



# TACOMA STREETS INITIATIVE II



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- In 2015, Tacoma voters approved Proposition No. 3 and A, funding street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements, focusing on residential streets.
- The propositions generated over \$397 million surpassing the projected \$325 million set to expire in December 2025.
- Funded projects include residential resurfacing, pothole repair, pedestrian safety, school crossing beacons, and sidewalk improvements, past and future projects can be found at [tacomastreetinitiative.org](http://tacomastreetinitiative.org).



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

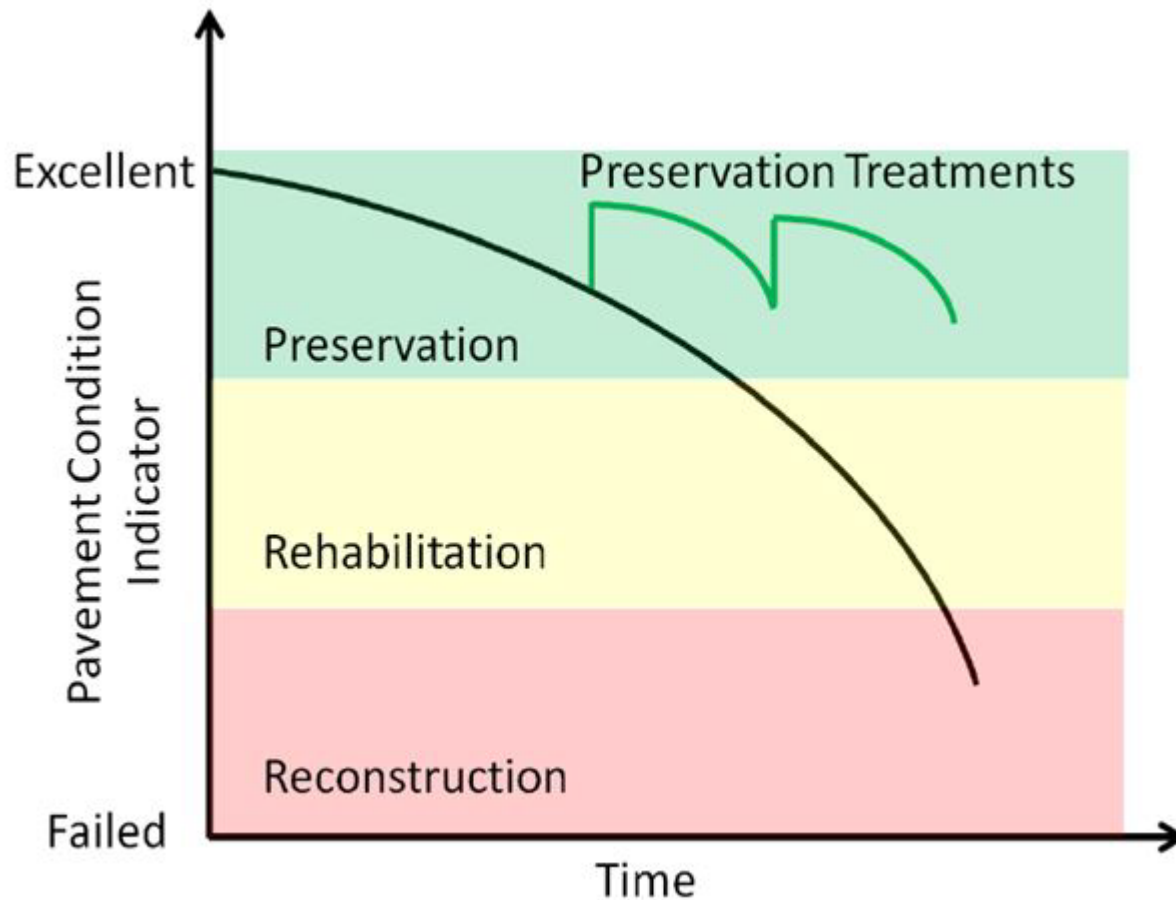
- For every **\$1** approved by the voters of Tacoma on the Tacoma Streets Initiative, we've been able to leverage grant match and partnership funds for a total value of approximately **\$2.27**.
- On pace to beat our original goal of 5,600 residential blocks topping out at **6,000 blocks**.
- Over **3,960** ADA Curb Ramps constructed, installed **48** school crossing beacons, **41,809** feet of new sidewalks, **7** miles of bike lanes.
- Full transparency and stewardship – passed State Auditor's Office audit and **did not receive any recommendations or findings**.
- According to the 2023 Pavement Condition Assessment, residential streets have **improved by 11%** and the network total by **2%**.



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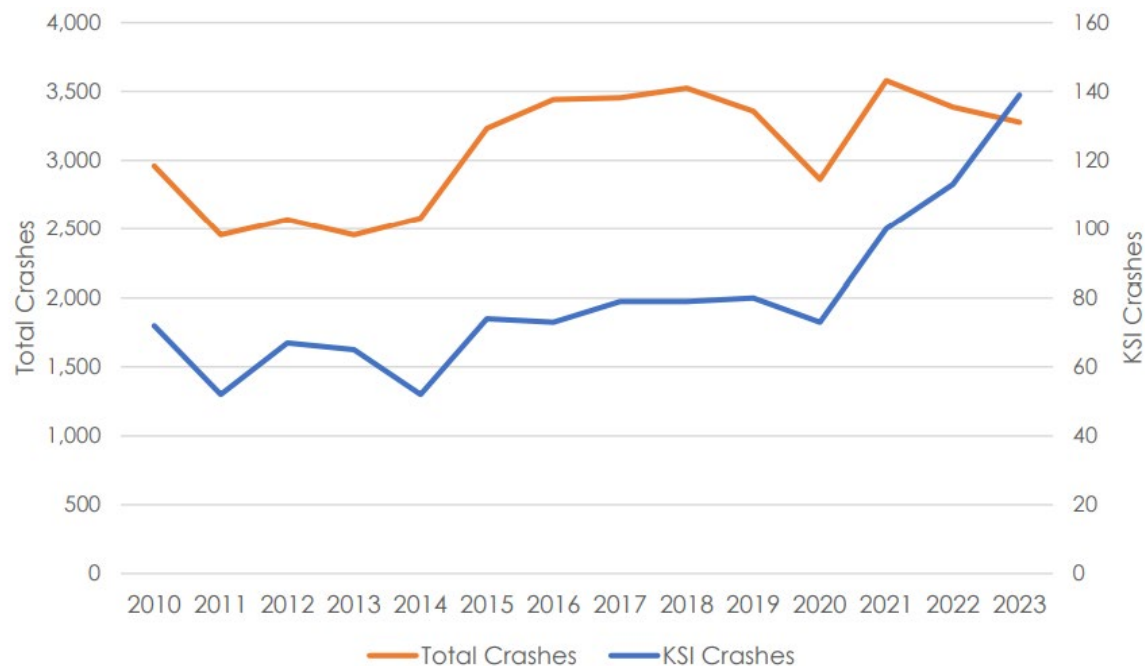
# PAVEMENT LIFECYCLE



- Routine maintenance is critical to maximizing the lifespan of roadways.
- Preservation treatments lengthen the life of a roadway, however, over time roads will need reconstruction.
- Investment in extending pavement life minimizes the use of raw materials and decreasing emissions from heavy equipment usage.

(Missouri DOT, 2019)

# SAFETY, EQUITY, & CONNECTIVITY



**The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in crashes on Tacoma roadways continues to rise.**

- 64% of City's highest risk roads are located within areas with low or very low access to opportunity, according to the City's Equity Index.
- 83% of Tacoma residents believe that every resident should be able to safely walk, roll, bike, and take transit to access schools, parks, grocery stores, and healthcare.

# BALLOT LANGUAGE

## CITY OF TACOMA PROPOSITION NO. 1

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 41588 concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements.

This measure funds street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements, by levying an additional 2% utility tax on natural gas, electric, and phone utilities effective 2026; increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026; authorizing the 2026 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors and others are exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

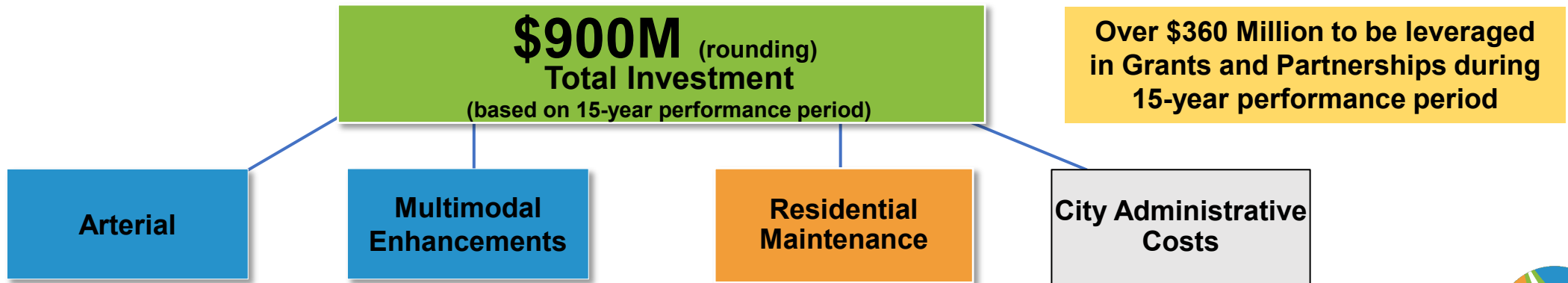
Should this proposition be approved?

Yes.....

No .....

# TRANSFORMING TACOMA STREETS

	Projected Revenues	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
<b>PROP 1</b>	<b>Utility Tax*</b>	<b>\$132,284,117</b>	<b>\$203,528,995</b>	<b>\$278,408,079</b>
	Power	\$104,374,658	\$160,588,209	\$219,668,215
	Natural Gas	\$20,164,177	\$31,024,093	\$42,437,973
	Telephone	\$7,745,281	\$11,916,693	\$16,300,890
	<b>Property Tax*</b>	<b>\$111,059,597</b>	<b>\$170,873,486</b>	<b>\$233,738,484</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Sales Tax**</b>	<b>\$78,530,264</b>	<b>\$120,824,678</b>	<b>\$165,276,532</b>
	<b>Vehicle Fee</b>	<b>\$29,228,790</b>	<b>\$43,843,185</b>	<b>\$58,457,580</b>



\*Voted by Public (\$.25/\$1000 property tax and 2% utility tax) – April 2025

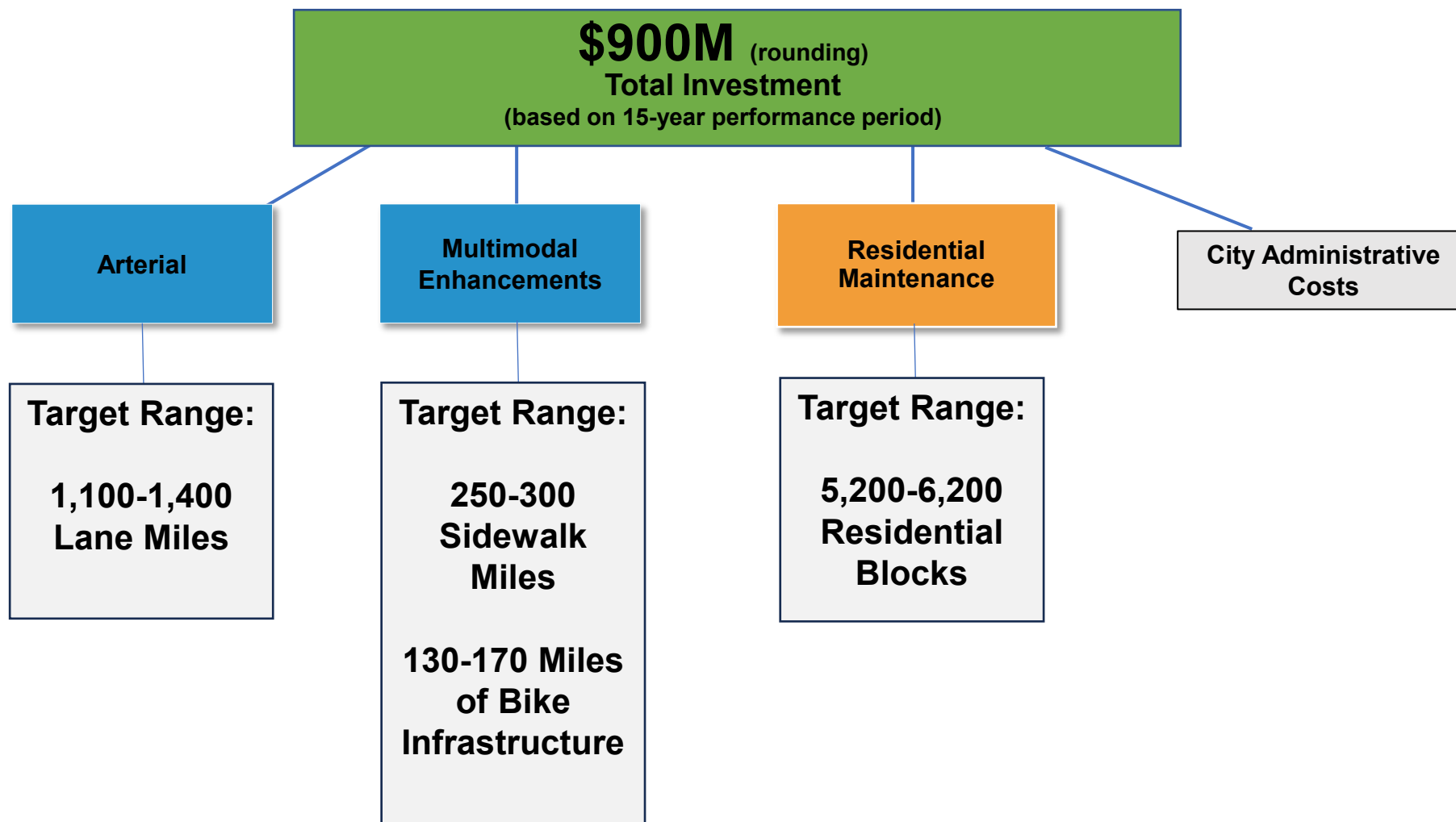
\*\*Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax (Approved by City Council – Dec. 2024)

Note: These are projections or estimated revenues





# TRANSFORMING TACOMA STREETS



Note: These are projected and estimated goals

# CITY GOALS AND OUTCOMES

## Arterial Improvements

- Safety for all modes
- Roadway maintenance
- Multimodal connectivity
- ADA accessibility

## Repair & Maintenance

Keeping our transportation system functioning by restriping, sealcoats, trail cleanups, pothole repair, and signal, streetlight, and signage maintenance

## Vision Zero High Risk Network

- Planning & preliminary design to effectively compete for grants
- Systemic safety improvements and near-term opportunities to enhance safety on the High-Risk Network
- Grant match

## Pedestrian Priority Projects

Dedicated funding for stand-alone pedestrian projects to enhance pedestrian safety & accessibility – like new/improved accessible crossings and missing link sidewalks

## Residential Improvements

- Roadway maintenance
- Enhance multimodal connectivity to mixed use centers, schools, and parks
- Traffic calming, pedestrian accessibility investments, & arterial crossing improvements to improve safety

# PROJECT CRITERIA

- **Equity and Accessibility**
  - Equity Index
  - Accessible Routes (ADA Compliance)
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Routes to Schools & Parks
- **Public Safety and Vision Zero**
  - Vision Zero Impact
  - High-Risk Locations
  - Public Safety Improvements
  - Bike Connections

- **Connectivity and Community Benefits**
  - Missing Links Sidewalks
  - Destination Points
  - 20-Minute Neighborhoods
- **Infrastructure and Feasibility**
  - Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
  - Constructability
  - Partnership Opportunities
- **Alignment with Strategic Plans**

# PROJECT TYPES

- **Arterials**

- Focus on improving major roads connecting neighborhoods, commercial areas, and highways. Although arterials are less than 1/3 of Tacoma's streets, they account for 90% of fatal and serious crashes. Enhancements prioritize safety for all users.

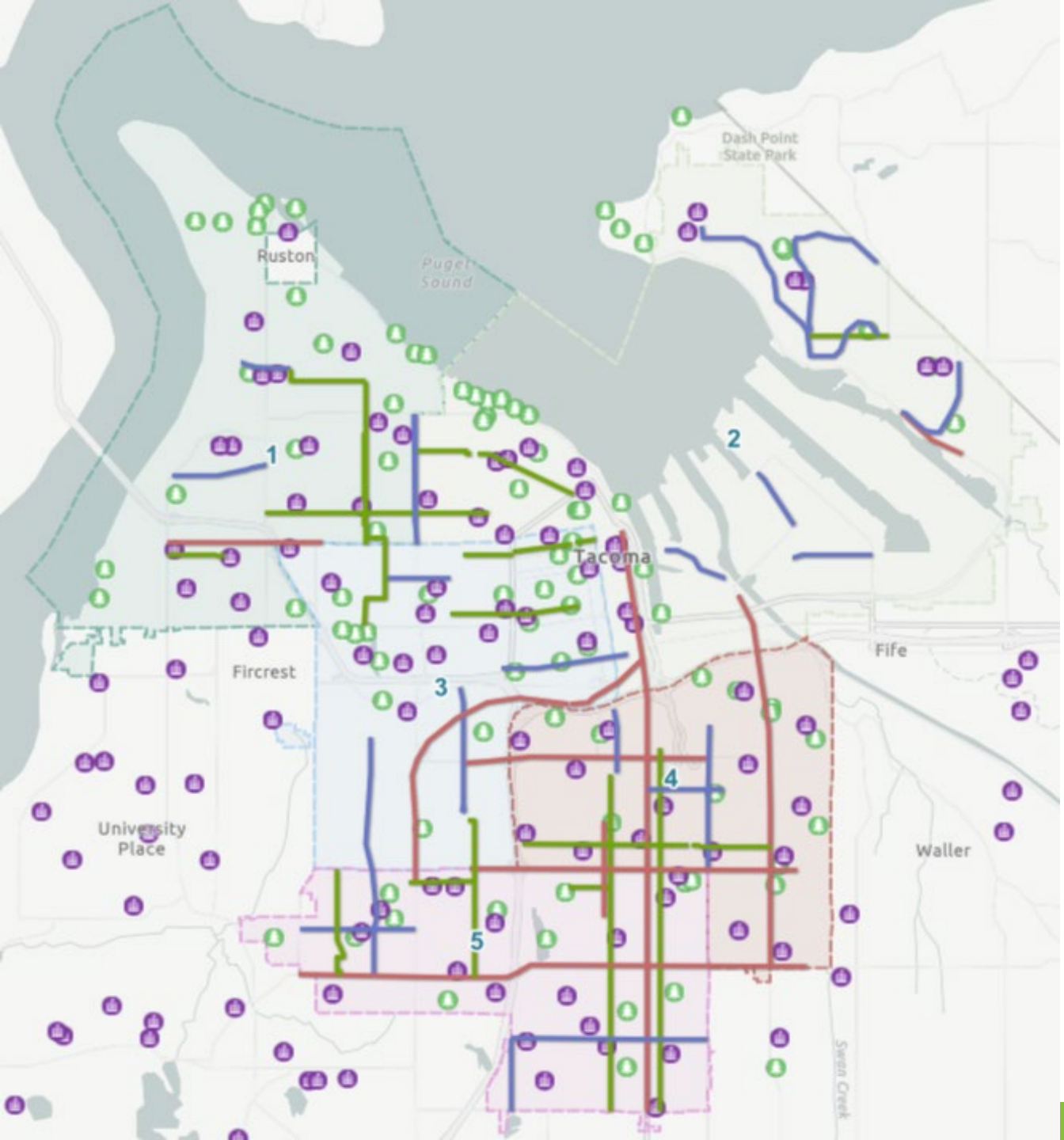
- **Neighborhood Greenways**

- Add traffic calming and pedestrian improvements to residential streets, making them safer for walking, biking, and rolling. Greenways enhance access to schools, parks, transit, and business while promoting active transportation.

- **Vision Zero High-Risk Network (HRN)**

- Targets streets with the highest rates of serious crashes. Guided by Tacoma's Vision Zero goal (eliminating traffic fatalities by 2035), these projects focus on reducing speeds and improving crossings to enhance safety.

# TACOMA STREETS INITIATIVE II: OPPORTUNITY MAP



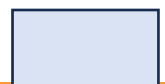
## MAP LEGEND

	Arterial		Schools
	Neighborhood Greenway		Parks (MPT)
	Vision Zero HRN		
	District 1		
	District 2	<b>Centers</b>	
	District 3		Industrial Center
	District 4		Mixed Use Center
	District 5		Regional Growth Center

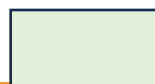
# DISTRICT 1 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Project Type
1	N 17th St / Westgate Blvd	N Narrows Dr	N Pearl St	Arterial
1	N 37th St	N Narrows Dr	N Shirley St	Arterial
1	N Shirley St / N 35th St	N 37th & Shirley	N 35th & Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1	N Mason St	N 35th St	6th Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
1	S 8th St	Jackson Ave	Hunt Middle School	Neighborhood Greenway
1	S 19th St	S Mildred St	S Seashore Dr	Arterial
1	Walters Rd	6th Ave	S 19th St	Arterial
1 & 2	Union Ave	N 30th St	6th Ave	Arterial
1 & 2	N 11th	N Pearl St	N Steele St	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	N 7th/S Madison/S 15th/ S Mason	N 7th and Mason	S Stevens and Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	6th Ave	S Jackson Ave	S Huson St	Vision Zero HRN

Legend:



Arterial



Neighborhood Greenway



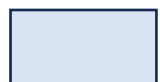
Vision Zero High Risk Network



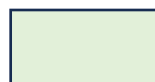
# DISTRICT 2 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Project Type
2	NE Nassau Ave	Northshore Parkway NE	33rd St NE	Arterial
2	St Paul Ave	Portland Ave	E 11th St	Arterial
2	N Yakima / N 24th St	Union Ave	Division Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
2	33rd St NE	NE Nassau Ave	49th Ave NE	Neighborhood Greenway
2	Northshore Pkwy	Nassau Ave NE	East City Limits	Arterial
2	Norpoint Way NE	29th St NE	Marine View Dr	Arterial
2	Browns Point Blvd	51st St NE	Norpoint Way NE	Arterial
2	Marine View Dr	Norpoint Way NE	Schitzer Steel Dwy	Vision Zero HRN
2	Thorne Rd.	E 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	Lincoln Ave	Arterial
2	Marshall Ave	Milwaukee Way	Port of Tacoma Rd	Arterial
1 & 2	Union Ave	N 30th St	6th Ave	Arterial
1 & 2	N 11th	N Pearl St	N Steele St	Neighborhood Greenway
2 & 4	E Portland Ave	E River St	74th St	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN

Legend:



Arterial



Neighborhood Greenway



Vision Zero High Risk Network



# DISTRICT 3 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Project Type
3	S 12th St	S Madison St	S Cedar St	Arterial
3	S Pine St	Center St	S 47th St	Arterial
3	S 25th St	S State St	S Hood St	Arterial
3	S 8th St	Pine St	Tacoma Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
3	S 17th St	S Cedar St	S J St	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	N 7th/S Madison/S 15th/S Mason	N 7th and Mason	S Stevens and Mason	Neighborhood Greenway
1 & 3	6th Ave	S Jackson Ave	S Huson St	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4	S 38th St	S Pine St	McKinley Ave	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4 & 5	S 56th St	S Oakes St	E Swan Creek Dr	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 5	S Fife St	S 48th St	S 74th St	Neighborhood Greenway
3 & 5	Tyler St	S 36th St	S 74th St	Arterial
3 & 5	S Tacoma Way	S 58th St	Pacific Ave	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 5	S Fife St	S 48th St	S 74th St	Neighborhood Greenway

Legend:

Arterial
  Neighborhood Greenway
  Vision Zero High Risk Network





# DISTRICT 4 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Project Type
4	E 43rd St	Pacific Ave	E J St	Arterial
4	E McKinley Ave	E Division Ln	E 56th St	Arterial
4	S G St	S Wright Ave	S 40th St	Arterial
4	S/E 52nd St	I-5	First Creek Middle School	Neighborhood Greenway
2 & 4	E Portland Ave	E River St	74th St	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4	S 38th St	S Pine St	McKinley Ave	Vision Zero HRN
3 & 4 & 5	S 56th St	S Oakes St	E Swan Creek Dr	Vision Zero HRN
4 & 5	S Park Ave	S 40th St	S 96th St	Neighborhood Greenway
4 & 5	A St	S 37th St	E 84th St	Neighborhood Greenway
4 & 5	S 72nd St	I-5	S Roosevelt Ave	Vision Zero HRN
4 & 5	S Yakima Ave	S 48th St	S 64th St	Vision Zero HRN

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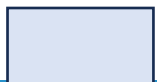
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# DISTRICT 5 OPPORTUNITIES

District	Street	From	To	Project Type
5	S/E 84th St	S Hosmer St	E McKinley Ave	Arterial
5	S Hosmer St	S 84th St	South City Limits	Arterial
5	S 66th St	S Orchard St	South Tacoma Way	Arterial
5	S 58th St	Washington St	S Fife St	Neighborhood Greenway
5	S 59th St	S M St	S Park Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
5	S Mullen St	S 56th St	S 74th St	Neighborhood Greenway
5	74th Street	Lakewood Dr W	I-5	Vision Zero HRN
2 & 4 & 5	Pacific Ave	S 7th St	S 96th St	Vision Zero HRN
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Vision Zero High Risk Network



# EMPLOYMENT DATA SINCE 2020

- Apprenticeship Opportunities
  - **41,000 apprentice hours** worked by Washington residents enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program.
- Local Employment Impact
  - Over **136,000 hours** worked by journey or apprentice-level workers residing within Tacoma city limits or Economically Distressed areas in TPU's service area.
- Economic Impact
  - Estimated **\$9.3 million** in wages paid to local workers on SI-funded projects
  - Wages represent **17.6% of the total \$52 million** spent on contracted maintenance and capital programs.



# IMPORTANCE OF TACOMA SI II

- Significant opportunity to invest in Vision Zero Goals and reduce fatalities and serious injuries.
- 2024 City of Tacoma Community Survey showed that only 24.3% of residents were “very satisfied” & “satisfied” with the condition of major streets.
- Arterial streets need work. According to the 2023 PCI, arterial conditions have decreased by 22%.
- Transportation safety and connectivity continues to rank high on community and Council priorities.
- Investment for the future for economic development, accessibility, meeting the City’s Climate Action Plan, and betterment of our community.



# TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

November 5, 2024:  
Tacoma SI II Study  
Session  
Presentation and  
Start of Community  
Outreach

December 17, 2024:  
City Council  
Adopted Resolution  
Placing Proposition  
S2 on the April  
Ballot

February 21, 2025:  
City Clerk sends all  
material to Pierce  
County Auditor

December 3, 2024:  
1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1%  
TBD Sales Tax  
Reimposed

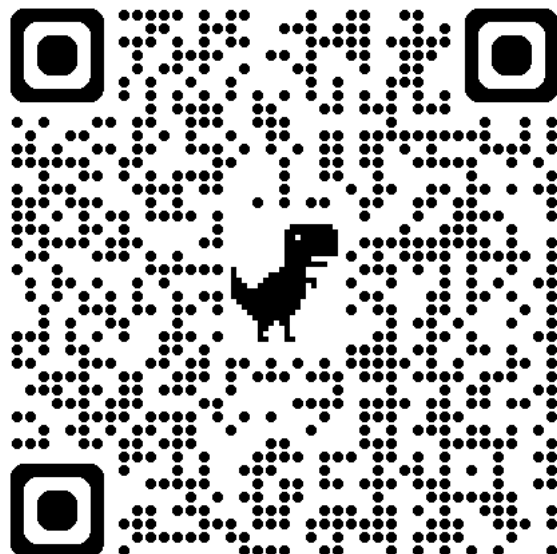
January 21, 2025:  
GPFC Reviews “For”  
and “Against”  
Committees

April 22, 2025:  
Special Election for  
Tacoma Streets  
Initiative II

# TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Tacoma Streets Initiative I



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([cityoftacoma.org/SI2](http://cityoftacoma.org/SI2))



Tacoma Streets Initiative II  
Feedback Survey

Questions & comments:

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