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ISSUE BRIEFING

Tideflats Subarea Plan Update

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Staff will provide an update on the Tideflats Subarea Plan.

No action is requested.

BACKGROUND

Tideflats Subarea Plan



- 2017 Port passed a resolution to partner with City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Puyallup Tribe of Indians on a Subarea Plan
City of Tacoma adopted the Tideflats Interim Regulations
- 2018 Port enter into an Intergovernmental Funding Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tacoma, and Puyallup Tribe of Indians subject to approval of a Work Plan, funding up to \$500,000
- 2019 Steering Committee approved a Work Plan
- 2020 City of Tacoma contracted with BERK Consulting, Inc. to prepare a Draft Subarea Plan and programmatic EIS

FUNDING

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The total project cost is \$1.2 million, of which \$603,185 remains.

Funding commitments:

- City of Tacoma \$500,000
- Port of Tacoma \$500,000
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians \$200,000

As of August 31, 2021, a total of \$569,915 in costs has been incurred for consultant services, paid as follows:

- City of Tacoma \$248,872
- Port of Tacoma \$248,872
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians \$99,071

WORK PLAN

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The Work Plan includes 12 Anticipated Outcomes that cover such topics as: habitat protection, economic development, transportation and infrastructure, cultural resources, tribal treaty rights, health and safety, consistency with applicable laws, industrial land preservation.

These outcomes will be addressed in:

- Programmatic EIS
- Tideflats Subarea Plan
- Tacoma Development Regulations

And will need to be consistent with:

- Container Port Element
- Puyallup Land Claims Settlement
- Regional Center planning requirements

PROGRESS

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Task	Status	Schedule
Engagement and facilitation	Ongoing	
Existing Conditions Analysis	Draft complete	
Economic development analysis	Draft complete	
Climate change and resiliency	Draft complete	
Visioning and alternative futures	Draft pending	Q4 2021
City Council review process	Future task	Q1 2022
EIS technical analysis	Future task	Q1 2022
Draft subarea plan	Future task	Q3 2022
Draft and final planned action EIS	Future task	Q3 2022
City Council review process	Future task	Q4 2022
Final Subarea Plan submittals	Future task	Q2 2023

EIS ALTERNATIVES

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The project team is developing three potential future alternatives for a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- One alternative will be the 'no action', or the status quo
- The other two alternatives propose change, or 'action'

The findings and conclusions learned from playing out the alternative futures will inform the Subarea Plan

Subarea Plan tactics must be evaluated during the EIS process, but not all ideas evaluated need be included in the Subarea Plan

NEXT STEPS

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- Steering Committee meets in November and December on Draft Programmatic EIS Alternatives
- Tacoma will then begin the city's formal process of Planning Commission and City Council review (approximately 6-months)
- Consultants will reengage for the formal public scoping phase of the as Programmatic EIS Alternatives
- The Port will have the opportunity to make comments to Tacoma separate from the Steering Committee

Questions?

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