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**SUBJECT:** Ensuring a Safe, Clean, and Sanitary Downtown  
**DATE:** August 13, 2019

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

At the 2019 Council Strategic Planning Work Session, Council identified a list of policy priorities for the year. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) members prioritized requesting a presentation on options to ensure a safe, clean and sanitary downtown. Environmental Services and the Tacoma Police Department are reviewing possible options for a downtown safe, clean and sanitary test case and will present their work to the EDC.

**BACKGROUND:**

A safe, clean and sanitary downtown is an economic driver. Based on identified council priorities, Environmental Services and the Tacoma Police Department have reviewed and identified options that might help address council concerns.

**ISSUE:**

Concerns have been raised from residents, business owners, and the Downtown Business Improvement Area for the need to tackle growing concerns in downtown Tacoma. Records of 311 reports show an increase in reports of solid waste and public safety concerns.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.