



**WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
May 17, 2018**

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. As a reminder, **City offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 28th**. In addition, the **May 29th City Council meeting has been canceled**; therefore, the next agenda packet and weekly report will be sent out Thursday, May 31st.
2. Please note there will be a **Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, June 5th, at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss City Council Strategic Priorities and components that were identified at the February 23rd Strategic Planning Work Session.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

3. **2018 Innovative Grants - The Neighborhood Councils have reviewed qualifying applications and submitted recommendations for funding 22 projects** totaling \$128,797. The projects include: community building/communication, community gardens, cultural experiences, emergency preparedness, environment impact, placemaking, and youth/teens projects. Three projects were collaboratively funded by more than one Neighborhood Council and two Neighborhood Councils still have funds available. Community and Economic Development (CED) staff is working with the community to identify projects that will benefit their neighborhoods. A list of projects will be available on the CED webpage by May 31st.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

4. The **Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Study Session** of Tuesday, May 22, 2018, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Joint discussion items will include: (1) **CTC Energy and Technology Recommendation for Proposals on the alternative Click! Partnership Model**; and, (2) **Joint Executive Session – Pending Litigation**. Immediately following the Joint Study Session, there will be a regular Council Study Session. Discussion items will include: (1) **Local Food Access and Equity Research and Projects**; (2) **Other Items of Interest – Council Consideration Request for Neighborhood Business Districts Special Events Program Pilot**; (3) **Committee Reports**; and, (4) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**.

At Tuesday's Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Study Session, CTC Energy & Technology will provide the City Council and Public Utility Board **recommendations related to the Requests for Information/Qualifications received on the proposed Click! alternative partnership model.** In addition, there will a Joint Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation.

There will also be a regular Study Session on Tuesday with a Harvest Pierce County & Puyallup Watershed Initiative's Just and Healthy Food Community presentation on **local food access and equity research, projects, and the community they are growing.**

Under Other Items of Interest, Council Member Hunter will share a Council Consideration Request to authorize the **use of up to \$10,000 of Contingency Funding** for the "Great Barrier Relief Project." The program pilot would provide **support to Neighborhood Business Districts for five key special events** by covering the costs of up to \$2,000 per event for traffic control devices.

5. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

COUNCIL MEETING

6. At Mayor's request, on Tuesday's City Council agenda for your consideration is **Resolution No. 40017**, which would authorize an amendment to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* to **reinstate Citizens Forum on the second Tuesday of each month.** Any resolution to amend the Rules requires two readings, so the final reading would be on June 5th. As authorized through Amended Resolution No. 39882, Citizens Forum suspended Citizens Forum on the second Tuesday so the City Council could determine when and where they would be held each month during the Citizens' Forum Pilot Program. The Center for Dialog and Resolution has facilitated the last four Citizens Forums, conducted community focus groups and created an online survey to receive input and recommendations from residents. The consultant will present a final draft to the City Council and community by June 30, 2018. Please see the attached letter from consultant Maralise Hood Quan with a summary of outreach efforts and next steps.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/INQUIRIES

7. At the May 1st Study Session during the asset management presentation, Council Member Ushka inquired on the **condition of City maintained bridges.** In response, Public Works Director Kurtis Kingsolver provides the attached memorandum with information on the condition of 43 bridge segments across 37 City maintained bridges, as well as the context on the condition classifications.

Kurtis provides an additional memorandum to respond to Council Member Ushka's request at the May 1st Study Session for an **update on street light wire thefts**.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

8. The City has applied for the following grant:
- **Puget Sound Partnership (PSP)** – Application to request an “action” be added to the PSP Action Agenda 2018-2022, related to a project to investigate new and easier methods to conduct infiltration testing for Low Impact Development and other infiltration stormwater facilities. The end product would be a guide for using the new method. Funding opportunities are not available at this time, but could be in the future.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9. You have been invited to the following events:
- **Grand Opening Event for NewCold Tacoma Cold Store on Thursday, May 24th**, 4601 South Orchard Street. Program begins at **11:00 a.m.**, followed by a 12:30 p.m. luncheon and warehouse tour.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Pauli
City Manager

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Attachments



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member Lillian Hunter and Council Assistant Rebecca Boydston
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Great Barrier Relief Pilot Project
DATE: May 22, 2018

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

When a Special Event produced by our community partners to promote their Neighborhood Business District requires a street closure, the City issued Special Event Permit dictates the number of traffic control devices required via an approved Traffic Control Plan. The event producers are responsible for acquiring barriers and the associated costs, which range from \$2,000-6,000 per event.

At the May 16, 2018 Cross District Association meeting, a memorandum prepared by City staff was shared about a potential pilot program through the end of 2018 to reimburse the Neighborhood Business Districts, administered by the Cross District Association, for costs associated with traffic control devices. The costs would cover up to \$2,000 per event, for the following events:

- Art on the Ave 6th Avenue, July
- Proctor Arts Fest, Proctor District, August
- South Tacoma Car Show, South Tacoma Way, August
- McKinley Hill Street Fair, McKinley Avenue, August
- Hilltop Street Fair, MLK Jr. Way, August

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

By supporting economic and community events in the Neighborhood Business Districts, this resolution best aligns with the City Council Strategic Policy Priority to: **Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.**

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

☐ **Request for policy development and legislation**

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

☐ Community Vitality and Safety

☐ Economic Development

☐ Government Performance and Finance ☐ Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☐ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** *(Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible)* Click here to enter a date.

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline. _____

FUNDING REQUESTED:

☒ **Council Contingency Fund Request** *Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? ☐ One-time ☐ Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Rebecca Boydston at 253-591-5164 or rboydston@cityoftacoma.org

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____


Council Member

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1. _____

POS # _____

2. _____

POS# _____

2017-2018 Council Contingency Commitments

2017-2018 Biennium Budget	\$	500,000
Hilltop Regional Health Center (\$50K 2017, \$50K 2018)	\$	100,000
<i>Resolution No. 39693 (03/28/2017)</i> <i>To support the Hilltop Regional Health Center expansion, contingent upon the Center securing sufficient funds for building renovations and expansion</i>		
Developing an Anchor Institutions Strategy	\$	50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39701 (04/18/2017)</i> <i>To develop an anchor institutions strategy to complete a comprehensive study to align current planning efforts, identify gaps, and achieve Tacoma 2025 related goals</i>		
Sister Cities Events for Festival of Sail Delegation	\$	12,000
<i>Resolution No. 39747 (6/13/2017)</i> <i>For expenses related to events for visiting Sister Cities' delegations during the Festival of Sail 2017</i>		
Retail Enhancement Strategy Contract	\$	25,000
<i>Resolution No. 39776 (08/8/2017)</i> <i>Contract for \$25,000 to develop a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy.</i>		
Affordable Housing Public and Private Asset Review and Mapping	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 39790 (8/22/2017)</i> <i>Contract with Forterra for \$10,000 for a comprehensive review and mapping of public and private land that could be utilized for affordable housing.</i>		
Tacoma Reads Together Events	\$	15,000
<i>Resolution No. 39817 (9/19/2017)</i> <i>Funding to cover contract with author and to cover community events expenses</i>		
Immigrant Legal Defense Fund	\$	50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39849 (10/24/17)</i> <i>Subfund creation for deportation hearing defense of immigrants w/o resources and legal Counsel.</i>		
Tacoma Housing Authority Landlord Incentive Pilot	\$	50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39876 (11/28/17)</i> <i>Project pilot offering incentives to landlords accepting THA housing vouchers</i>		
Citizens' Forum Pilot Project	\$	25,000
<i>Resolution No. 39882 (12/12/17)</i> <i>Citizens' Forum pilot project; agreement with the Center for Dialog and Resolution.</i>		
2018 Race and Pedagogy Conference Youth Summit	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 39895 (12/12/17)</i> <i>10,000 sponsorship for UPS Youth Summit</i>		
2018 Refugee Choir Season	\$	20,000
<i>Resolution No. 39901 (12/19/17)</i> <i>Sponsorship of the 2018 Tacoma Refugee Choir Season</i>		
Case Management Services Displaced Tiki Apartment Tenants	\$	10,000
<i>Resolution No. 40003 (05/01/2018 walk on item)</i> <i>Services to align displaced Tiki Apartment residents w/ resources to secure housing</i>		
Total 2017-2018 Approved by City Council Through Legislation	\$	377,000
2017-2018 Biennium Budget Remaining	\$	123,000

**City of Tacoma 2018
City Council Forecast Schedule**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
May 22, 2018	Joint Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	CTC Energy and Technology Recommendation for Proposals on the Alternative Click! Partnership Model	CAO	CTC Energy & Technology consultant will provide the Council and U-Board recommendations for the proposed Click! alternative partnership model.
		Joint Executive Session - Pending Litigation	CAO	
	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Local Food Access and Equity Research and Projects	ESD/OEPS	Harvest Pierce Co & Puyallup Watershed Initiative's Just and Healthy Food Community presentation on local food access and equity research, projects, and the community they are growing.
		Other Items of Interest - Council Consideration Request for Neighborhood Business District Special Events Program Pilot	Council Member Hunter	Council Member Hunter will share a CCR requesting the use of \$10,000 from the Contingency fund for Neighborhood Business District Support for a Special Events Pilot.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
May 29, 2018	CANCELLED			

**City of Tacoma 2018
City Council Forecast Schedule**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
June 5, 2018	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Creates Ballot Measure Request	CED	Tacoma Creates' request for a ballot measure to increase sales tax by 0.1%. Tax would be used to leverage and enhance existing cultural offerings and organizations, and to promote greater economic activity through investment of public resources.
		2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code	PDS	Review of the Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
	Special Committee of the Whole (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Council Strategic Priorities Discussion		At the February 23rd Council Strategic Planning Work Session, the Council identified their top four strategic priorities. Staff will provide Council an update on their discussions on how to achieve the components identified under the priorities.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Public Hearing	PDS	
June 12, 2018	Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit Project Update	GRO/PT	
		Update on the Affordable Housing Action Strategy Process	CED/CMO	
		2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code	PDS	Review of public input for the Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
June 19, 2018	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Update	WSDOE/PDS	WA Department of Ecology will be providing an update on the Tacoma Smelter Plume to include progress of soil samplings, yard cleanups and outreach efforts with TPC Health Dept.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Ordinance First Reading	PDS	
June 26, 2018	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Joint Utility Board Study Session	TPU	
		Tacoma Public Utilities Low Income Program Update	TPU	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Ordinance Final Reading	PDS	

Community Vitality and Safety			
Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Beale, Camarata, Ushka, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Linda Stewart; Staff Support - Will Suarez		2nd and 4th Thursdays 4:30 p.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: • Citizen Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
May 24, 2018	Human Services Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	Continue interviews from May 10 CVS meetings
	Human Rights Commission Annual Report (informational briefing)	Rebecca Stith, Chair, Human Rights Commission, and Brad Bates, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission	Presentation about the accomplishments of the Human Rights Commission in 2017 and future projects.
	Chronic Nuisance Code and Business License Code Updates (request for ordinance)	Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, and Danielle Larson, Tax & License Division Manager, Finance Tax and License Division.	City staff will be presenting amendments to the Chronic Nuisance and Business License Codes to better address problems in the City.
	Fire Station #5, Tideflats (informational briefing)	Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department, and Josh Clarke, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works	Project update regarding Fire Station #5 in the Tideflats
	United Way of Pierce County Center for Stronger Families (informational briefing)	Pam Duncan, Manager, Department of Neighborhood and Human Rights, and Christopher Wright, Contract & Program Auditor, Department of Neighborhood and Human Rights	UWPC Center for Strong Families (CSF) Initiative responds to the problem of persistent poverty, financial instability, and low-wage stagnation among families.
FUTURE:			
June 14, 2018	Neighborhood Council Program	Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, Community and Economic Development	Summary of recommendations for the Neighborhood Council Program
	Alternate list for Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	Alison Beason, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights	The New Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs is implementing a new procedure to have an alternate Commissioner and a short list. In the event that a sitting member resigns during their term of office, the alternate will automatically replace her/him, and a new alternate will be determined from a ranked short list of previously interviewed applicants.
June 28, 2018			

Economic Development Committee			
Committee Members: McCarthy (Chair), Hunter, Ushka, Woodards, Alternate-Beale Executive Liaison: Tadd Wille; Staff Support - Lynda Foster		2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •Foss Waterway •City Events and Recognition Committee
May 22, 2018	Green Jobs	Joel Baker, Center for Urban Waters	Dr. Joel Baker, will lead a discussion on the University of Washington Tacoma's effort in supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) training and jobs, especially environmental "Green Jobs."
FUTURE:			
May 29, 2018	Tacoma Mall Update & Trends in the National Retail Activities	Pat Beard, Project Manager, CEDD - Private Capital Division	Chuck Davis, Simon Senior Vice President of Development, Western Region and Carà Ritchie, Tacoma Mall Manager, will present regarding the upcoming redevelopment plans for Tacoma Mall and respond to questions about retail trends and the future of the Tacoma Mall.
June 12, 2018	Interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee	<i>Clerk's office</i>	8 vacancies

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members: Ibsen (Chair), Blocker, Hunter, Mello, Alternate-Camarata Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston		1st and 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
June 5, 2018	Joint Audit Advisory Board Meetings	Moss Adams	
	Charter Section 4.17 Shared Services-Media and Communications, Government Relations	Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Katie Johnston, Manager, Office of Management and Budget	Discussion of the legal framework and structures to Shared Services between General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities, including a focus on Media and Communications, as well as Government Relations
FUTURE:			
June 19, 2018			
July 3, 2018	CANCELLED		

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Kurtis Kingsolver; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston		2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 16	CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
May 23, 2018	CANCELLED		
FUTURE:			
May 30, 2018 Special Meeting	Tacoma Planning Commission Interviews [request for recommendation]	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	Three vacancies representing Districts 2, 3, and 5
	Cushman and Adams Substation Update [briefing]	Clark Mather, Community and Government Relations Manager, TPU	Staff will present a draft Memorandum of Understanding created jointly by both TPU and General Government staff in response to Substitute Council Resolution 39741, enacted in 2017.
	Infill Housing Development [briefing]	Brian Boudet, PDS	update on infill housing projects including DADU pilot program and minimum lot sizes
June 13, 2018	Tacoma Water's Integrated Resource Plan [briefing]	Chris McMeen, Deputy Water Superintendent; Glen George, Sr Principal Engineer, TPU	This presentation will provide an overview of Tacoma Water's Integrated Resource Plan, together with its supporting public engagement process. The plan presents future scenarios of water demand and supply, considering conservation, the portfolio of available water sources, climate change, and environmental responsibility.
	Geologic Hazard Areas [briefing]	Elliott Barnett, PDS	Update on potential amendments to critical areas regulations related to geologically hazardous areas, which is part of the 2019 Amendment package
	Traffic Light Synchronization Continued [briefing]	Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works; Leigh Starr, Division Manager, Public Works	As a follow up to the May 9th Traffic Synchronization presentation, Public Works staff will provide additional information on the City of Tacoma's Traffic Signal infrastructure, identify issues affecting traffic flow, and provide a thoughtful and systematic plan for improving traffic in Tacoma.



May 16, 2018

Mayor, Victoria Woodards
City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli
City of Tacoma

Re: Citizens' Forum recap and next steps

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Manager Pauli,

The Center for Dialog & Resolution (CDR) was contracted to observe the City of Tacoma's Citizens' Forum; solicit public input on the effectiveness of this method of direct communication with the council; and provide recommendations for effectiveness, efficiency, and community-building for the Council to consider.

We profoundly appreciate the enthusiastic participation of members of the public, city council members and staff, and the volunteer mediators who participated in the observation and analysis process.

The results and findings of the project in its entirety will be shared with the public at the end of June.

Citizens' Forum is one element of a communication system between members of the public and City. The dynamic of Citizens' Forum is for the council to listen to all input from the public without dialog – regardless of whether or not the content is “under the jurisdiction of the city council”. “*We do not feel heard*” was a sentiment often shared by members of the public who spoke about Citizen's Forum. This project allowed for us to listen and gain understanding of the unmet expectations behind these comments.

The Center used communication system analysis and a variety of conflict analysis tools to design and run this project. Throughout this process, we gathered input in the following ways: informal phone and in-person consultations, email correspondence, and anonymous online surveys. We observed the multiple ways of how our community defines respect, courtesy, and civility; and what this looks like when speaking with passion to the council.

One component of our participation at Citizens' Forum included the creation of an observation form provided to the public. This observation form asked community members to observe and render their opinions on the rules of participation vs. what they saw in the room. At each Citizens' Forum and community focus group, we provided a verbal summary to the audience of what was expressed. As a different method to demonstrate what was heard, we utilized graphic



facilitator, Tim Corey, to visually capture the public's comments at three of the Citizens' Forums and three of the community focus groups.

We have found that people who care about Tacoma:

- Understand that not all petitions will get a response
- Appreciate the follow-up from City Council or staff
- Need clear information about how the local government system functions
- Want to hear how public input is considered in the Council's decision-making process.
- Agree that Citizens' Forum is an important space for participatory democracy
- Expect differing views and appreciate learning from other community members

Recommendations gathered include: communication behaviors, strategies and techniques designed specifically for the city council and staff. These can be memorialized in new rules that guide public and council conduct during the forum

CDR's next steps include:

1. Share synthesis and raw data in a draft report
2. Meet with City Council members to discuss communication and conflict dynamics
3. Explore impact of implementing recommendations on city resources with City Manager and staff
4. Discuss recommendations and implementation with the Committee as a Whole
5. Present final report

Sincerely,

Maralise Hood Quan
Executive Director

Cc: Celia Holderman



TO: Mayor Woodards, and City Council
FROM: Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer
COPY: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
SUBJECT: Study Session Response – City Maintained Bridges
DATE: May 15, 2018

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Background:

This correspondence provides a response to questions asked by Council Member Ushka regarding the condition of City maintained bridges during the asset management presentation at the study session on May 1, 2018.

Question Subject

Council Member Ushka asked for additional information on the condition of City maintained bridges and additional context on the condition classifications.

Staff Response:

Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of 43 bridge segments across 37 bridges. The Federal Highway Administration requires all bridges greater than 20 feet in length be inspected at least every other year using criteria set forth by the National Bridge Inventory. Nine of the 43 bridge segments are listed as “functionally obsolete” and seven are listed as “structurally deficient”.

“Functionally Obsolete” is a term used when a bridge no longer meets current minimum design standards in terms of roadway geometry (roadway width, vertical clearance etc.). When a bridge is functionally obsolete it does not imply it is unsafe. As federal design standards for roadway geometry change a bridge might fall in to this classification if it was designed using old design standards. The City has nine bridge segments across eight different bridges that are considered functionally obsolete. This includes the Puyallup River Bridge (two segments), the I-705/Schuster Parkway Ramps (four segments), the East 34th Street Bridge over State Route 7, the South 48th Street Bridge, and the Murray Morgan Bridge.

“Structurally Deficient” is a term used when the load carrying elements of a bridge are in poor or worse condition. If a bridge is structurally deficient it does not necessarily mean the bridge is unsafe or is likely to collapse. The City has seven bridge segments across three bridges that are considered structurally deficient. This includes the Puyallup River Bridge (four segments), East 11th Street Bridge (two segments) and the East 34th Street Bridge near Pacific Avenue.

Of these bridges, the Puyallup River Bridge is weight restricted and partially funded for replacement. A 2014 structural evaluation of the Puyallup River Bridge resulted in the need to further decrease the maximum vehicle weight allowed to 10 tons. The restriction essentially closed the bridge to most truck traffic.

The City completed a structural evaluation of the East 11th Street Bridge and viaduct in the Port of Tacoma in 2014. The results required the City to close the bridge to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic for safety reasons.

The City completed a routine inspection of the East 34th Street Bridge in 2017. The bridge is currently categorized as structurally deficient due mainly to some erosion on the west footing, but is open to all traffic.



TO: Mayor Woodards, and City Council
FROM: Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer */KDK*
COPY: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
SUBJECT: Study Session Response – Street Light Wire Theft
DATE: May 15, 2018

Background:

This correspondence provides a response to questions asked by Council Member Ushka during the asset management presentation at the study session on May 1, 2018.

Question Subject

During the May 1, 2018, presentation on asset management, Council Member Ushka asked for an update on wire theft. In the presentation staff made mention of how unplanned damage to streetlight and signal equipment can negatively impact the ability of staff to perform needed maintenance in order to address life safety issues.

Staff Response:

Wire theft is down significantly from levels in 2013 through early 2015 when copper recycle value was high. There are now one to two thefts per month on average. This is consistent with trends experienced prior to the spike in copper prices in 2013. Last year was the lowest total number of wire thefts since 2012. This year there have been six wire thefts, the same number of thefts at this time last year. The table below shows wire theft by year since January 2013. Although costs can vary significantly, the average repair is between \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Year	Count
2013	68
2014	146
2015	93
2016	27
2017	15
2018	6
Total	355

In addition to wire theft, streetlight pole knockdowns have a significant impact on our overall streetlight budget. The City averages about 46 pole knockdowns per year. Most aluminum or steel pole fixtures cost about \$3,200 to repair. Ornamental poles and fixtures can cost well over \$10,000 to repair. Because the City does not always have a responsible party to bill for damage, the cost to perform this work is primarily absorbed by Public Works. As a point of reference, in 2016 the City was only able to collect 35 percent, or \$19,000 of \$53,000 spent on street light pole knockdowns. There is currently a back log of 70 damaged streetlights and 13 electrical circuits at an estimated cost of \$850,000.



Unfortunately, the same goes for traffic signal infrastructure relative to knockdowns/damage. However, because traffic signals represent life safety, damage to signal infrastructure takes priority over streetlight damage. All signal, flashers, and beacons get repaired when staff are notified of damage. In 2016 Public Works spent about \$50,000 repairing damaged signal cabinets, beacons, and pedestrian push buttons but was only able to recover about \$6,000 or 12 percent from the damaging party.