  
13 pay; and further, that should any current regular employee eligible for longevity pay  
14 be assigned to the special project, the employee so assigned shall continue to be  
15 eligible for longevity pay and shall become or remain a member of the City's  
16 Retirement System pursuant to any applicable provisions of TMC 1.30, and  
17 contributions shall be paid therein by the City pursuant to TMC 1.30.360.

18 Section 5. That, inasmuch as the positions to be filled pursuant to this  
19 resolution are of a temporary nature and are unique in that they pertain only to the  
20 aforementioned special projects, they are deemed unclassified, temporary  
21 positions of limited duration and persons so employed in such positions shall have  
22 no claim to further or continued employment with the City of Tacoma after  
23 cessation of such special project or after cessation of activities funded by said  
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program, except pursuant to obtaining status as regular City of Tacoma employees under the provisions of the TMC or pursuant to further action of the City Council relating to these special projects.

Section 6. That all acts by agents or employees of the City consistent herewith are hereby ratified.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to direct the appropriate City officers to proceed with the necessary actions for the completion of the special projects.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



## EXHIBIT "A"

### 2019 Special Projects

#### (1) Safe Routes to School Projects

Projects will employ strategies outlined in the Safe Routes to School Implementation Plan including various construction projects. Projects include: Infrastructure Assessment, Infrastructure Improvements, School Zone Warning Beacons, and Mary Lyon Elementary improvements.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,200,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

#### (2) South 19th Street and Clay Huntington Way

This project will construct a full traffic signal, accessible pedestrian signals (APS), ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalk, and signage/pavement markings.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$721,403

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024

#### (3) Streets Initiative, Contracted Maintenance Projects

The residents of Tacoma approved the Street Initiatives (Proposition A and Proposition No. 3) in November 2015, approving funding to repair and improve City streets. The 2015 Voted Street Initiative Fund 1085 was created and approved by the City Council under Ordinance No. 28344 on February 9, 2016. This fund provides for arterial street improvements, non-motorized improvements, and residential street repairs. Multiple Streets Initiative contracted maintenance projects will be constructed annually.

Total Estimated Project Cost for five years: \$50,000,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

#### (4) I-5 and South 56th Street Interchange ADA Improvements

This project will construct sidewalk curb ramp safety improvements for the South 56th Street / I-5 Interchange. This project is funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$550,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

#### (5) South 56th Street and Cirque Drive Corridor Phase 2

The project will include pavement rehabilitation between Washington and Tacoma Mall Boulevard, curb ramps, LED streetlights, and bike facilities and lanes on parallel route South 54th Street with north/south connections to transit centers. The project will also install APS and ADA crossing improvements as needed.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$9,357,651

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

#### (6) Yakima Avenue Bridge

This project will construct a bridge deck repair for the Yakima Avenue Bridge spanning South Tacoma Way.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,456,950

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.



1 **(7) Prairie Line Trail Phase II**

2 This project will construct a shared use path between South 21st and South 25th Streets  
3 along the former BNSF rail line commonly referred to as Hood Street. This project will  
4 connect to the existing section of the Prairie Line Trail on the UW-Tacoma campus at its  
5 northern terminus and provides a connection to the Water Flume Line Trail to the south.  
6 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,476,000  
7 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

8 **(8) Water Flume Line Trail Phase III**

9 This project will construct a non-motorized, shared-use path along South Tacoma Way  
10 between South M Street and South Pine Street. This is the final phase of the 6.5 mile  
11 Water Flume Line Trail. This project will also reconstruct portions of South Tacoma Way  
12 including a grind and overlay with channelization reconstruction between South Pine  
13 Street and South 35th Street.  
14 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,445,000  
15 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

16 **(9) East 64th Street Improvements: Pacific Avenue to East City Limits**

17 This project will reconstruct the roadway to complete street standards including adding  
18 bicycle facilities, wider sidewalks with ADA compliant ramps, streetlights, and storm water  
19 improvements. The project will be constructed in three phases for the purpose of  
20 competing for grant opportunities. Phase One is funded for construction and will improve  
21 East 64th Street between Pacific Avenue and McKinley Avenue. A City grant match of  
22 \$2,300,000 is required for Phase One construction and is funded via the Streets Initiative  
23 Fund. The Streets Initiative Fund also provided \$1,300,000 in design funds for Pacific  
24 Avenue to East City Limits.  
25 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$24,000,000  
26 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(10) Municipal Dock, Sites 10 and 12 Seawall Repair**

This project will construct full repairs to shoreline revetments along the Foss Waterway at  
Sites 10 and 12. The project will also construct repairs to approximately 60-feet of the  
Municipal Dock shoreline revetment.  
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,370,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(11) Yakima Avenue Traffic Signal Operations and Visibility Improvements**

This project will upgrade existing traffic signal heads and phasing and improve timing  
along Yakima Avenue between South 72nd and South 96th Streets. The project will also  
install APS and ADA crossing improvements as needed.  
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,122,700  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(12) Sheridan Avenue Missing Link Sidewalk**

This project will construct sidewalks between South 61st Street and South 84th Street  
improving access to Birney Elementary School, Baker Middle School, Wapato Park, and  
Frank Alling Park.  
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,000,000  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.



1 **(13) Traffic Signal Infrastructure Improvements: Pierce Transit Routes 1 and 2**

2 This project will repair and replace failed and outdated traffic signal infrastructure along  
3 two Pierce Transit corridors and restore signal functionality along 6th Avenue and Pacific  
4 Avenue (Route 1) and South 19th Street (Route 2). The project will improve transit  
5 efficiency, reduce greenhouse gases, support economic development, and improve traffic  
6 signal safety.

7 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,090,000

8 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

9 **(14) 6th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements**

10 This project will upgrade existing traffic signal heads and phasing and improve timing  
11 along 6th Avenue between Jackson and Sprague Avenues. The project will also install  
12 APS, ADA crossing improvements,  
13 and pedestrian actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons.

14 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,564,600

15 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

16 **(15) Damaged Streetlight and Circuit Replacement**

17 This project will replace damaged streetlight poles and repairs/replaces damaged  
18 electrical circuits, restoring electrical service to over 70 streetlights.

19 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$850,000

20 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

21 **(16) Taylor Way**

22 This project will reconstruct Taylor Way to heavy haul standards using cement concrete  
23 pavement between SR509 and East 11th Street. The project also improves the  
24 intersection of SR509 and Taylor Way, installs traffic signal improvements, new sidewalks,  
25 new streetlights, water main improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and rail  
26 crossing improvements.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$24,912,394

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(17) Fawcett Avenue: South 19th Street to South 21st Street**

The project will construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Fawcett Avenue and  
crossing improvements at the intersection of South 21st Street and Fawcett Avenue. This  
project also improves South 21st Street between Jefferson Avenue and Tacoma Avenue.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,893,290

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(18) Revitalizing Tacoma's Brewery District with Complete Streets**

This project provides for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and traffic calming measures  
along Fawcett Avenue between 6th Avenue and South 19th Street. Improvements include  
new curb ramps, curb extensions, pedestrian islands, and mid-block crossings to provide a  
greater measure of safety. South 15th Street between Fawcett Avenue and Yakima Avenue  
will also be improved with a striped bicycle lane.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,725,975

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.



**(19) South 19th Street Signal and Crosswalk Improvements, Yakima Avenue to Tacoma Avenue**

This project will improve traffic signal phasing and the visibility of pedestrian crosswalks at South 19th Street and Yakima Avenue and South 19th Street and Tacoma Avenue.

Protected left turn signal phasing will be added at both these intersections along with new crosswalk markings.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$482,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(20) McKinley Avenue Crosswalk Improvements at East 36th Street and East 37th Street**

This project will improve the visibility of pedestrians in crosswalks on McKinley Avenue at East 36th Street and East 37th Street. The project will include lighting upgrades, curb bulbouts with ADA compliant ramps, and new crosswalk markings.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$145,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(21) Links to Opportunity**

This project constructs streetscape improvements to the sidewalk and pedestrian areas including new sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, seating, decorative concrete, and space for public art. Improvements will extend along: MLK Jr. Way from South 19th Street to Division Avenue, Division Avenue and North 1st Street from MLK Jr. Way to Stadium Way, and Stadium Way from North 1st Street to near South 9th Street. Project funds include a \$3.5 million Transit Access Fund grant, Streets Initiative funds totaling \$1.8 million, and other City funds totaling \$5 million.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$10,300,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(22) Sheridan Avenue Improvements, South 61st Street to South 72nd Street**

This project will reconstruct Sheridan Avenue from South 61st Street to South 72nd Street to include roadway reconstruction, curb and gutter installation, ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalks, rechannelization to widen lanes and add sharrows, a 10-foot wide separated shared use path along the park on the west side, crossing signals upgrades at the South 72nd Street intersection, and stormwater upgrades.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$7,020,006

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(23) South 48th Street Sidewalk Improvements**

This project will construct missing link sidewalks along South 48th Street from Asotin Street to Cushman Avenue. The project will also upgrade curb ramps and crossings to meet ADA standards.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$642,870

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

**(24) Jefferson and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project**

This project will provide additional capacity to the City's surface water system in the downtown area in the form of a new 60-inch diameter interceptor pipe that will help address the current capacity limitation and allow for future growth in the downtown area.





1 Currently, during intense rain events, flooding can occur in various areas of downtown  
2 Tacoma, including Pacific Avenue, due to capacity limitations in the existing  
3 surface water collection system.

4 Total Estimate Project Costs: \$23,000,000

5 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

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8 **(25) Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System  
9 Replacement**

10 This project will consist of upgrading the facility's existing medium voltage electrical  
11 distribution system, which is well past its design life. This upgrade will provide for improved  
12 electrical redundancy, which will significantly reduce the chance of a facility electrical failure,  
13 which would result in significant discharges of untreated wastewater into Commencement  
14 Bay; and will provide improved safety for facility operations and maintenance staff.

15 Total Estimated Project Costs: \$33,000,000

16 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

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18 **(26) Larchmont Permeable Pavement Neighborhood Project**

19 This project will improve water quality in the Flett Creek Watershed through the  
20 replacement of approximately 27 blocks of failed residential roadway with permeable  
21 pavement and sidewalks. This project will provide basic water quality treatment and reduce  
22 stormwater flows through the infiltration of 43 acres to help restore natural hydrologic  
23 conditions to Flett and Chambers Creeks.

24 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,000,000

25 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

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27 **(27) Wastewater/Surface Water Facilities Documentation Project**

28 This project will update and integrate multiple sources of data, drawings and other  
29 documentation associated with wastewater and surface water facilities. This project will  
30 ensure that record drawings, documentation, and other sources of data reflect current  
31 conditions and that the documentation is in compliance with NPDES permit requirements.  
32 Work will include both fieldwork and office work related to the collection of data on current  
33 assets, updating of attribute data, creation of necessary drawings/documentation, and the  
34 development of databases and integration tools to improve the efficiency and  
35 effectiveness of staff utilizing the information.

36 Total Estimate Project Costs: \$425,000/year for staff costs

37 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.

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39 **(28) Flow Monitoring Project**

40 This project is an existing designated special project of limited duration and is being  
41 extended. This project will provide monitoring and data analysis efforts to show  
42 compliance with the NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit, improve treatment  
43 effectiveness, and drive capital improvement projects through ongoing modeling of both  
44 the sanitary and surface water conveyance systems. The metering group is responsible  
45 for operating, maintaining, and downloading data logging systems used in monitoring both  
46 the sanitary and surface water conveyance systems throughout the City. The data from  
47 these flows is used to study inflow and infiltration, look for sanitary cross connections,  
48 monitor sanitary sewer overflows, and generate hydraulic models for capital improvement  
49 projects. Additional monitoring may be performed to log surface water quantity entering  
50 and exiting treatment devices throughout the City to evaluate system performance as well



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as groundwater level monitoring. Specific tasks in the overall monitoring program include data logging equipment operation and maintenance, data analysis and reporting, data management and database maintenance.

Total Project Cost: \$200,000/year estimated new staff costs

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2024.