



RESOLUTION NO. U-11255

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing and requesting that the City Council set a
2 date of June 28, 2021, for the public hearing to be held by the
3 Hearing Examiner to consider the formation of Local Improvement
4 District No. 7732.

5 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light
6 Division, (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power), Transmission & Distribution Section ("T&D"),
7 New Electrical Services Group, has requested that the Public Utility Board
8 recommend that the City Council set a hearing date for the Hearing Examiner
9 of the City of Tacoma to receive testimony from property owners concerning the
10 formation of Local Improvement District ("LID") No. 7732, for the conversion of
11 existing overhead primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone, and cable
12 television lines to underground, and

13
14 WHEREAS, Advisory Survey No. 8640, has been filed by property
15 owners representing 67.01% of the estimated proposed LID assessments
16 requesting formation of the LID for the conversion of overhead primary
17 electrical distribution, telephone and cable television systems to underground
18 along:

- 19 • Cascade Avenue North from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac
20 north of North 17th Street;
- 21 • The alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th
22 Street to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
- 23 • Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of
24 North 17th Street;
- 25 • North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between
26 Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;



- North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street; and
- North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

as shown in the materials on file with the Clerk of the Board, and

WHEREAS if the formation of the LID is approved, it will allow the project to meet eligibility requirements for 30% Utility contribution towards underground conversion costs; in the amount of \$137,970, based upon costs of labor, materials, and civil work necessary for the movement and installation of Tacoma Power facilities only, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Power is asking that the Public Utility Board request that the City Council adopt a resolution to set a date of June 28, 2021, for the public hearing to be held by the Hearing Examiner of the City of Tacoma to consider the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7732, and

WHEREAS the Hearing Examiner would receive testimony from property owners concerning the construction of certain improvements identified by Local Improvement District No. 7732 and would transmit his recommendations to the Tacoma City Council for its consideration; Now, therefore,

///

///

///



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Sec. 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma is hereby requested to set a date of June 28, 2021, for the public hearing to be held by the Hearing Examiner on the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7732.

Approved as to form:

_____	_____
<i>/s/</i>	Chair
Chief Deputy City Attorney	_____
_____	Secretary
Clerk	Adopted _____



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Chad Edinger, Electrical Services Manager
MEETING DATE: May 26, 2021
DATE: May 10, 2021

STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Strategic Directives is supported by this action.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD1 – Equity & Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> SD8 – Telecom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD2 – Financial Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> SD9 – Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD3 – Rates | <input type="checkbox"/> SD10 – Government Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD4 – Stakeholder Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> SD11 – Decarbonization/Electric Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD5 – Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> SD12 – Employee Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD6 – Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> SD13 – Customer Service |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD7 – Reliability & Resiliency | <input type="checkbox"/> SD14 – Resource Planning |

SUMMARY: Request to consider a resolution to set a City of Tacoma Hearing Examiner date of June 28, 2021 relating to the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7732 for the conversion of existing overhead primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone, and cable – TV lines to underground.

BACKGROUND: Property owners representing 67.01% of the assessable frontages have signed Advisory Survey No. 8640 requesting formation of a LID. A Resolution by both the Utility Board and Tacoma City Council to set a date before the Hearing Examiner is required. The Hearing Examiner would receive testimony from property owners to consider the construction of certain improvements identified by Local Improvement District No. 7732 which would provide long-term financing for the improvements along:

- Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- The alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
- Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;
- North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street;
- North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

Following the formation hearing, the Hearing Examiner would issue a findings of fact, conclusions of law to the Tacoma City Council for its consideration.



Board Action Memorandum

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

Expenditures are budgeted within the Transmission and Distribution Additions and Replacements project budget. Authorization for the formation of this LID will allow the project to meet eligibility requirements for 30% Utility contribution towards underground conversion costs. It is estimated the 30% contribution will total \$137,970. The contribution amount is calculated based on costs of labor, materials and civil work necessary for the movement and installation of Tacoma Power facilities only. Other costs related to conversion of cable and telephone services are not eligible for a 30% contribution.

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

Does not apply.

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No

ATTACHMENTS: Utility Resolution for LID 7732
City Council Resolution for LID 7732
Advisory Survey Number 8640
LID 7732 Assessment Map

CONTACT:

John Martinson, New Service Engineering Supervisor, 253-389-8905
Chad Edinger, Electrical Services Manager
Ralph K Rodriguez, LID Administrator, Public Works, Engineering



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Chad Edinger, P.E., T & D Assistant Manager, Tacoma Power
Ralph K. Rodriguez, LID Administrator, Public Works
Joseph A Wilson, P.E., Transmission and Distribution Manager
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Setting a Hearing Date for LID 7732 – June 8, 2021
DATE: May 10, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution setting Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time of a public hearing by the Hearing Examiner for consideration of Local Improvement District (LID) 7732 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone and cable television systems to underground along:

- Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- The alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
- Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street;
- North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;
- North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street;
- North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

BACKGROUND:

This recommendation is based on: Receipt of Advisory Survey No. 8640 with support from 67.01 percent of the property owners along: Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street; the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue; Fir Street from North 15th Street to the Cul-De-Sac north of North 17th Street; North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street; North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street; North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

LID staff conducted community meetings inviting property owners abutting Cascade Avenue and Fir Street to discuss paving of the streets. Property owners attending the meetings were more interested in placing the overhead utility distribution lines underground. An LID packet was provided which was circulated within the neighborhood obtaining support from 67.01 percent of the property owners within the area specially benefitted by the proposed improvement. The formation hearing is a requirement and provides an opportunity for property owners to voice their support, or lack thereof, about the formation of the Local Improvement District. This resolution will set a hearing date before the Hearing Examiner which will continue the public notice/community engagement process for the improvement of the street.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

Setting a hearing date will allow for continued community engagement and inclusion in the Local Improvement District formation process.



Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

The Local Improvement District process provides an opportunity for property owners to have direct involvement in public improvements to define their neighborhood.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.43.140, the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 10.04.026 and LID Policy adopted by Resolution No. 37956, setting a hearing date to consider the formation of LID No. 7732 by the Hearing Examiner, who will issue a report of the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Recommendation to the City Council for their consideration

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. There are no alternatives per RCW 35.43.140, TMC 10.04.010 and Resolution No. 37956	Placing the distribution lines underground will greatly enhance the livability of the neighborhood and enhance the views.	The utility lines will continue to hinder the views of the Narrows, the Narrows Bridge and the Olympic mountain range.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Evaluation and follow up will consist of the Hearing Examiner's report of the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Recommendation to the City Council for consideration. Should the Hearing Examiner recommend, and the City Council concur; an Ordinance creating the Local Improvement District for the burying of the utility lines. Tacoma Power T & D section will design, advertise the project and follow up with a Resolution awarding the construction contract.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Tacoma Power T & D and the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, recommends the City Council approve this request to set Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time of a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to officially determine if majority support for the improvement exists.



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for setting the hearing to consider formation of the Local Improvement District.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
N/A			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

If a majority of the property owners support the Local Improvement District and the City Council adopts an Ordinance creating the Local Improvement District, funding to support project would come from:

1060-LID Projects, LID assessments, 6398645 - \$1,965,125

Tacoma Power Utility Contribution - \$137,970

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Tacoma Power contribution is budgeted within the New Services A&R capital budget.

LID assessments are budgeted at the project level upon adoption of the formation ordinance.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

There are no financial costs to the city for not setting the hearing date.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Setting a hearing date does not have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

Setting a hearing date does not change the City's FTE/personnel counts

ATTACHMENTS:

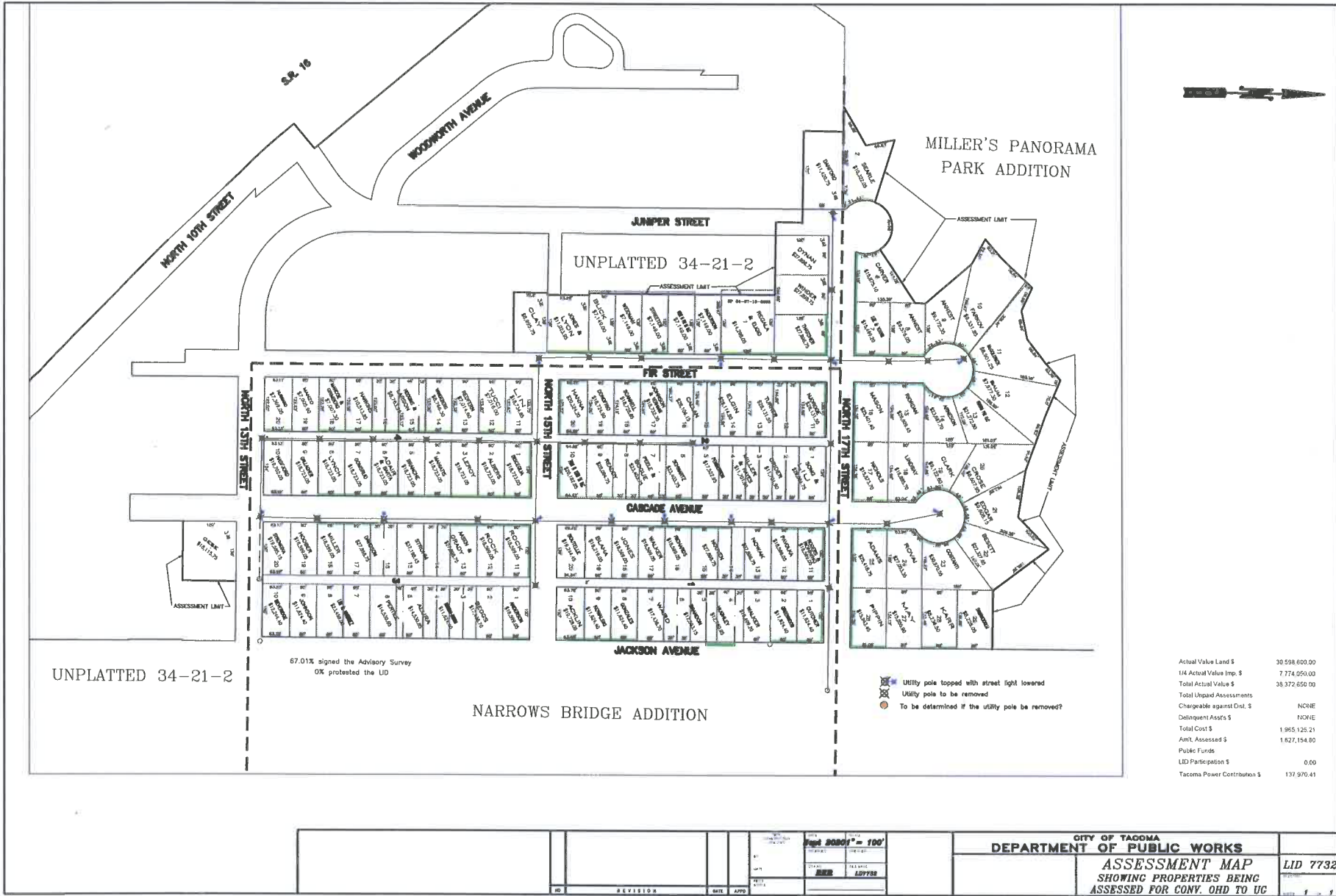
- Assessment Map
- Aerial Map



Local Improvement District 7732

Cascade Ave. from N. 13th St. to cul-de-sac north of N. 17th St.
Alley between Cascade Ave & Fir St from N 13th St to 1522 Cascade Ave.
Fir St. from N. 15th St. to cul-de-sac north of N. 17th St.

NOT TO SCALE



CITY OF TACOMA		DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		LID 7732	
ASSESSMENT MAP		SHOWING PROPERTIES BEING		ASSESSED FOR CONV. OHD TO UG	
Page 00001 of 100		DATE: 08/11/2010		TIME: 10:17:58	
24711103		011		APPD	