



# Local Improvement District Program Overview

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# Overview



- LID Background
- LID Basics
- Legal Guidelines, Policy and Process
- Funding Opportunities

# ••• The LID Background



- History
- Staff
- Partners
  - Community members
  - Developers
  - Utilities
    - Tacoma Power
    - Tacoma Water
    - Environmental Services





# LID Basics



- Financial Tool
- Public Infrastructure
- Benefit to Parcels Greater than Assessments
- Governed by State Law



- Governing Documents
  - State Law (RCW 35.43 through 35.56)
  - Tacoma Municipal Code 10.04
  - LID Policy (Resolution No. 37956)
  - TPU Customer Service Policy (Resolution U-11287)



# LID Process



- Informal
  - Community member inquiry
  - LID Advisory Survey
  - Neighbor canvassing
- Formal
  - Resolution
  - Formation Hearing
  - Ordinance



# LID Process (continued)



- Formal (continued)
  - Design
  - Construction
  - Resolution
  - Confirmation of assessments
  - Hearing
  - Ordinance
  - Bond Sale



# Past Funding Contributions



- Past City Contributions Methods
  - Fixed Rates
  - Square foot of paving
  - Percentage of the project cost
  - Percentage of selected items
  - Base rate plus Trench Backfill and Street Restoration
  - Alley advisory surveys are sent as ‘full’ cost projects including surface water main extensions
  - LID Assistance





# LIDs by other Jurisdictions



- Large Infrastructure projects
  - Seattle
  - Tukwila
  - Kent
- Paving
  - Spokane County (Road Improvement Districts and Utility Improvement Districts)
  - City of Spokane



# Funding Opportunities



- Partnering with the Streets Initiative Program
- Utility Partnerships
- LID Assistance