

City Council Action Memorandum

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City Council and City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** 

Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Metropolitan Parks District of

Tacoma – October 24, 2017

DATE:

October 6, 2017

#### **SUMMARY:**

A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, in the amount of \$450,000, including a 10 percent contingency, excluding sales tax, budgeted from the ES Surface Water Fund 4301, to plug and abandon an existing stormwater pipe and construct a replacement 54-inch diameter pipe as part of the Point Defiance Trail Phase 1 project.

## STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

• Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This project is in partnership with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (Metro Parks) and is another step towards the vision of Destination Point Defiance. There has been a great deal of public outreach and effort to improve Point Defiance Park. This project is aimed at improving stormwater conveyance from the City's North Tacoma Watershed to Puget Sound.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The waterfront and peninsula project area, also known as the triangle area, within Point Defiance Park is designed to create a more accessible, active and thriving waterfront. Metro Parks' work includes a larger vehicle/trailer parking area, an elevated walkway linking Ruston Way to Point Defiance, a new 11-acre park on the peninsula, and through partnership with the City a stormwater facility designed to protect the Puget Sound.

The Point Defiance Trail Phase 1 project is one park project within the triangle area that includes capping a superfund site with park improvements over an existing 91 year-old City of Tacoma stormwater pipe that the City planned to replace with a 54-inch diameter pipe. Given the proximity of these projects to one another, it is preferred that both projects be combined into a single public works project, managed and administered by Metro Parks. This partnership will improve overall project coordination and management, reduce overall costs, minimize impacts to the public, and maximize public benefit.

Metro Parks will manage and administer the project, including all public notifications, design and engineering, permitting, bidding, and construction; and the City will reimburse Metro Parks for the City's equitable share of the stormwater improvements project, as set forth in the agreement.

#### ISSUE:

The interlocal agreement must be executed for Metro Parks to be reimbursed for the City's stormwater improvements.

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#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Without the agreement Metro Parks would be forced to delay construction and redesign the proposed park improvements around the existing stormwater pipe. This approach would leave the existing 91 year-old, undersized City stormwater pipe under the cap of a superfund site and park improvements. In the future, the City would need to dig through the superfund cap and park improvements to replace or repair this pipe. This would significantly increase the cost pipe replacement in the future.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, in the amount of \$450,000, including a 10 percent contingency, excluding sales tax, budgeted from the ES Surface Water Fund 4301, to plug and abandon an existing stormwater pipe and construct a replacement 54-inch diameter pipe as part of the Point Defiance Trail Phase 1 project.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Metro Parks will administer and manage the construction contract. As part of the cost allocation, Metro Parks will charge the City for the stormwater improvements project cost allocated to the City and for the incremental construction management time associated with the City bid items.

## **EXPENDITURES:**

Fund Number & Fund Name *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT**
4301 ES Surface Water Fund	ENV-03020-17-04	5330100	\$450,000
TOTAL			\$450,000

<sup>\*</sup> General Fund: Include Department

#### **REVENUES:**

Funding Source	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT**
4301 ES Surface Water Fund	521900	Rate Revenues	\$450,000
TOTAL	/		\$450,000

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$450,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excluding Applicable Sales Tax