

Staff Briefing Memo

July 31, 2020

To: Tideflats Subarea Plan Steering Committee

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Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive	Doug Richardson, Pierce County Council Chair
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From: Tideflats Subarea Plan Staff Leadership Group

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Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations

Recap

On May 14th Mayor Woodards asked the other members of the Steering Committee to consider ideas for how the Interim Regulation issues could be addressed on an expedited schedule.

At the July 9th Steering Committee meeting Commissioner McCarthy presented a Reset option, suggesting a path forward for regulatory reform in the near-term within the context of the Subarea Plan. The Steering Committee asked staff to fully vet implications of options, and report back to the Steering Committee within 30 days.

Report

Staff leaders have completed their review of the potential options but lack agreement on a new path forward for the City's Interim Regulations to be resolved. Therefore, staff recommend staying the course with the existing Work Plan and Scope of Work for the Subarea Plan.

The City of Tacoma will continue to address and review the Interim Regulations on the mandatory 6-month cycle while the Subarea Plan work continues. Tacoma may consider permanent regulatory changes during, or in lieu of, these periodic review cycles.

Consistent with city code, public outreach and engagement with adjacent jurisdictions, the port, the tribe, and other stakeholders, will continue as part of the Council process to extend the Interim Regulations, as well as in any process to amend the City of Tacoma regulatory code.

For the Interim Regulations, and any associated processes, the city will also provide regular updates to the TSAP Staff Leadership Group. There may be instances when the TSAP Staff Leadership Group feels it is appropriate for the TSAP Steering Committee to receive a briefing directly, but in most instances, updates will come via staff leadership representatives.

Next Steps

Berk Consulting, contracted in June 2020 to support the Subarea Plan, is currently creating a 6-month look-ahead calendar. Early actions will include kick-off meetings with staff and the advisory group, and discussion about how to initiate public engagement. Staff leaders expect the next meaningful opportunity for the Steering Committee to meet will be in November. **Staff recommends cancelation of the August 13th Steering Committee meeting.**

CC:

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