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**SUBJECT:** 2023 Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update  
**DATE:** September 13, 2023



**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**  
Public Works staff will present an update of the City’s Safe Routes to School Program, which includes the Safe Routes to School Action Plan. The presentation will outline program accomplishments, updates to the Safe Routes to School Action Plan, feedback from Tacoma families and program partners, and priority actions for the next five years.

**BACKGROUND:**  
In 2017, the City of Tacoma developed a Safe Routes to School Action Plan (Action Plan). In 2018, the City’s first Safe Routes to School Coordinator was hired to manage the Safe Routes to School Program and implement the Safe Routes to School Action Plan.

The program coordinates engineering, encouragement, and educational efforts in partnership with schools and students from kindergarten through high school, and many other local organizations. It also directs the Safe Routes to School Coordinator and program partners to pursue funding for educational and encouragement efforts.

**ISSUE:**  
After five years of building partnerships and implementing the 2017 Action Plan, the program needed an update. The 2023 update provided an opportunity to identify new actions based on community partner and Tacoma families’ input and recognize actions from the original plan that the program should continue or that are no longer applicable.

The Safe Routes to School Action Plan is grounded in a data-driven approach using a School Prioritization Analysis. The data that informed the School Prioritization Analysis was updated to reflect current demographic and recent traffic safety data. As more families walk and bike to school, their safety and access can be improved with the recent updates to the Safe Routes to School Action Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**  
This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.