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**To: Tacoma Transportation Commission**

**From: Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Public Works Director**

**Date: September 13, 2024**

**Subject: Streets Initiative II**

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## **Purpose of Presentation**

The current Streets Initiative program, [Proposition 3](#) and [Proposition A](#), is set to expire in December 2025. Staff will provide an overview of the current Streets Initiative program and proposed Streets Initiative II.

## **Project Summary**

In 2015, Tacoma voters approved two ballot propositions to fund additional maintenance and improvements to City transportation infrastructure (City of Tacoma Proposition No. 3 and Transportation Benefit District Proposition A). Proposition No. 3 approved an increase in property tax of \$.20/ \$1000 of assessed value and a 1.5% increase in the gross earning tax for power, telephone, and natural gas utilities. Proposition A approved 1/10 of 1% increase in the City's sales tax. The taxes approved through Proposition No. 3 and Proposition A are expected to generate \$175 million (M) and will sunset after ten years.

In addition to the revenues approved by voters, the City has also made the commitment to allocate an additional \$30 M to the Streets Initiative Fund over the course of ten years. With these additional revenues the Streets Initiative is projected to collect \$205 M over the course of ten years.

Most of these funds (\$155 M) will support the preservation of residential streets, while \$50 M will fund capital improvements to arterial streets, freight routes, and active transportation infrastructure.

Originally, the Public Works Department anticipated generating over \$325 M for street improvements. By 2024, however, they successfully raised more than \$371 M, leveraging both city and matching funds.

## **Next Steps and Discussion (or Action)**

Staff invites input from the Transportation Commission on ways to be involved and development of Streets Initiative II.

## **More Information**

[Street Initiative Dashboard](#)



# MEMO

**To:** Tacoma Transportation Commission

**From:** Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager

**Date:** September 9, 2024

**Subject:** 2015 Transportation Master Plan Project Prioritization

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## **Purpose of Presentation**

A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as the basis for the City of Tacoma Six-year Transportation Improvement Program, is required by [RCW 35.77.010](#). Staff will provide an overview of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Appendix B: TMP Project List, which includes a fiscally constrained transportation project list where anticipated revenue is balanced with future recommended investments.

## **Project Summary**

The 2015 TMP considered a wide variety of projects to address Tacoma's diverse transportation needs. Projects included a variety of projects, including modal conflict studies, pedestrian/bicycle/trail projects, transit projects, auto projects, rail projects, and Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Action Strategies. These sources resulted in more than 400 projects. While these projects represent the City's long-term transportation vision, not all of these projects can be funded over the next 25 years. As such, the TMP includes a prioritized list to identify those projects that are most likely to be funded within the 25 year planning horizon.

## 2015 TMP Project Prioritization

The Tacoma Transportation Commission created a project prioritization matrix that aligns with the TMP's policy priorities. All of the projects were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Location (whether the project is on a TMP-identified priority network)
- Multimodal benefits
- Equity
- Safety
- Health & Environment
- Maintenance/system preservation benefits
- Cost to the City
- Congestion management
- Project horizon
- Primary mode served/rank on the modal hierarchy
- Whether or not the project is in a growth center

The project list was then re-ordered to put the projects that scored highest at top and lowest on that bottom.

## **Next Steps and Discussion (or Action)**

- What criteria is missing or is no longer a priority?

## **More Information**

[2015 Transportation Master Plan Document](#) – Appendix B