



## RESOLUTION NO. 40875

1 A RESOLUTION relating to a Special Project; designating 29 Public Works and  
2 Environmental Services projects as Special Projects of Limited Duration,  
3 through December 31, 2027; and designating general salary classifications  
4 and benefits for persons employed on said projects pursuant to Tacoma  
Municipal Code 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and  
1.30.300, and Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h).

5 WHEREAS the following 29 Public Works (“PW”) and Environmental  
6 Services (“ES”) projects are hereby identified and designated as special projects of  
7 limited duration:

- 8 (1) Safe Routes to School Projects;
- 9 (2) Streets Initiative, Contracted Maintenance Projects;
- 10 (3) Sheridan Avenue 61st to 72nd Arterial Street Improvements;
- 11 (4) Portland Avenue Freight and Access Improvements;
- 12 (5) South “I” Street Overlay;
- 13 (6) South 21st Street and “C” Street Signal;
- 14 (7) East 64th Street Improvements: McKinley Avenue to East City Limits;
- 15 (8) Puyallup Avenue: South “C” Street to Portland Avenue;
- 16 (9) East 38th Street (East Portland Avenue to State Route (“SR-7”));
- 17 (10) East Portland Avenue (East 56th Street to East 64th Street);
- 18 (11) East Portland Avenue (64th Street to 72nd Street) Overlay;
- 19 (12) South Cedar Street Active Transportation Enhancements: South 15th Street  
to South Center Street;
- 20 (13) Tacoma Spur Stadium Northbound and Southbound Ramps;
- 21 (14) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements;
- 22 (15) Missing Link and Low-Income Unfit/Unsafe Sidewalks;
- 23 (16) Municipal Dock, Sites 10 and 12 Seawall Repairs;
- 24 (17) Schuster Parkway Trail;
- 25 (18) Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Replacement;
- 26 (19) Prairie Line Trail Phase II;
- (20) Water Flume Line Trail Phase III;
- (21) Revitalizing Tacoma’s Brewery District with Complete Streets;



- (22) Links to Opportunity;
- (23) Festival Area and "J" Street Bicycle Improvements;
- (24) Active Transportation Projects and Programs;
- (25) Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension;
- (26) Pacific Avenue Bus Rapid Transit;
- (27) Tacoma Dome Link Extension;
- (28) Wastewater/Stormwater Facilities Documentation Project; and
- (29) Puyallup Avenue and "A" Street WW and SW Trunk Main Replacement Project, and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and 1.30.300, and Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h), employees who are not regular employees and are hired as special project employees are unclassified and paid as provided for by ordinance or resolution of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the 29 projects listed on Exhibit "A" are hereby designated as special projects of limited duration, for the periods designated in said Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That, in accordance with the provisions of TMC 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and 1.30.300, and Tacoma City Charter



1 Section 6.1(h), employees who have been hired or may be hired as special project  
2 employees are unclassified special project employees as of 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 projects. 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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programs, 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"

### 2021 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 Manitou Elementary, Edison Elementary, Whitman Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, and Lincoln High School improvements.

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

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

#### (2) 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, 2027

#### (3) Sheridan Avenue 61st to 72nd Arterial Street Improvements

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, re-channelization 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, 2027

#### (4) Portland Avenue Freight and Access Improvements

This project extends along the Portland Avenue corridor from the north leg of Lincoln Avenue to the north leg of East 27th Street, and east along Lincoln Avenue approximately 200 LF to the Lincoln Avenue bridge deck. The project includes the replacement of asphalt with concrete from Lincoln Avenue to East 25th Street, a roadway re-channelization from East 25th to East 27th Street to tie-in to the Portland Avenue interchange portion of WSDOT's I-5 HOV project, addition of a new traffic signal at the State Route 509 off-ramp and upgrades to three existing signals to add interconnects at all four traffic signals, installation of ITS Fiber Optic, replacement of unsafe/unfit and addition of missing link sidewalks (East 25th to Lincoln Avenue), installation of ADA curb ramp improvements and a new mid-block pedestrian crossing with push button activation, and bridge deck repairs/resurfacing including expansion joint repair as conditions warrant.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4,358,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027



1 **(5) South “I” Street Overlay**

2 The project will provide an asphalt overlay on South “I” Street at the intersection of  
3 6th Avenue. The overlay will extend in each of the four directions of the intersection for  
4 about one block. ADA ramps will be installed or updated where necessary. Bike lanes will  
5 be provided on 6th Avenue for the length of the project, both sides of the street. These  
6 bike lanes are in coordination with another project that will provide bike lanes to the  
7 downtown core. Existing pavement will be ground at the curb lanes to match existing  
8 gutter grades. A minor amount of full dig out (less than 10 percent) and full paving will be  
9 provided. Traffic signal detection loops will be replaced with new detection as necessary.

10 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,016,641

11 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

12 **(6) South 21st Street and “C” Street Signal**

13 This project will construct a warranted traffic signal at South 21st Street and “C” Street,  
14 which is adjacent to the University of Washington Tacoma (“UWT”). The project will  
15 provide interconnect for signal coordination with the signal at South 21st Street and  
16 Jefferson Avenue, which is 300 feet west. South 21st Street is a principal arterial that  
17 serves as the terminus of State Route 509 and provides direct connection to Interstate  
18 705 on/off ramps. “C” Street is a collector arterial that provides pedestrian and vehicular  
19 access between UWT and Tacoma’s revitalizing Brewery District that includes parking for  
20 UWT students and historic warehouses converting to residential and commercial uses.

21 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,173,735

22 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

23 **(7) East 64th Street Improvements: McKinley Avenue to East City Limits**

24 This project will reconstruct the roadway to complete street standards including adding  
25 bicycle facilities, wider sidewalks with ADA compliant ramps, streetlights, and storm water  
26 improvements. The first phase of the project from Pacific to McKinley has been  
27 completed. The remaining two phases will complete McKinley Avenue to the East City  
28 limits. The Streets Initiative Fund provided grant match for Phase I and \$1,300,000 in  
29 design funds for the project. Additional Streets Initiative funding will be used for grant  
30 match on the remaining phases of work.

31 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$17,800,000

32 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

33 **(8) Puyallup Avenue: South “C” Street to Portland Avenue**

34 The Puyallup Avenue project is 1.2 miles extending from Portland Avenue to South “C”  
35 Street, including the Portland Avenue intersection. The project scope includes a complete  
36 reconstruction of the roadway with concrete pavement, complete street elements including  
37 bike lanes, sidewalks/curb ramps, bulb-outs, crosswalks, signals/APS and other ITS  
38 elements, lighting, landscaping, bus stops, parking, other street amenities, improved  
39 connections to regional transit services and active transportation facilities, upgraded  
40 utilities, and a shared HOV/transit lane.

41 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$25,088,600

42 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

43 **(9) East 38th Street (East Portland Avenue to State Route 7)**

44 The project will grind the outer lanes of East 38th Street at the gutter line and overlay the  
45 street with 2” of HMA. All curb ramps that are not currently compliant with the ADA will



1 also be reconstructed as a part of this project and underground utilities will be afforded the  
2 opportunity to improve/maintain their assets in advance of paving. It is anticipated that  
3 utility work will be minimal at this location. Signal improvements will be likely at the  
4 intersection of East 38th Street and East McKinley Avenue and ROW easements may be  
5 required for signal work and curb ramp improvements.

6 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,361,000  
7 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

8 **(10) East Portland Avenue (East 56th Street to East 64th Street)**

9 The scope for this project will be to grind the outer lanes of East Portland Avenue at the  
10 gutter line and overlay the street with 2" of HMA. All curb ramps that are not currently  
11 compliant with the ADA will also be reconstructed as a part of this project and  
12 underground utilities will be afforded the opportunity to improve/maintain their assets in  
13 advance of paving. It is anticipated that utility work will be minimal at this location. Signal  
14 improvements may be needed at East 56th Street and at East 64th Street if they are not  
15 addressed by other projects and ROW easements may be required for any signal work  
16 and curb ramp improvements.

17 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,130,000  
18 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

19 **(11) East Portland Avenue (64th Street to 72nd Street) Overlay**

20 The project will complete a grind and overlay of this principal arterial from the intersection  
21 at East 64th Street to the Intersection at East 72nd Street with channelization potentially  
22 extending beyond each intersection as needed. This is necessary maintenance and will  
23 extend the pavement life cycle and reserve the roadway, serving general, transit, and  
24 freight traffic for years to come. Sidewalks currently exist on both sides of Portland  
25 Avenue to facilitate non-motorized use and this project will allow the City to improve  
26 accessibility and pedestrian crossings to meet ADA. Bike facilities via channelization may  
be included as a part of this project (for its extents).

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,128,813  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

**(12) South Cedar Street Active Transportation Enhancements: South 15th Street to South Center Street**

This project will install marked crosswalk, pedestrian crossing advance stop bars, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, lane width reduction, road reconfiguration, median channelization/turn restrictions, ADA curb ramp retrofits, audible pedestrian signal, bicycle wayfinding (signs and markings), buffered bike lanes, green pavement markings, one-way or two-way protected bike lane, sidewalk with curb and buffer, pedestrian countdown signal, bike signal detection, bike box, and engineering investigation re: speed limit and bike ramps.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,516,630  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

**(13) Tacoma Spur Stadium Northbound and Southbound Ramps**

The project will provide a modified concrete overlay on the northbound and southbound Tacoma Spur Stadium Ramps. Work includes hydromilling the top deck of the ramps, replacing expansion joints, and replacing the approach slabs on the existing structure.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$5,476,479  
Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027



1 **(14) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements**

This Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project will construct up to 400 curb ramps that have been requested by people with disabilities and where there are identified barriers.

2 This project will construct curb ramps at locations where there is no access between streets and sidewalks for people with mobility issues.

3 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,000,000

4 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

5 **(15) Missing Link and Low-Income Unfit/Unsafe Sidewalks**

Projects include completing missing link sidewalk with a focus on providing continuous access to schools, parks, community centers, and in historically underserved communities.

6 The projects also includes replacing unfit or unsafe sidewalks in low-income neighborhoods.

7 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,500,000

8 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

9 **(16) Municipal Dock, Sites 10 and 12 Seawall Repairs**

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.

10 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,319,598

11 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

12 **(17) Schuster Parkway Trail**

The project will include transforming the existing sidewalk adjacent to Schuster Parkway into a shared-use promenade extending from South 4th Street to North 30th Street and continuing on to McCarver Street. This project is an important piece of the Dome to Defiance Trail. The project will include elevated segments to separate pedestrians and cyclists from vehicular traffic where feasible.

13 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$35,000,000

14 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

15 **(18) Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Replacement**

16 Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2019. Phase 2 of the project will include removing the existing structure, beginning at the Puyallup River, east to the Fife City limits, and replacing it with a tied arch truss bridge in the same location. The project will include bike lanes and ADA accessible sidewalks.

17 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$180,000,000

18 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

19 **(19) Prairie Line Trail Phase II**

20 This project will construct a shared use path between South 21st and South 25th Streets along the former BNSF rail line commonly referred to as Hood Street. This project will connect to the existing section of the Prairie Line Trail on the UWT campus at its northern terminus and provides a connection to the Water Flume Line Trail to the south.

21 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,476,000

22 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

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1 **(20) Water Flume Line Trail Phase III**

2 This project will construct a non-motorized, shared-use path along South Tacoma Way  
3 between South “M” Street and South Pine Street. This is the final phase of the 6.5 mile  
4 Water Flume Line Trail. This project will also reconstruct portions of South Tacoma Way  
5 including a grind and overlay with channelization reconstruction between South Pine  
6 Street and South 35th Street.

7 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$11,186,115

8 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

9 **(21) Revitalizing Tacoma’s Brewery District with Complete Streets**

10 This project provides for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and traffic calming  
11 measures along Fawcett Avenue between 6th Avenue and South 19th Street.

12 Improvements include new curb ramps, curb extensions, pedestrian islands, and  
13 mid-block crossings to provide a greater measure of safety. South 15th Street between  
14 Fawcett Avenue and Yakima Avenue will also be improved with a striped bicycle lane.

15 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$7,226,829

16 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

17 **(22) Links to Opportunity**

18 This project constructs streetscape improvements to the sidewalk and pedestrian areas  
19 including new sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, seating, decorative concrete, and space for  
20 public art. Improvements will extend along: Martin Luther King Jr. Way from South 19th  
21 Street to Division Avenue, Division Avenue and North 1st Street from Martin Luther King  
22 Jr. Way to Stadium Way, and Stadium Way from North 1st Street to near South 9th Street.

23 Project funds include a \$3.5 million Transit Access Fund grant, Streets Initiative funds  
24 totaling \$1.8 million, and other City funds totaling \$5 million.

25 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$12,280,000

26 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

**(23) Festival Area and “J” Street Bicycle Improvements**

The Festival Area Project, along South “L” Street between South 11th and South 9th  
Streets near People's Park, and the “J” Street Bicycle Improvement Project, that extends  
from Division Avenue to South 19th Street, complete the Hilltop Tacoma LINK Light Rail  
Extension and Links to Opportunity Streetscape Projects. These two projects provide  
space for continued community gatherings and festivals, area that was lost to the light rail  
improvements, and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists adding ADA compliant  
curb extensions, dedicated bicycle lanes, sharrows and striping, new curb and gutter, and  
replaced roadway pavement.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4,300,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

**(24) Active Transportation Projects and Programs**

Projects include education and encouragement programs associated with Cultural Shift to  
Active Transportation (federal grant), management of and improvements related to the  
micromobility program, and implementation of Commute Trip Reduction and transportation  
demand management goals and policies. These projects will employ best practices to



1 decrease disparities in our transportation system, reduce barriers to walking and rolling  
and connecting to transit, increase the use of active transportation, and assist the City in  
meeting State Commute Trip Reduction mandates.

2 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,040,000

3 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

4 **(25) Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension**

5 Sound Transit, in partnership with the City, is designing and constructing the Tacoma Link  
Expansion Project. The project consists of six new stations and one relocated station  
6 along an approximately 2.4 mile expansion of the Tacoma Link and is generally described  
as north along Commerce Street to the Hilltop District via Stadium Way, North 1st Street,  
7 Division Street, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

8 Total Estimated Project Cost: The cost of City services will be limited to the amount  
established by interagency agreement with Sound Transit.

9 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

10 **(26) Pacific Avenue Bus Rapid Transit**

11 Pierce Transit, in partnership with the City and the Washington State Department of  
Transportation, is designing and constructing the Pacific Avenue BRT project. The project  
will establish BRT along a 14.4-mile portion of Pacific Avenue/SR-7 between downtown  
Tacoma and Spanaway.

12 Total Estimated Project Cost: The cost of City services will be limited to the amount  
established by interagency agreement with Sound Transit.

13 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

14 **(27) Tacoma Dome Link Extension**

15 The Tacoma Dome Link Extension will add nearly 10 miles to our regional light rail system  
via mostly elevated tracks between Federal Way and Tacoma. This project includes four  
new light rail stations in the South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma/Portland Avenue, and  
16 Tacoma Dome areas.

17 Total Estimated Project Cost: The cost of City services will be limited to the amount  
established by interagency agreement with Sound Transit.

18 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

19 **(28) Wastewater/Stormwater Facilities Documentation Project**

20 This project will update and integrate multiple sources of data, drawings and other  
documentation associated with wastewater and stormwater infrastructure/facilities. This  
project will ensure that record drawings, documentation, and other sources of data reflect  
21 current conditions and that the documentation is in compliance with NPDES permit  
requirements. Work will include both fieldwork and office work related to the collection of  
22 data on current assets, updating of attribute data, creation of necessary  
drawings/documentation, and the development of databases, applications and integration  
23 tools to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of staff utilizing the information.

24 Total Estimate Project Costs: \$600,000/year for staff costs

25 Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

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**(29) Puyallup Avenue and "A" Street WW and SW Trunk Main Replacement Project**

This project will replace, reroute and rehabilitate wastewater and stormwater trunk mains in the vicinity of Puyallup Avenue and "A" Street. This work will address stormwater flooding at South 26th Street and Pacific Avenue.

Total Estimate Project Costs: \$35,000,000

Designation Duration: Continues until December 31, 2027

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