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**SUBJECT:** Update on potential Hilltop Business Improvement Area  
**DATE:** March 24, 2026

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

An informational presentation by the Community and Economic Development Department and Uncommon Bridges (formerly BDS Planning), the contractor working on the potential of creating a Business Improvement Area (BIA) Hilltop. This presentation will provide a progress update on the potential expansion to Hilltop, including the work done over the past three years, the current status of the potential expansion and next steps.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, a contract was entered into with BDS Planning to assess the feasibility of forming new BIAs in the Dome, Hilltop, Sixth Avenue, and South Tacoma Way areas. The contract has been extended through April 30, 2026.

**ISSUE:**

Informational Briefing Only

**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.