

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2013

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Please note the following Proposition 1 Facts and Information Sessions for the community:
 - **September 23rd, 6:00 p.m.**, Truman Middle School (Council Member Ibsen)
 - **October 2nd, 6:00 p.m.**, Tacoma Main Library (Council Member Walker)
 - **October 9th, 6:00 p.m.**, Moore Library (Deputy Mayor Campbell)
 - **October 10th, 6:00 p.m.**, Jason Lee Middle School (Council Member Thoms)
 - **October 14th, 6:00 p.m.**, Gray Middle School (Council Member Lonergan)
 - **October 30th, 6:00 p.m.**, The Nature Center (Council Member Walker)

TOPICS OF INTEREST

2. Interim Public Works Director Kurtis Kingsolver provides the attached memorandum with an **update on the Stadium Way overlook benches** that were installed as part of the Stadium Way arterial project. This project included within its scope sidewalk and pedestrian accessibility improvements.
3. The **agenda for the Public Utility Board September 25, 2013** is attached for your information. Please note the following items will be on the Council's agenda for your consideration at the October 8th Council meeting:
 - U-10653 – Authorize Tacoma Rail to enter into a loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade a segment of railroad track near Taylor Way.
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STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

4. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, September 24, 2013, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will be: (1) **Rapid-Response Graffiti Removal**; (2) **2013 Legislation Action Timeline**; (3) **Other Items of Interest**; and, (4) **Agenda Review**.

At Tuesday's Study Session, there will be a presentation on the **development of a pilot program to allow for removal of graffiti from private property** within 72 hours along key corridors. The removal would be conducted by an external provider under contract with the City. The program would allow for removal of graffiti up to three times on a site in a twelve month period.

At the July 16th Study Session, Council was provided an update on the outcomes of the **2013 Legislative Session**. Following that presentation, departments were asked to identify impacts from the passed legislation and to provide a timeline for those items requiring the Council to take legislative action. At Tuesday's Study Session, Council will be a briefed on these **impacts and future required Council action**.

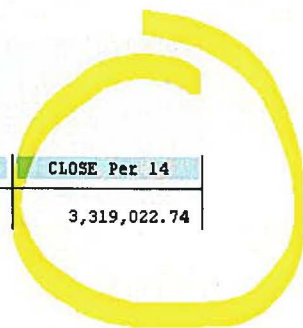
5. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast Calendar** is attached for your information.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/INQUIRIES

6. At the September 10th Study Session, during the Tacoma Employees Retirement System update, Mayor Strickland asked what **contributions the General Fund makes to the City's retirement system**. Retirement Director Monica Butler originally stated that she thought it was approximately \$5 million; however, she has since clarified that the actual contribution for 2012 was \$3.319 million as shown below:

TRIAL BALANCE FOR PERIOD ENDING 14 2012 SINGLE PERIOD ANALYSIS
 Report ZZB1
 VARIATION PARAMETERS : COMPANY CODE CITY City of Tacoma
 FUND 0010 General Fund

| GL Account | OPEN Per 14 | DR Period 14 | CR Period 14 | CLOSE Per 14 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5110850 Pension Contributions-TERS | 3,319,022.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,319,022.74 |



GRANT APPLICATIONS

7. The City applied for the following grant:

- **2013 Tree City USA Planting Grant Program** – Funds to supplement and assist with tree purchases to increase the number of street trees planted in the 2013-2014 planting season. In addition, some of the funds will assist with the purchase of larger trees for the Hilltop Diversitree Project. The City is requesting \$10,000 with no match required.

GRANT AWARDS

8. The City was awarded the following grant:

- **2013-2015 Biennial Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Program** – City was awarded \$170,000 with no match required from the Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE). The funding will be used for various tasks to include mapping, source control, and monitoring and controlling runoff from development and redevelopment. In addition, funding will be used for design work to compete in the WSDOE Stormwater Grant Program in September 2014, related to addressing stormwater pollution from existing development and implementing low impact development techniques.

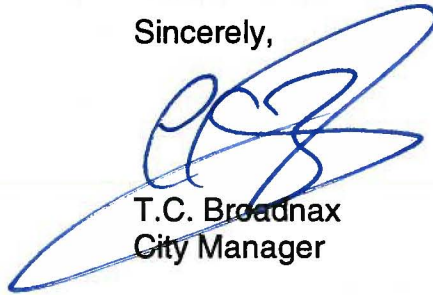
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9. You have been invited to the following events:

- **Pierce College Foundation's 2nd Annual Creating Possibilities Breakfast on Friday, September 20th, 7:30 a.m.**, at Pierce College Puyallup, College Center Building, located at 1601 39th Avenue Southeast, Puyallup.
- **Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities 2013 Independence Luncheon on Friday, September 20th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at the Hotel Murano located at 1320 Broadway.
- **Downtown to Defiance Sunday Parkways on Sunday, September 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – Noon**, at Tacoma Dome Plaza, located at 2727 East D Street.

- **Ceremonial Tree planting to kick-off for the Hilltop Diversitree Planting Project on Friday, October 11th, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.**, at the Tacoma Housing Authority Headquarters, located at 902 South L Street (planting strip on S 10th Street).

Sincerely,



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

TCB:crh
Attachments



TO: T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

FROM: Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E. / *KDK*
Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Stadium Way Overlooks

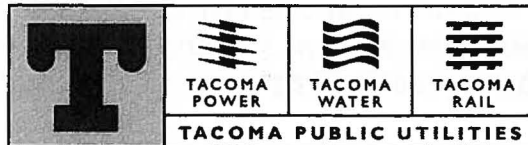
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The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information related to the Stadium Way Overlook benches that were installed as part of the Stadium Way arterial project that included within its scope, sidewalk and pedestrian accessibility improvements. As part of these pedestrian improvements, overlooks were built with benches to allow pedestrians to rest as they are walking up or down the hill. Currently the view from these overlooks is impeded by vegetation growing on the Schuster slope parcel below Stadium Way. The Schuster slope parcel is outside the boundaries and scope of the Stadium Way Arterial Project, and is not being addressed or managed as part of this project.

As this area is very large, steeply sloped, prone to slides, and threatened by invasive vegetation – there are many variables that need to be thoughtfully assessed and addressed with regard to the management of these parcels. These parcels are designated open space per the City's Open Space program, currently completing transition from Planning and Development Services (PDS) to Environmental Services Department (ESD). The ESD will manage the passive elements of open space (i.e. vegetation management and tree canopy for the purposes of stormwater benefit) while the PDS Department will continue to oversee the active elements (i.e. trails, recreation).

The Schuster slope area is one of several primary focus areas for an ESD management plan. The City is currently working towards a contract with Metro Parks to develop such a plan to include both the planning and vegetation management of this area. It is anticipated that a contract resolution will occur within the next 30-60 days. In the meantime, Tacoma Police and City abatement crews have been on-site to remove debris and address safety concerns.

In addition to the open space program goals, ESD is coordinating with citizens and other city departments to develop a broader approach to the slope area. Citizens, especially residents on Stadium Way continue to express interest in the management of this slope and its vegetation, and want to be involved in decision making that impacts this area including any public comment opportunities. And, because of the large scope and the geologic, recreational, safety, and urban forest components of this area, City staff is looking for ways to partner with other departmental efforts. For example the downtown subarea plan is a current effort by PDS. They are actively receiving public comment (some regarding vegetation concerns) and will be sharing those comments with us as the management plan is developed. Staff will be compiling citizen comments and inquires with historical data to put together a plan that addresses communities concerns (including overlook views from Stadium Way) and the other variables in a thoughtful manner.



**City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
September 25, 2013; 6:30 p.m.
Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium
(3628 South 35th Street)**

Call to Order

Roll Call

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- B. Comments by the Public**
- C. Consent Agenda**
- D. Regular Agenda**

Departmental

- D-1 Resolution U-10651 – Award contracts and approve purchases:**
- 1. Award contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., for the replacement of galvanized water mains in South Crystal Springs Road and South 18th Street; (\$215,062.50, plus sales tax);
 - 2. Award contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., for the installation of water mains in Fife Heights (\$303,557, plus sales tax);
 - 3. Award contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for the reconstruction of a segment of railroad track directly west of Milwaukee Way commonly known as the Port Pass Track (\$410,725, plus sales tax).

Tacoma Power

- D-2 Resolution U-10652 – Authorize execution of two Network Integration Transmission Service Agreements and six Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreements with Tacoma Power and the Bonneville Power Administration.**

Tacoma Rail

- D-3 Resolution U-10653 – Authorize Tacoma Rail to enter into a loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade a segment of railroad track near Taylor Way. (To Council: October 8, 2013)**
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H. Reports of the Director

H-1 August 2013 cash projections for Power, Water, and Rail

H-2 August 2013 financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, and Self-Insurance



**City of Tacoma 2013-2014
City Council Forecast**

| Date | Meeting | Subject | Department |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| September 24, 2013 | Study Session | Rapid-Response Graffiti Removal | NCS |
| | | 2013 Legislation Action Timeline | GRO & Various Depts |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| October 1, 2013 | Joint Park Commission Study Session | Update on Destination Pt. Defiance Planning Initiative | Metro Parks/PDS |
| | Council Study Session | North Downtown Subarea Plan & EIS | PDS |
| | | Closed Session - Labor Negotiations | HR |
| | Committee of the Whole | Review Revised I-502 Proposed Rules | CAO/PDS |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| October 8, 2013 | Study Session | South Sound 911 Update | SS911 (CMO) |
| | | Encampment Site Clean-Up Program | NCS |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| October 15, 2013 | Study Session | University of Washington-Tacoma Master Plan Update | UWT/CED |
| | | Solid Waste In Support of Nuisance Code Enforcement | ESD and NCS |
| | Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting | | |
| October 22, 2013 | Study Session | I-502 Interim Regulations | PDS |
| | City Council Meeting | Public Hearing I-502 Interim Regulations | |
| October 29, 2013 | Study Session | Tacoma Link Expansion - Potential Alignments | GRO/Sound Transit |
| | | Third Quarter 2013 Financial Report | Finance |
| | | Review I-502 Interim Regulations Public Hearing Comments | PDS |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| November 5, 2013 | Study Session | Tacoma Link Expansion - Comments from Public Open House | GRO/Sound Transit |
| | | MLK Subarea Plan & EIS | PDS |
| | Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting | | |
| November 12, 2013 | Study Session | Six-Year Transportation Program | PW |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| November 19, 2013 | Study Session | | |
| | Committee of the Whole | | |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| November 26, 2013 | Study Session | | |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| December 3, 2013 | Joint Utility Board Study Session | | |
| | Committee of the Whole | | |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| December 10, 2013 | Study Session | Multi City Tax Portal (Tentative) | Finance |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| December 17, 2013 | Study Session | | |
| | Committee of the Whole | | |
| | City Council Meeting | | |
| December 24, 2013 | | CANCELLED | |
| December 31, 2013 | | CANCELLED | |