

City of Tacoma

Memorandum

TO:

Elizabeth A. Pauli, Interim City Manager

FROM:

Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager

COPY:

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT:

Complete Streets Ordinance

DATE:

April 12, 2017

Public Works staff is providing responses to questions raised by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (Committee) at the March 22, 2017, meeting related to the Complete Streets Ordinance. The Committee meets again regarding this topic on April 12, 2017.

The Committee requested additional information on implementation and need of a Complete Streets Ordinance (Ordinance). Public Works staff met with Council Member McCarthy to confirm the information requested and is scheduled to meet with the City Attorney's Office to obtain additional information regarding the Ordinance language and application of the proposed changes. Staff will present the results of these conversations and the following questions at the April 12, 2017, Committee meeting.

Committee Question: Does the Ordinance affect private development off-site improvements?

Private development off-site improvements are governed by existing plans and policies, design guidelines, Design Manual standards, and development codes. These documents implement the consideration and development of Complete Streets. The Complete Streets Ordinance as a standalone document does not direct private development off-site improvements.

<u>Committee Question:</u> Is the Ordinance a prerequisite for receiving \$250,000 from the Transportation Improvement Board Complete Streets Award?

The Ordinance is necessary to allow the City to obligate \$250,000 from the Transportation Improvement Board Complete Streets Award. The award will contribute to the Lincoln Business District and Yakima Festival Street projects, which is scheduled to be included in the 2015-2016 Reappropriation. The 2015-2016 Reappropriation will be presented to City Council for first reading on May 2, 2017. No action will result in a loss of the \$250,000 grant funding and may affect project completion. If the City had a Complete Streets Ordinance, the City would have been eligible for a \$500,000 award and could obligate awarded funds at any time. Future grant awards will also be contingent upon having a Complete Streets Ordinance in place.