

City of Tacoma

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City Council and City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Ordinance - Creating the 2015 Voted Streets Initiative Fund - February 2, 2016

DATE:

January 14, 2016

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance creates a new fund, the "2015 Voted Streets Initiative Fund" for the dedication and segregation of any moneys received related to Proposition 3 and Proposition A, which the voters approved in November 2015. The proposed fund is to promote transparency for revenue collections and expenditures related to the street initiatives.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

On July 28, 2015, the City Council passed Resolution No. 39249 and the Transportation Benefit District Board passed Resolution No. 010. Both resolutions directed City staff to create a transparent fund structure to segregate and dedicate any monies received should voters approve Proposition 3 and Proposition A. As voters approved both initiatives in November 2015, staff are now requesting that Council approve the creation of a new fund.

ISSUE:

Voters approved Proposition A and Proposition 3 in November 2015. These initiatives provided for new dedicated revenue sources to repair and improve city streets.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City could use its existing fund structures to account for the new revenues and expenditures as a result of voter approval for the 2015 streets initiatives. However, some transparency in tracking revenues and expenditures specific to the initiatives may be lost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the City Council is requested. The proposed structure will provide a sustainable, transparent, and dedicated fund as part of the City's efforts to address the deficiencies with the City's streets and transportation infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.