



**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
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**SUBJECT:** Streetscape Design Engineering – Tacoma Link Expansion Project  
Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW16-0460F – April 25, 2017  
**DATE:** April 10, 2017

**SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to AHBL, Inc., Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$1,588,780.72, with optional design tasks in the amount of \$191,219.28, for a cumulative total of \$1,780,000, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the 1195-BUILD Fund, for the design of streetscape components associated with the Tacoma Link Expansion project.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.

The streetscape engineering of access improvements to the Tacoma Link Expansion (Streetscape) project will add pedestrian and bicycle accommodations in conjunction with transit improvements. This will serve as a critical link between the Hilltop and Stadium Districts and Downtown Tacoma.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Tacoma Link Expansion project is a partnership between the City of Tacoma and Sound Transit that will extend the existing Tacoma Link from its current termination at South 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Commerce Street to terminate at a new Link station on Martin Luther King Jr. Way near South 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The expanded Tacoma Link will travel along Stadium Way, North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and Division Avenue as shown on the attached map. This project will construct roadway improvements from curb to curb including new ADA compliant sidewalk curb ramps.

Sound Transit was awarded a \$2 million Transit Oriented Development grant from the Federal Transit Administration to fund the design of the Streetscape project; the City of Tacoma is a subrecipient of the grant. The Streetscape project will enhance the Tacoma Link Expansion project and will include the design of improvements between the roadway curb and the building face along the Link route including North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Division Avenue, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The Streetscape project will include extensive public outreach and engagement supporting the design of pedestrian improvements, enhancing economic development and promoting job readiness in the Hilltop District. The grant may also design complete street components adjacent to and complimenting the corridor.

**ISSUE:** The City of Tacoma is the subrecipient of a Transit Oriented Development grant awarded to Sound Transit. The grant included \$1,780,000 for streetscape engineering, along the corridor of the Tacoma Link Expansion, to be completed by a consultant. Optional design tasks may include adjacent street design, festival street/street fair design, permitting assistance, and construction administration.

**ALTERNATIVES:** If the City does not award the Streetscape project for engineering and design, Sound Transit would not be in compliance with the grant requirements and would risk losing the funding.



**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW16-0460F was opened December 20, 2016. Eight companies were invited to submit statements of qualifications in addition to normal advertising of the project. Four submittals were received.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location (city and state)</u>	<u>Rank or Score</u>
<b>AHBL, Inc.</b>	<b>Tacoma, WA</b>	<b>1</b>
Swift Company LLC	Seattle, WA	2
Exeltech Consulting, Inc.	Lacey, WA	3
GGLO Design Inc.	Seattle, WA	4

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract.

The City Council appointed the Hilltop Engagement Committee (HEC) to provide citizen input for this project. HEC members were directly involved in consultant selection for the Streetscape project. The HEC identified key selection criteria and two of the four evaluators were HEC members.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Environmental factors considered for project design include promoting active transportation choices, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decreasing energy consumption.

**SBE/LEAP COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable.

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE):** The recommended contract is in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, per memorandum dated April 10, 2017. The DBE goal for this project is 2 percent, and the DBE participation is 3.28 percent.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>FUND NUMBER &amp; FUND NAME *</b>	<b>COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)</b>	<b>COST ELEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
1195-BUILD-PDS Planning Grants	753200/ GRT-00003		\$1,780,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,780,000</b>

\* General Fund; Include Department



**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Dept of Transp FTA Transit Oriented Development Grant	753200		1,424,000
Grant Match	753200		356,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,780,000</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,780,000**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?**

Yes, in the 2015-2016 Adopted Budget.

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

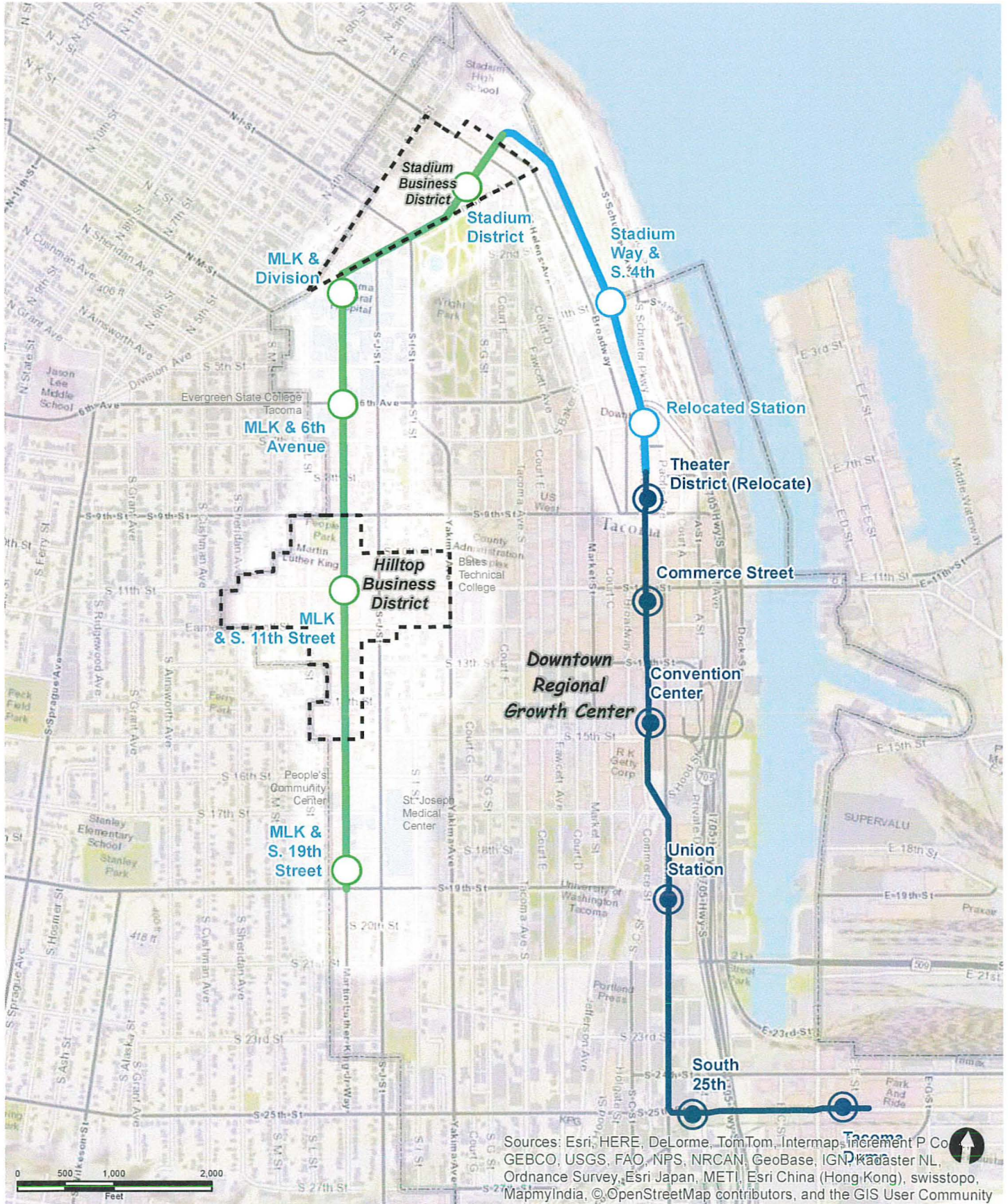
Funding for this contract will be budgeted during the Budget Reappropriation process.

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# Streetscape Planning Area

## Hilltop Links to Opportunity



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

- Existing Tacoma Link
- Proposed link extension w/design of amenities such as way-finding signs and corridor connections
- Streetscape design alignment to follow Tacoma Link Extension

