



## City of Tacoma

## City Council Action Memorandum

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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Grant Acceptance – May 2, 2023  
**DATE:** April 7, 2023

### SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution accepting grants as required by City of Tacoma Purchasing Policy, 4.10 Grant Funds, and providing information relating to supplemental project funding received from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, National Highway Freight Program, Move Ahead Washington, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, in the total amount of \$50,599,366, and depositing said sum into the various Capital Project funds, to fund various Public Works projects including pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, safe routes to schools, roadway improvements, traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. Purchasing Policy requires Council approval for acceptance of grant funding if the City is providing matching funds or services over \$500,000 or if the terms of the grant require governing body approval.

### BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department aggressively applied for grants for numerous infrastructure projects in 2022. 24 projects were selected to receive approximately \$50.6 million in grant funds or supplemental funding for grants already received. Notification of grant award or supplemental funding was received for the following projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Grant Awards</b>
J Street Bicycle Boulevard	\$ 2,500,000
City of Tacoma: Pedestrian Accessibility	\$ 3,000,000
Tacoma Tidelands-Port of Tacoma Strategic Emergency Response/ITS Improvements	\$ 1,000,000
South 11th Street & Earnest S Brazill: Protected Bike Lane Couplet	\$ 1,567,711
East Portland Avenue (64th-72nd) Overlay	\$ 750,000
McKinley Avenue ITS and Signal Coordination	\$ 395,000
Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements	\$ 9,000,000
Schuster Parkway Trail Improvements	\$15,000,000
I Street Overlay	\$ 100,500
Cultural Shift to Active Transportation	\$ 7,500
South Sound Freight Priority Modeling and Capital Planning	\$ 30,800
6th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements	\$ 454,324
South 25th Street Traffic Safety Enhancements	\$ 1,780,000
East 34th Street Bridge Deck Repair and Seismic Retrofit	\$ 7,220,000
East Lincoln Avenue Seismic Rehabilitation	\$ 1,220,000
Driver Safety Campaign Phase 2	\$ 100,000
SRTS Education/Encouragement	\$ 27,000
Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements at South 19th Street and Fawcett Avenue Intersection	\$ 81,400
Titlow Beach Rail Crossing (6th Avenue)	\$ 83,216
South Yakima Avenue Traffic Signal Operations and Visibility Improvements	\$ 871,976
Prairie Line Trail Phase II	\$ 1,222,500
Sheridan Avenue Phase 1, South 72nd Street to South 64th Street	\$ 3,560,000
School Safety, South 40th Street and M Street	\$ 292,664
South 21st Street and C Street	\$ 334,775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,599,366</b>



The attached table provides background information including brief project summaries, grant descriptions, supplemental funding information, and City match requirements for the 24 projects.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

Infrastructure improvements identified in this resolution were identified by a significant amount of public engagement and outreach in Tacoma completed to develop the Transportation Master Plan and Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. Outreach for the Transportation Master Plan included engagement in under-represented neighborhoods where improvements historically haven't met expectations, with a goal of identifying opportunities in these neighborhoods and helping assure the community spending is allocated equitably city-wide. The City's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program is updated annually to include planned transportation projects for the remaining year and the ensuing six years. Each update includes public outreach and engagement, including community and Transportation Commission outreach and a public hearing. In addition, Public Works capital projects include community engagement and public outreach during design and construction. Project outreach may include public meetings, design charettes, project events, postcards, emails, and other project correspondence depending on project complexity and location.

### **2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

#### **Equity and Accessibility:**

This resolution will support the City's goals for Equity and Accessibility and Public Works' goals for Access, Traffic Flow and Safety on City streets, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities. Infrastructure improvements align with Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) goals to enhance an organizational culture supporting anti-racist actions and equitable infrastructure investment for the improvements, maintenance, and repair of traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure in a timely manner, affecting all community members requiring access to a variety of different modes of transportation. Public Works staff uses data building on the City's Equity Index to allocate infrastructure improvements and to prioritize improvements in under-represented neighborhoods increasing community trust with data driven decisions.

#### **Economy/Workforce:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs.

#### **Livability:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

#### **Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

This resolution will provide grant funding to deliver equitable infrastructure investment for the improvement, maintenance, and repair of trails, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, traffic signal, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. It will provide infrastructure access and safety improvements and increase livability, business development or support, and increase community engagement.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Return grant funding.	None	Funding requiring Council approval cannot be accepted, and funds may need to be returned; projects relying on those funds would not be completed.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Project scope, schedule, and budget are tracked to ensure successful delivery of projects meeting grant timelines and other milestones. Community benefits are tracked by performance measures reported to the City Council and through granting agency audits. Project outreach is completed through mailings, public meetings, and website capital project improvement updates. Project contracts and amendments are presented to the City Council as needed.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation is to approve the resolution to accept grant funding to support delivery of projects listed, improving safety, access, and equitability.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projects have been or will be budgeted through the capital budgeting process.

GRANT SOURCE	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	GRANT AMOUNT	CITY CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	J Street Bicycle Boulevard	PWK-G0057	\$2,500,000	\$1,466,243	\$3,966,243
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	City of Tacoma: Pedestrian Accessibility	PWK-G0065	\$3,000,000	\$100,000	\$3,100,000
National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)	Tacoma Tideflats-Port of Tacoma Strategic Emergency Response/ITS Improvements	PWK-G0061	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	South 11th Street & Earnest S Brazill: Protected Bike Lane Couplet	TBD	\$1,567,711	\$388,420	\$1,956,131
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	East Portland Avenue (64th-72nd) Overlay	PWK-G0053	\$750,000	\$300,000	\$1,050,000
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	McKinley Ave ITS and Signal Coordination	TBD	\$395,000	\$70,300	\$465,300



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Move Ahead Washington	Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements	PWK-G0020	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000
Move Ahead Washington	Schuster Parkway Trail Improvements	PWK-G0056	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$15,000,000
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	I Street Overlay	PWK-G0040	\$100,500	\$0	\$100,500
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	Cultural Shift to Active Transportation	PWK-G0049	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	South Sound Freight Priority Modeling and Capital Planning	PWK-TG004	\$30,800	\$0	\$30,800
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	6th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements	PWK-G0036	\$454,324	\$0	\$454,324
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	South 25th Street Traffic Safety Enhancements	PWK-G0062	\$1,780,000	\$0	\$1,780,000
WSDOT Local Programs Bridge Advisory Committee (LPBAC)	East 34th Street Bridge Deck Repair and Seismic Retrofit	PWK-G0060	\$7,220,000	\$1,000,000	\$8,220,000
WSDOT Local Programs Bridge Advisory Committee (LPBAC)	East Lincoln Avenue Seismic Rehabilitation	PWK-G0059	\$1,220,000	\$0	\$1,220,000
Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC)	Driver Safety Campaign Phase 2	PWK-TG002	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	SRTS Education/Encouragement	PWK-TG003	\$27,000	\$0	\$27,000



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U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements at South 19th Street and Fawcett Avenue Intersection	PWK-G0032	\$81,400	\$0	\$81,400
Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)	Titlow Beach Rail Crossing (6th Avenue)	PWK-01017	\$83,216	\$0	\$83,216
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	South Yakima Avenue Traffic Signal Operations and Visibility Improvements	PWK-G0037	\$871,976	\$0	\$871,976
PSRC Supplemental Federal Highway Administration funds	Prairie Line Trail Phase II	PWK-G0014	\$1,222,500	\$0	\$1,222,500
Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)	Sheridan Avenue Phase 1, South 72nd Street to South 64th Street	PWK-G0043	\$3,560,000	\$2,394,332	\$5,954,332
Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)	School Safety, South 40th Street and M Street	PWK-01034	\$292,664	\$79,082	\$371,746
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	South 21st Street and C Street	PWK-G0045	\$334,775	\$0	\$334,775
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$50,599,366</b>	<b>\$6,048,377</b>	<b>\$56,647,743</b>

### What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Various one-time funding sources including grant revenues, 1085 revenues, REET revenues, motor vehicle fuel tax, utility funds, and Planning and Development Services revenues.

### Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

Some of the projects are budgeted in this biennium and some will be budgeted in future biennia based on project funding schedules.

### Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES



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**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

No

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

This resolution will provide the opportunity to accept grant funding and deliver more projects meeting grant and other required timelines. Project staff may be needed to support delivery of these projects.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Public Works 2022 Grant Awards Summary