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SUBJECT: Tacoma Anchor Network Update
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Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The City of Tacoma works to advance the goals of Tacoma 2035, including “Jobs and Economy”. One of the strategies the City has undertaken in the past decade to advance that goal has been bringing together the largest place-based employers in Tacoma through the formation and management of the Tacoma Anchor Network to create shared goals and strategies to achieve more local hiring and more local procurement. Through recent partnerships with other anchor institutions, the City has been able to shift the structure of the initiative to create shared ownership across all Anchor Network members.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma’s largest employers collectively play an outsized role in the local economy. Governmental organizations are joined by Tacoma’s hospital systems and post-secondary education institutions (also referred to as the “meds and eds”) to form the core of the Tacoma Anchor Network. Together, the members of the network work together to create shared goals, share best practices, and align data to be able to better support a resilient local economy and workforce. Participants in the Tacoma Anchor Network are currently:

- Bates Technical College
- City of Tacoma
(General Government and
Tacoma Public Utilities)
- MultiCare
- Parks Tacoma
- Pierce Transit
- Tacoma Community College
- Tacoma Public Schools
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Washington-Tacoma
- Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

ISSUE:

The Tacoma Anchor Network has undergone significant structural change in the past year, successfully working with partners to create shared financial and staffing responsibility for the initiative. This update will provide Committee members with updates on these changes and the progress that the Network has seen recently.

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.