

2nd Quarter 2018

City of Tacoma

Office of Management & Budget

CITY OF TACOMA
INITIATIVE 
INTracker

[EXTERNAL REPORT]

The City of Tacoma Initiative Tracker is designed to give management a quick overview of progress made on budget enhancements included in the 2017–2018 budget.

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED)

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018
 The Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality will hire a Program Development Specialists for Public Art project position to manage City, Metro Parks, and Sound Transits public arts projects. The Office will contribute funding to the Arts & Culture Coalition of Pierce County to launch 5x5 (an early childhood access to arts program), teen tix, and advocacy for Cultural Access Washington.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$50,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$37,500
BUDGETED FTE:	1	HIRED FTE:	1

The Arts & Culture Coalition are under contract for \$50,000, but have not invoiced the City yet. Program Development Specialist position was created, and an employee was hired on February 21, 2017.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Contract Disparity Study

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018
 The consultant, Griffin & Strong from Atlanta, GA has delivered a draft report that is currently undergoing staff review. Following this review and further discussion with the consultant, staff will present the report to the City Council in late summer or early fall 2018. ***Contract date was extended to provide the City the time necessary to review and provide comments to GSPC ****

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$350,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$33, 255

Consultant, Griffin & Strong from Atlanta, GA was selected through a competitive process. The contract was awarded, pending approvals. Proposed start date August 1, 2017 lasting eleven months and ending April 2018.

Lincoln District Revitalization

DESCRIPTION:

CED will upgrade 38th Street from Tacoma Avenue S. to Thompson Ave to be more pedestrian friendly with bulb outs, ADA amenities, concrete crosswalks, traffic calming measures, enhanced landscaping with flower pots, landscaping at bulb outs, and a center median at the beginning and end of the district with gateway signage.

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$9,401,571	SPENT TO DATE:	\$1,866,068

Construction is underway with G Street Improvements nearly completed. The south side of 38th Street from Tacoma Avenue S. to South J Street is currently under construction. Lincoln Project Office is in regular use by contractors and inspectors and hosts a weekly contractor/inspector/project staff meeting. Contractors meet monthly with business association membership as well. LPO lease exercised its third year option and will be operational through October 2018.

Catalytic Economic Development

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Catalytic Project Program is to enable development that may not otherwise occur due to inadequate or antiquated public infrastructure needed in the City right-of-way (off-site improvements) that will result in adaptive reuse of underutilized buildings and new construction in key infill areas.

COMPLETION DATE: 1st Quarter 2018

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$650,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$132,766

Four projects have been approved and two have been completed. Public Works completed ADA and traffic improvements for 21st Street associated with the 7 Seas Brewing project as well as constructing a sidewalk on Alder Street at South Tacoma Way to facilitate expansion of Gig Harbor Brewing. \$100K remains committed as a match to a federal grant being applied for by the City for the Town Center project at S 21st and Jefferson to Tacoma Ave South and \$150K has been allocated for the S 11th & MLK Jr Way mixed use TOD project, to be expended in 2018 consistent with the project's construction schedule.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

COMMINGLED GLASS RECYCLING

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

Environmental Services will change their collection of glass from manual to automated by placing glass in commingled bins. This will create operational efficiencies and increase driver safety.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$107,120	SPENT TO DATE:	\$0
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A pilot study has been completed and an analysis of environmental impacts is on hold while the City evaluates the potential effects on the recycling industry in response to China's adoption of very stringent quality control standards on imported recyclables.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

The Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability will focus on removing barriers to getting healthy foods into underserved communities, including garden and fruit tree gleaning, urban agriculture, and innovative farmers market projects.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$50,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$0
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Two contracts with community groups have been finalized for a total of \$20,000. The remaining funds are anticipated to be spent this summer and autumn on outcomes of current research and community engagement.

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018

Development of an Urban Forest Management Plan will create a more functional and efficient urban forest program. It will address policy and regulation inconsistencies and develop strategies to more effectively manage and improve Tacoma's urban forest.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$200,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$0
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In the 1st quarter of 2018, the RFP for the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) was reviewed by Purchasing and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission prior to opening it up for competitive solicitation. This UFMP will be advertised in the 3rd quarter of 2018.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (TFD)

Fire Cadet Program

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018

TFD will continue participation in a Police & Fire Youth Academy with Tacoma Police Department, in cooperation with the Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound. The program seeks to influence local school-aged children to potentially consider a future career in public safety.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$150,012	SPENT TO DATE:	\$1,240
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Recruitment has begun for the Fire Cadet Academy that is scheduled to begin in September 2018. Curriculum is developed and uniforms and books are being ordered.

FD CARES Enhancements

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

TFD will be reorganizing FD CARES, hiring two staff and continue funding with consultants in a reduced role.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$598,695	SPENT TO DATE:	\$398,383
BUDGETED FTE:	2	HIRED FTE:	2

During second quarter, FD CARES worked with over 1,000 cases to decrease their reliance on emergency resources and connect them to appropriate community healthcare and lifestyle support.

Aid Vehicle Implementation

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018

TFD will staff an aid vehicle to improve the efficiency of EMS response and preserve emergency fire resources. The unit is expected to enter service the end of September 2017.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED FTE:	4	HIRED FTE:	4
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Aid Vehicle Implementation has been postponed as the department shifts focus to resourcing in the Tideflats.

FTE Additions To Squad 13 & Squad 15

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2017

Four new positions will be added to Squad 13 to make it a full-time unit. Four positions will also be added to Squad 15 to restore it to a three-person engine company by the end of September 2017.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED FTE:	8	HIRED FTE:	8
Engine 15 and Engine 13 (Peak Time) are now in service.			

Tideflats Emergency Response & SAFER Grant

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 3rd Quarter 2018

Staff a full-time engine in the Tideflats as of October 2017 per Council Resolution 39783, and accept a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED FTE:	0	HIRED FTE:	12
Engine 5 in the Tideflats is now in service.			

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Hiring Disparity Study

DESCRIPTION:

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

Human Resources will collaborate with the Community & Economic Development Department and the Office of Equity & Human Rights to conduct a disparity study to analyze current, historical, and contract hiring practices. The study will determine whether an employer or agency engages in exclusionary practices in regards to hiring and soliciting or awarding contract opportunities to minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged businesses.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES:

\$150,000

SPENT TO DATE:

\$6,000

Status Update:

We have submitted the RFP. Hoping to select consultant in September.

Records Management (TIMS)

DESCRIPTION:

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

IT will develop and pilot the TIMS record management system for the City Attorney's Office and other General Government and TPU departments.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$1,535,640 SPENT TO DATE: \$1,321,922

The City's implementation vendor is on site. Pilot work is wrapping up. \$259,772 has been spent on internal labor.

Digital Equity

DESCRIPTION:

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

IT will establish a digital equity program including an awareness campaign and a competitive grant funding process for the City to award to community partners to improve access to the Internet, technology, and digital literacy skills for community members.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$100,000 SPENT TO DATE: \$7,200

Staff completed the Community Technology Survey and briefed City Council. IT has provided public access computers and Wi-Fi services at senior centers and the emergency response homeless shelter. Additional focus group evaluations with Tacoma Community House is underway. A digital equity intern from UW Tacoma started on 10/17/17.

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LIBRARY

Information Technology Enhancement

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

Funding for the recent upgrade of bandwidth for which we received an increase of \$158,000 for Click services and for various IT security upgrade costs that have increased.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$82,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$61,500

The Library has spent \$61,500 through the 2nd quarter of 2018 for bandwidth and IT related costs.

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MUNICIPAL COURT

Court Technology Consultant

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018
Support efforts in moving toward becoming an automated Court by hiring a Court Technology Consultant who has the expertise to make system recommendations based on the needs of the court, as well as assist in the stages from planning to implementation.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$20,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$0
We have delayed this project until 2019-2020.			

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NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Summer Jobs 253

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

Summer Jobs 253 (SJ253) is a youth employment program that offers 96-hours of paid work experience and/or the opportunity to earn high school credits towards graduation, college credits, and IT industry recognized certifications. The program partners with the local business community for meaningful work placements. Students are provided workplace etiquette training, financial literacy training, and connections to financial institutions. Transportation and supportive services are also offered.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$400,000 SPENT TO DATE: \$244,936

Through Q2 in 2018, SJ253 recruitment saw over 500 students applying for 150 positions positions. Program staff have secured over 100 employment placements, and are continuing to recruit for the remainder. The 2017 contract with the provider has expired and once a new contract has been executed and summer kicks off, spending will resume.

"Hot Spot" Site Hardening & Reclamation

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

This initiative encompasses sustainable hardening and reclamation of ongoing community hot spots, which experience high amount of homeless encampment, substance use, and graffiti activity. Positive narratives will be created once these sites become well-used outdoor recreational areas and a source of community pride.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$825,000 SPENT TO DATE: \$121,000

Cleanup and reclamation work has occurred on eight sites to date as a result of this initiative (approximately \$66,000 spent to date). The Arts program hired two Artists in Residence associated with site reclamation, landscaping, and community conversations related to this work; contracting with those individuals began in December 2017 and will run through 2018.

Shelter & Wrap-Around Services Stability

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

To increase shelter capacity, the City is partnering with local churches to use their facilities to provide shelter to homeless families. City Staff prioritize those with highest needs to ensure that they are provided with necessary care and wrap around services. Each church will commit to 180 days to stabilize 10 families (capacity is approximately 40 at each Site). This pays for church rental, bedding, cots, utilities, custodial costs, meals at the Rescue Mission, and services to help stabilize the family.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$682,512	SPENT TO DATE:	\$298,363

NCS and other City of Tacoma staff met with local Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) to discuss their capacity to provide shelter services and how they can partner with the City. Survey data on shelter capacity is still being collected from other FBOs in the area. Bethlehem Baptist Church is hosting the Sheltering Arms Overnight Family Shelter (formerly TOFS) program and Salvation Army is the operator beginning March 2018. To date, ten families have been housed through this initiative.

Homeless Outreach Team

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018

The Homeless Outreach Team will visit encampment sites and assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness to find shelter and begin the process to establish household stability.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$275,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$57,550
BUDGETED POSITIONS:	2	HIRED :	2

Two permanent staff members as of June 2018 who continue to partner with TPD to support the City's homeless initiative. Year to date the Homeless Outreach Team has responded to 1,452 homeless encampments reported in Tacoma and made 2,604 contacts with individuals experiencing homelessness.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (PDS)

Urban Design Studio

DESCRIPTION:

PDS will establish an Urban Design Studio which will allow the City to conduct neighborhood specific plans and guidelines to better communicate and facilitate appropriate quality design in neighborhoods. In addition, the funding will improve neighborhood outreach and the design review of proposed development projects.

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2019**STATUS:**

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$192,000	SPENT TO DATE:	\$60,000
BUDGETED FTE:	2	HIRED FTE:	2

Status Update:

This program was budgeted to start in 2018; Both positions have been filled and work has began for the program.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Foss Waterway Capital Projects

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018
 Foss Waterway projects planned in 2017-2018 include repairing the Site 12 Seawall and removing the Municipal Dock timber elements. Both projects will temporarily address structurally unsafe areas until additional future improvements can be made.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$2,350,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$158,994
 FWDA projects are currently in the design phase. Construction is scheduled for Fall 2019 pending permit approval.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018
 Safe Routes to School improvements will enhance walking and biking infrastructure throughout Tacoma with a focus on reducing the number of school-age children involved in pedestrian and bicycle collisions. The project will implement strategies outlined in the Safe Routes to School Implementation Plan.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$500,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$4,034
 In Fall 2017, the Safe Routes to School Implementation Plan was developed and included a priority list for school improvements. Stanley and Blix improvements are currently in design. Construction is anticipated in summer 2019 when school is not in session.

Speed Zone Beacons for Schools

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 1st Quarter 2018
 This project will fund the purchase and installation of school zone flashing beacons at ten elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$1,370,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$960,273
 Project is complete. All 38 locations have been installed.

Streetlight Replacements

DESCRIPTION:

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

The Public Works Department and Tacoma Public Utilities will work together to replace and upgrade more than 75% of the City's streetlight network to LED technology. Remaining fixtures will be replaced in future years. The cost of the conversion is funded through streetlight energy savings and ongoing maintenance savings.

STATUS:



The contractor is currently in the process of replacing streetlights. At the end of the second quarter, 15,874 fixtures have been replaced.

South Tacoma Business District

DESCRIPTION:

COMPLETION DATE: TBD

This initiative will focus on catalytic streetscape improvements in the South Tacoma Business District area. Project(s) should have an impact beyond normal, scheduled street repair and should be replicable in other neighborhood business districts.

STATUS:



BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$1,700,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$20,636

Public Works and Community & Economic Development staff have been working with members from the South Tacoma Auto & Retail Stores and the South Tacoma Business District on a Local Improvement District that would apply the City's contribution toward a much larger multimillion dollar capital main street project with enhanced landscaping and maintenance, entryway treatments, and streetlight banners. In mid-2017, members from the South Tacoma Auto & Retail Stores asked to put the project on hold. However, the Public Works Department will continue pursuing grants and other funding opportunities to support improvements in this area.

**Total project budget is \$2.2 M. The additional \$500K is being held in reserve for 2019-2020.*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD)

Nineteen New Police Positions

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018
 In response to community demand, TPD will hire fifteen new commissioned and four non-commissioned public safety positions to help ensure Tacoma is a safe and secure environment to live, work, and play. Major initiatives within these new commissioned positions include: a Violence Reduction Team comprised of one Sergeant and six Officers; two Property Crimes Detectives; and two additional Police Patrol Officers as Primary Call Responders.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED POSITIONS: 19 **HIRED POSITIONS:** 8
 During 2nd quarter 2018, the Tacoma Police Department filled 7 commissioned officer positions . During this same time period, 5 commissioned officers retired, 1 officer resigned and 1 officer was terminated. In addition, the Department hired 1 Community Relations Specialist, promoted a Latent Print Examiner to Forensics Services Supervisor and terminated 1 Animal Control officer.

Police Body Camera Working Group Trial

DESCRIPTION: **COMPLETION DATE:** 4th Quarter 2018
 A working group has been established to identifying best practices, model policies and procedures, training curriculums, legal considerations, test, and evaluating technological options. The Working Group will provide the Chief of Police with their recommendations at the conclusion of the State Body Worn Camera Task Force cycle of 18 months.

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$50,000 **SPENT TO DATE:** \$9,626
 Testing of 5 different camera platforms is ongoing. Once a camera platform has been selected, video storage options will be reviewed. In addition, technical and financial impacts will be researched along with CJIS requirements. The working group continues to focus on best practices, IT issues, policy issues and procurement.

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TACOMA VENUES & EVENTS (TVE)

Tacoma Dome Capital Improvements

DESCRIPTION:

For the first time in decades the City will issue bonds to perform much needed updates to the Tacoma Dome. These updates include replacing the upper and lower bowl seating, updating dressing rooms & production space, improving the fire alarm & security systems, improving the loading docks, and HVAC renovations.

COMPLETION DATE: 4th Quarter 2018

STATUS:

Planning →	In Progress →	Deployment →	Finished
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BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$27,300,000 SPENT TO DATE: \$4,041,035

The Tacoma Dome renovation project recently concluded the design phase. Construction documents and permitting sets are being created to allow general contractors to begin the first phase of construction. The Tacoma Dome will close in June 2018 to allow construction with substantial completion by October 2018.