

Memorandum

TO:

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FROM:

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**Economic Development Committee** 

SUBJECT:

Update on Economic Activity in Neighborhood Business Districts

DATE:

January 30, 2018

## SUMMARY:

The Neighborhood Business Districts (NBDs) represent a key element of the City's "Economic Development Strategic Framework Plan," with focus on retail, streetscape, and development in the NBDs. This presentation will apprise the Economic Development Committee of activities completed, underway, and planned in the Neighborhood Business Districts.

## BACKGROUND:

In February 2013, the Tacoma City Council approved the Economic Development Strategic Framework Plan. The Neighborhood Business Districts represent a key element of the Plan. There are a total of fifteen (15) business districts throughout the City; ten (10) have active business district associations. CEDD staff provides liaison support to the business districts and works closely with representatives from other city departments to effectively address needs of the districts.

## **OVERVIEW:**

This presentation will provide an overview of recent and planned retail, streetscape, and development activities occurring since the previous update on July 11, 2017.

The Neighborhood Business District Program participants and stakeholders in the commercial areas recognize that all districts are not in the same revitalization phase and that strategies enacted by City staff will ultimately vary from district to district.

A representative from the Cross District Association has been invited to present information about activities and needs in the Neighborhood Business Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. This presentation serves as an update of the Economic Development Strategic Framework Plan as it relates to Neighborhood Business Districts.