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**SUBJECT:** Community Outreach for Streets Levy  
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**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

Public Works Department staff will provide an update on community outreach efforts related to the proposed Tacoma Streets Levy. This briefing will summarize the role and structure of the Community Levy Committee (CLC), outline engagement strategies, and highlight the timeline for key outreach activities through April. No formal action is requested at this time; this is an information briefing only.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Tacoma is exploring a possible future levy to address various transportation infrastructure improvements needs. This includes elements related to safety, maintenance, multimodal access, equity, and other infrastructure needs. To support this process, the Community Levy Committee (CLC) was established as a non-binding advisory body to reflect community perspectives and equity considerations. The CLC reviews engagement inputs, provides feedback on investment themes, and advises on draft materials. It does not make policy decisions or final recommendations.

The CLC is structured to provide membership representing transportation advocacy, business, neighborhood organizations, seniors, youth, technical expertise, and Council priorities. Broader engagement includes listening sessions, advisory groups, surveys, and community gatherings.

**ISSUE:**

The key issue is ensuring that the levy development process is informed by robust, inclusive, and equitable community engagement. Outreach efforts must reflect diverse perspectives and address potential unintended consequences. Options include continuing current engagement strategies, expanding outreach to underrepresented communities, and refining communication materials for clarity and accessibility.

**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. Next steps include:

- Finalizing CLC roster and confirming member participation.
- Scheduling additional outreach activities, including community gatherings and digital engagement.
- Preparing draft levy framework for CLC review and feedback.