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SUBJECT: Tacoma Streets Initiative Progress Report
DATE: April 28, 2021

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Public Works staff will present an overview of Tacoma Streets Initiative progress. The presentation includes 2019-2020 revenues and expenses and an overview of current and completed street maintenance, capital and active transportation projects.

BACKGROUND:

The residents of Tacoma approved the Street Initiatives (Proposition A and Proposition No. 3) in November 2015, approving funding to repair and improve City streets. The 2015 Voted Streets Initiative Fund 1085 was created and approved by the City Council under Ordinance No. 28344 on February 9, 2016. This fund provides for arterial street improvements, non-motorized improvements and residential street repairs.

ISSUE:

Based on the total projected ten-year Streets Initiative revenue, the program established annual performance goals for street maintenance, capital and active transportation projects. The presentation will provide an overview for the years 2019-2020 and the impacts of the pandemic and Washington State Initiative 976 regarding program funding and the number of projects constructed.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

- Proposition A, approved a Transportation Benefit District increasing Sales Tax by 1/10th of 1 percent, is estimated to generate \$40M over a period of ten years.
- Proposition 3, approved increasing the Gross Earning Tax in power, natural gas and phone utilities by 1.5 percent and increasing property tax by \$.20 per \$1000 assessed value, is estimated to generate \$135M over a period of ten years.
- Additionally the City is committed to contributing \$30M over the ten-year period, bringing the total Streets Initiative revenue package to \$205M.
- The revenue funds are expected to leverage an additional \$120M in partnerships and grant funding, bringing the ten-year Streets Initiative investment to \$325M.

RECOMMENDATION:

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