RESOLUTION NO. 38945

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE, IBSEN, MELLO, AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to sustainability; establishing a Green Roads Community Policy and Program for the City's roads and other transportation facilities and infrastructure to be models of environmental, economic, and social stewardship by setting community goals of sustainable design, construction, and maintenance.

WHEREAS the City of Tacoma recognizes its responsibility to minimize impacts on human health and the environment while supporting a diverse, equitable, and vibrant community and economy, and

WHEREAS the City desires that its roads and other transportation facilities and infrastructure be models of environmental, economic, and social stewardship by setting community goals for sustainable design, construction, operation, and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 38188, encouraging life cycle thinking as a way to identify possible sustainability improvements to goods and services, and

WHEREAS the intent of these practices is to provide environmental benefits, improve citizen health and equitable access to services, and deliver life cycle cost savings, and

WHEREAS Greenroads™ is an internationally recognized, voluntary sustainability rating system for roadway design and construction, and

WHEREAS the Greenroads rating system supports the Tacoma Climate Action Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and
other related policies, and operationalizes Complete Streets Guidelines; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to develop a Green Roads Policy and Program to guide the City's planning, location, design, operation, and maintenance of roads and other transportation infrastructure in the public right-of-way, in support of City efforts to become a Green Roads community.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall appoint a Green Roads Team to assist in the development of the Green Roads Policy and Program and provide assistance and information regarding the feasibility and financial impacts of achieving Greenroads certification.

Section 3. That the Green Roads Policy and Program shall include the following goals:

A. Strive to achieve an equivalent of Greenroads certification for all new road construction and full road right-of-way reconstruction projects as financially feasible, excluding alleys;

B. Strive to certify an example of each form of road type by Greenroads. Road types include arterial, residential, alley, trail, and bridge.

C. Strive for Greenroads Gold, or equivalent rating system, certification on all new road construction and full road right-of-way reconstruction projects over $5 million.

Section 4. That the Program will be operationalized in the City's design manual, standards, and specifications.
Section 5. That the City Manager shall report annually to the City Council and Sustainable Tacoma Commission on achievements through the implementation of the Green Roads Policy and Program.

Adopted _______ JUL 08 2014 ________

Deputy Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney