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Subject: Poor Condition of B.P. Blvd.
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City Clerk,

Please accept my attached MS Word file for the above topic in the Subject line above for 3/25/25's Committee of the Whole; assuming that's the correct group to submit it to.

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As one who's raised their family in NE Tacoma since 1985, Browns Point Blvd. has been one of the main arterials for residents to the east of Browns Point Elementary. Research informs me that Browns Point Blvd. was constructed around the same year I was born; in the early to mid-50s.

The surface condition has, over the decades, evolved into a literal washboard surface for about a mile of more between Norpoint Way NE and Murray Rd. descending down the eastern bluff to SR 509. My contacts in past years with the Street Operations Manager via email revealed to me that this stretch of Browns Point Blvd. then rated at a four out of ten condition; with ten being new.

Recently, I had to pay \$1,800 to replace a damaged rim and tire on my car because of a huge pothole was hit while water filled it and was not visible for avoiding on Browns Point Blvd. It was a six inch deep by forty-two-inch diameter hole. My claim against damages was not honored because no drivers had reported it to the City prior to my incident. In the past, I myself have reported other potholes after no one else had. I know because I subscribe to notifications from the Tacoma311 site and get them, but few others ever take the time to report them.

While I understand that Browns Point Boulevard has been identified as part of the City's upcoming plans within the [Tacoma Streets Initiative II - City of Tacoma](#), which aims to address larger-scale improvements to the City's road network, I've discovered only now about the meetings which were held at Norpoint Center where I swim regularly that this arterial which was discussed. I would have attended, but was only now informed about it by my council representative.

I'm highly disappointed that the council has continued to not only "kick this can down to road", but is also raising the property tax rate further to fund it. Why is this matter being neglected?

I hope my input on this matter will be added to whatever others from NE Tacoma have already provided. This issue needs to be addressed sooner than later!

Respectfully,

Jon M. Higley