



# Streets Initiative II

City of Tacoma | Public Works Department

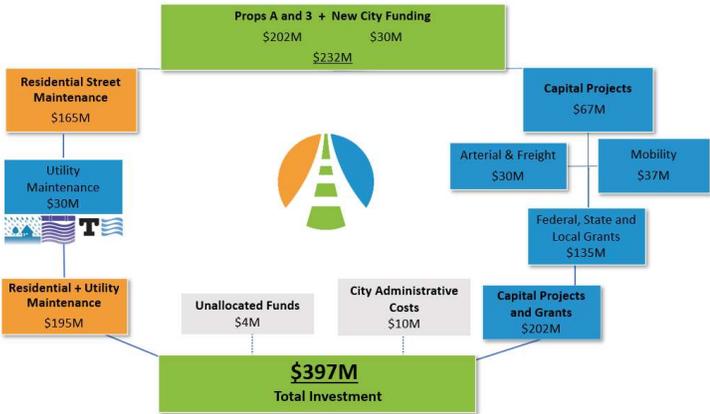
**Study Session**  
November 5, 2024

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## STREETS INITIATIVE I



- In 2015, Tacoma voters approved Proposition No. 3 and A, funding street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements, focusing on residential streets.
- The propositions raised funds through a tax increase, set to expire in December 2025, generating over \$397 million surpassing the projected \$325 million.
- Funded projects include resurfacing, pothole repair, pedestrian safety, school crossing beacons, and sidewalk improvements.



The flowchart illustrates the funding structure for Streets Initiative I. At the top, 'Props A and 3 + New City Funding' totals \$232M, composed of \$202M from Propositions A and 3, and \$30M from New City Funding. This funding is split into 'Residential Street Maintenance' (\$165M) and 'Capital Projects' (\$67M). 'Residential Street Maintenance' is further divided into 'Utility Maintenance' (\$30M) and 'Residential + Utility Maintenance' (\$195M). 'Capital Projects' is divided into 'Arterial & Freight' (\$30M) and 'Mobility' (\$37M). 'Arterial & Freight' leads to 'Federal, State and Local Grants' (\$135M), which then leads to 'Capital Projects and Grants' (\$202M). 'Mobility' also leads to 'Capital Projects and Grants'. 'Capital Projects and Grants' is composed of 'Unallocated Funds' (\$4M) and 'City Administrative Costs' (\$10M). The total investment is \$397M.

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## FUNDING STRATEGIES



- Proposition No. 3 increased taxes on natural gas, electric, phone companies, and property taxes to fund projects over ten years.
- Proposition A funded maintenance and improvement projects by raising the sales tax by one-tenth of one percent, focusing on residential streets, arterials, and bike/pedestrian mobility.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

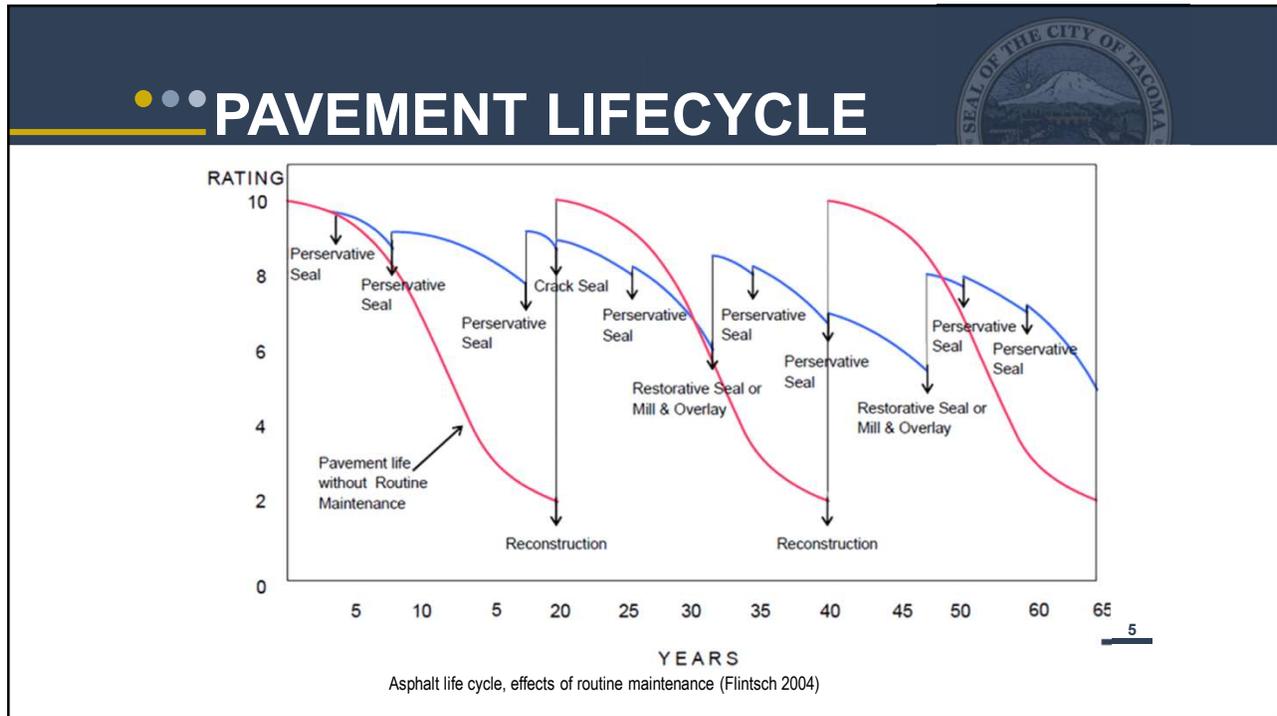


- For every **\$1** approved by the voters of Tacoma on the Streets Initiative, we've been able to leverage grant match funds for a total value of approximately **\$2.27**.
- To date, we have earned over **\$135 million** in grants awarded to **59 projects**, surpassing our original \$90 million goal.
- We are on pace to beat our original goal of 5,600 blocks topping out at **6,000 blocks**.
- **60%** of expenditures have been utilized in contracted work.
- Full transparency and stewardship – passed State Auditor's Office audit and **did not receive any recommendations or findings**.
- **According to the 2023 Pavement Condition Assessment, residential streets have improved by 11%.**
- **Total City PCI increased by 2%.**



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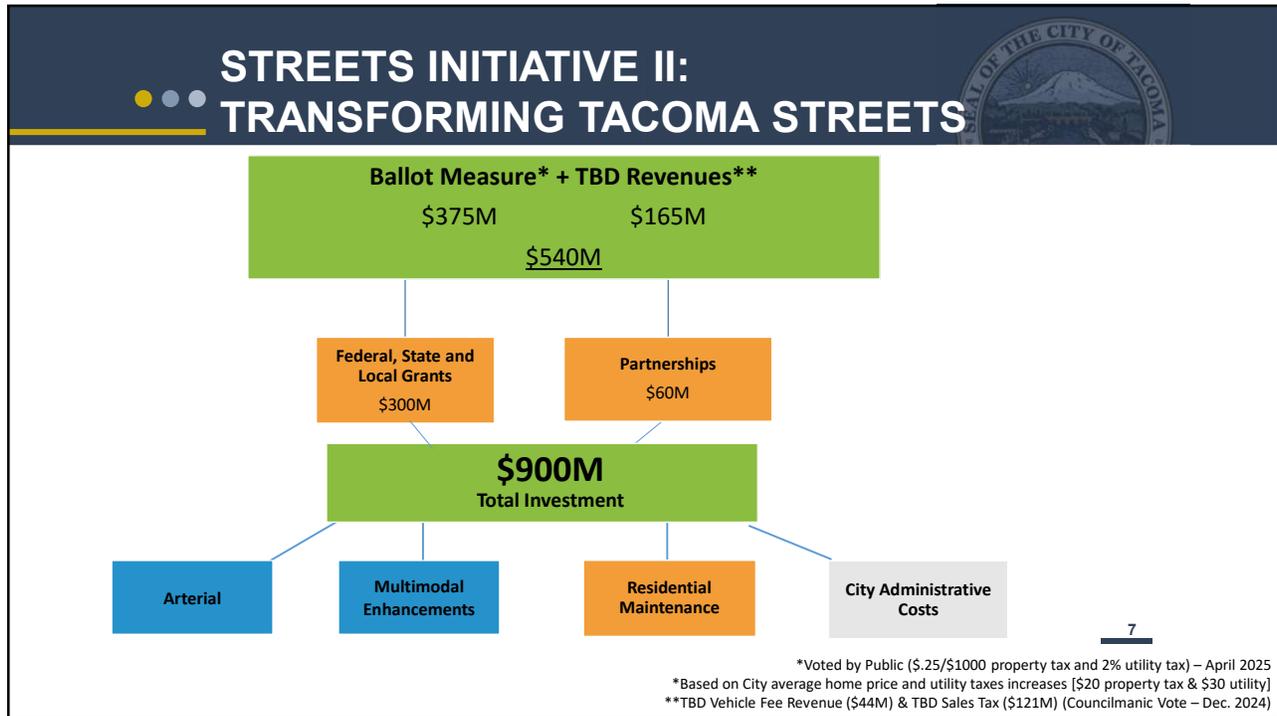
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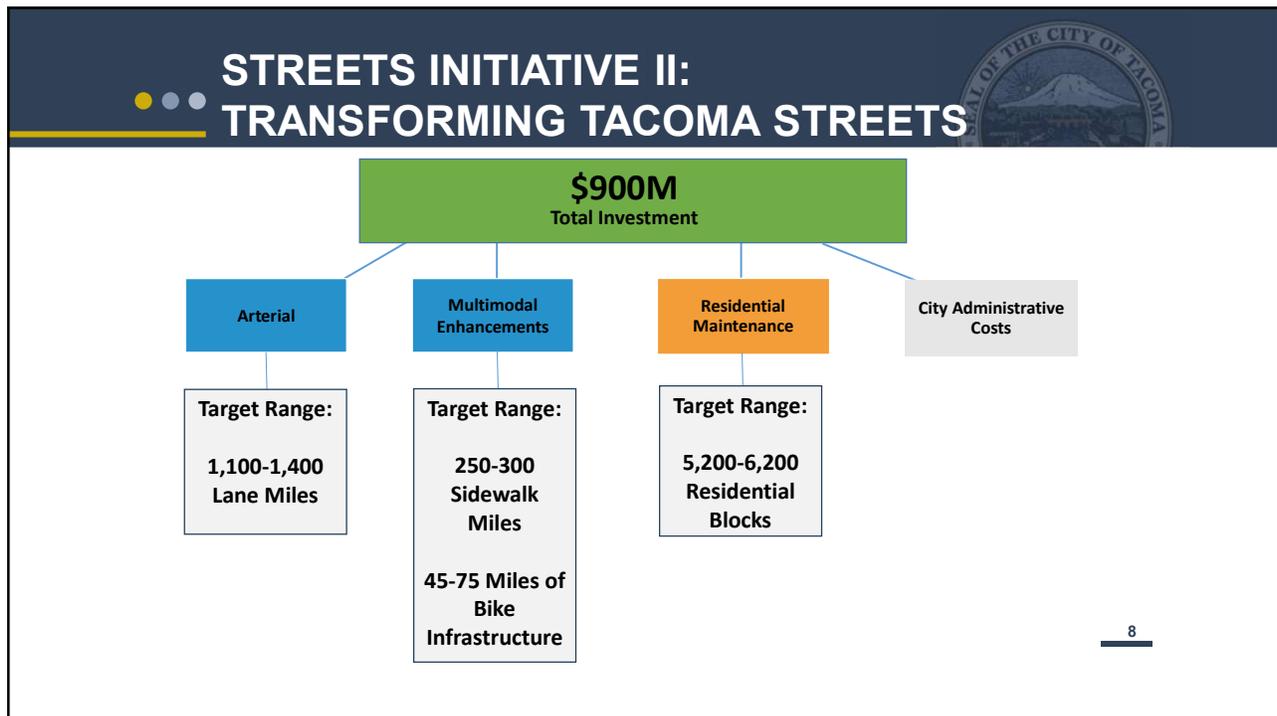
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## ● ● ● ALIGNING PROJECT SCOPES & CITY GOALS

<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Arterial Improvements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety for all modes</li> <li>Roadway maintenance</li> <li>Multimodal connectivity</li> <li>ADA accessibility</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Vision Zero High Risk Network</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning &amp; preliminary design to effectively compete for grants</li> <li>Systemic safety improvements and near-term opportunities to enhance safety on the High Risk Network</li> <li>Grant match</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #E67E22; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Residential Improvements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadway maintenance</li> <li>Enhance multimodal connectivity to mixed use centers, schools, and parks</li> <li>Traffic calming, pedestrian accessibility investments, &amp; arterial crossing improvements to improve safety</li> </ul>
<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Repair &amp; Maintenance</div> <p>Keeping our transportation system functioning by restriping, sealcoats, trail cleanups, pothole repair, and signal, streetlight, and signage maintenance</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Pedestrian Priority Projects</div> <p>Dedicated funding for stand-alone pedestrian projects to enhance pedestrian safety &amp; accessibility – like new/improved accessible crossings and missing link sidewalks</p>	<div style="background-color: #2ECC71; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Over \$360 Million Dollars to be Leveraged In Grants and Partnerships</div>



## ● ● ● ROADWAY PROJECT CRITERIA

- Equity Index
  - Equity and Accessibility
  - Livability
  - Economy and Workforce
  - Education
  - Civic Engagement
- Public Safety and Access
- Partnership Opportunities
- Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
- Transportation Master Plan (TMP Concurrence)
  - Vision Zero Impact
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Accessible Routes



## MULTIMODAL PROJECT CRITERIA

- Equity Index
- Constructability
- Missing Links System Completion
- Destination Points
- 20-Minute Neighborhoods
- Public Safety and Access
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Accessible Routes/ADA
  - Bike Lanes
  - Routes to Schools & Parks
  - Vision Zero Impact
    - High Risk Locations
    - Public Safety Improvement

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## STREETS INITIATIVE II: DISTRICT 1 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Type
1	N 17th St / Westgate Blvd	N Narrows Dr	N Pearl St	Arterial
1	N 37th St	N Narrows Dr	N Shirley St	Arterial
1	N Shirley St / N 35th St	N 37th & Shirley	N 35th & Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1	N Mason St	N 35th St	6th Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
1	S 8th St	Jackson Ave	Hunt Middle School	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 2	Union Ave	N 30th St	6th Ave	Arterial
1 & 2	N 11th	N Pearl St	N Steele St	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	N 7th/S Madison/S 15th/ S Mason	N 7th and Mason	S Stevens and Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	6th Ave	S Jackson Ave	S Huson St	Vision Zero HRN

Legend:

Arterial

Neighborhood Greenway

Vision Zero High Risk Network

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## STREETS INITIATIVE II: DISTRICT 2 OPPORTUNITIES



District	Street	From	To	Type
2	NE Nassau Ave	Northshore Parkway NE	33rd St NE	Arterial
2	St Paul Ave	Portland Ave	E 11th St	Arterial
2	N Yakima / N 24th St	Union Ave	Division Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
2	33rd St NE	NE Nassau Ave	49th Ave NE	Neighborhood Greenway
2	Marine View Dr	Norport Way NE	Schitzer Steel Dwy	Vision Zero HRN
1 & 2	Union Ave	N 30th St	6th Ave	Arterial
1 & 2	N 11th	N Pearl St	N Steele St	Neighborhood Greenway
2 & 4	E Portland Ave	E River St	74th St	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN

Legend:  Arterial  Neighborhood Greenway  Vision Zero High Risk Network

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## STREETS INITIATIVE II: DISTRICT 3 OPPORTUNITIES



District	Street	From	To	Type
3	S 12th St	S Madison St	S Cedar St	Arterial
3	S Pine St	Center St	S 47th St	Arterial
3	S 25th St	S State St	S Hood St	Arterial
3	S 8th St	Pine St	Tacoma Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
3	S 17th St	S Cedar St	S J St	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	N 7th/S Madison/S 15th/S Mason	N 7th and Mason	S Stevens and Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	6th Ave	S Jackson Ave	S Huson St	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4	S 38th St	S Pine St	McKinley Ave	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4 & 5	S 56th St	S Oakes St	E Swan Creek Dr	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 5	Tyler St	S 36th St	S 74th St	Arterial
3 & 5	S Tacoma Way	S 58th St	Pacific Ave	Vision Zero HRN

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## STREETS INITIATIVE II: DISTRICT 4 OPPORTUNITIES



District	Street	From	To	Type
4	E 43rd St	Pacific Ave	E J St	Arterial
4	E McKinley Ave	E Division Ln	E 56th St	Arterial
4	S G St	S Wright Ave	S 40th St	Arterial
4	S/E 52nd St	I-5	First Creek Middle School	Neighborhood Greenway
2 & 4	E Portland Ave	E River St	74th St	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4	S 38th St	S Pine St	McKinley Ave	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4 & 5	S 56th St	S Oakes St	E Swan Creek Dr	Vision Zero HRN
4 & 5	S Park Ave	S 40th St	S 96th St	Neighborhood Greenway
4 & 5	A St	S 37th St	E 84th St	Neighborhood Greenway
4 & 5	S 72nd St	I-5	S Roosevelt Ave	Vision Zero HRN
4 & 5	S Yakima Ave	S 48th St	S 64th St	Vision Zero HRN

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## STREETS INITIATIVE II: DISTRICT 5 OPPORTUNITIES



District	Street	From	To	Type
5	S/E 84th St	S Hosmer St	E McKinley Ave	Arterial
5	S Hosmer St	S 84th St	South City Limits	Arterial
5	S 66th St	S Orchard St	South Tacoma Way	Arterial
5	S 58th St	Washington St	S Fife St	Neighborhood Greenway
5	S 59th St	S M St	S Park Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
5	74th Street	Lakewood Dr W	I-5	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4 & 5	S 56th St	S Oakes St	E Swan Creek Dr	Vision Zero HRN
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## IMPORTANCE OF SI II

- The vast majority of Public Works funding is derived from the Streets Initiative.
- Significant opportunity to enhance safety, equity, and connectivity while maintaining our transportation system.
- 2024 City of Tacoma Community Survey showed that only 24.3% of residents were “very satisfied” & “satisfied” with the condition of major streets.
- Arterial streets need work. According to the 2023 PCI, arterial conditions have decreased by 22%.
- Transportation safety and connectivity continues to rank high on community and Council priorities.
- Investment for the future for economic development, accessibility, and betterment of our community.

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## TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

The diagram features a large green arrow pointing to the right, with six colored circles (blue, orange, blue, blue, blue, orange) placed along its length. Each circle is associated with a text box containing a date and a description of an event.

- November 5, 2024:** SI II Study Session Presentation and Start of Community Outreach
- December 3, 2024:** Proposed Extension of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% TBD Sales Tax
- December 17, 2024:** City Council Adopts Resolution Placing SI II on the Ballot
- January 21, 2025:** GPFC Reviews "For" and "Against" Committees
- February 21, 2025:** City Clerk sends all materials to Pierce County Auditor
- April 22, 2025:** Special Election for Streets Initiative II

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## DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE

CITY OF TACOMA  
PROPOSITION NO. XX  
Property tax increase, Gross earning tax increase

The Tacoma City Council adopted Amended Resolution No. XXX concerning lifting the property tax levy and increasing the gross earnings tax for street improvements.

This measure funds street improvements and maintenance in Tacoma, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements by increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$2.77/\$1000 of assessed value for collection beginning in 2026, authorizing an annual increase up to 6% for 2026-2030 for the additional rate; and authorize the 2030 levy amount for calculate future levies; and levying an additional 2% earnings tax on natural gas, electric, and phone companies for 15 years beginning in 2026. Qualifying seniors, veterans and others are exempt by law.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes.....

No .....

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