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### Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

Douglas G. Richardson, Chair  
Connie Ladenburg, Vice Chair  
Pam Roach, Member  
Jim McCune, Member  
Derek Young, Member

#### MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2018 – 9:30 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2018
5. **Proposal No. R2018-33, Neighborhood Safety Improvements**  
A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Identifying Street Lighting and Other Neighborhood Traffic Improvements for Funding Pursuant to a Proviso to the 2018 Pierce County Budget; and Requesting the County Engineer to Take Action to Review and Authorize the Installation of Said Improvements.  
  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Douglas G. Richardson  
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665  
Date of final Council hearing: To be determined
6. Presentation: Sewer Economic Development Program Updates  
Presenter: Karl Imlig, Planning and Public Works, (253) 798-2566
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

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## MINUTES

### ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 27, 2018

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1. **Call to Order**

The Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Richardson.

2. **Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll.

Committee Members present: Doug Richardson, Chair; Connie Ladenburg, Vice Chair; Jim McCune, Member; Councilwoman Pam Roach, Member; and Derek Young, Member were excused.

Staff present: Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst; Amy Cruver, Tammi Lewis, David Prutzman, Councilmember Assistants; Cathy Sala, Committee Clerk; and Erin Babbo, Communications Specialist. There was 1 guest present.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 13, 2018, Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee were approved as presented.

5. **Proposal No. R2018-14, Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle Routes**

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Initiating an Evaluation of the Operation of Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles on Certain County Roads; and Requesting the Planning and Public Works Department Complete Any Necessary Review Pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act.

The Clerk read the title into the record. Taylor explained Proposal No. R2018-14 and answered questions from Councilmembers.

The Chair called for public comment:

Ted Jackson discussed the handouts he provided to the Committee (copies are in the meeting file.)

Ladenburg moved to forward Proposal No. R2018-14 on to the full Council with a do pass recommendation; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

6. **Other Business:** Taylor discussed some of the items scheduled for the March 13, 2018, Economic and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Attest:

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Cathy Sala, Committee Clerk  
Approved:

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Douglas G. Richardson, Chair

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Date

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2 Requested by: Council

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9 RESOLUTION NO. R2018-33

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14 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Identifying Street Lighting and**  
15 **Other Neighborhood Traffic Improvements for Funding**  
16 **Pursuant to a Proviso to the 2018 Pierce County Budget; and**  
17 **Requesting the County Engineer to Take Action to Review and**  
18 **Authorize the Installation of Said Improvements.**

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20 **Whereas**, the 2018 Pierce County Budget appropriates up to \$50,000 of the  
21 County Road Fund for the installation of Council identified street lighting and  
22 neighborhood safety improvements in unincorporated Pierce County; and

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24 **Whereas**, the 2018 Pierce County Budget requires that said improvements be  
25 identified by Resolution of the Council and requires approval of the County Engineer;  
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28 **Whereas**, the Council desires to formally transmit a list of proposed street lighting  
29 and neighborhood traffic improvements to the County Engineer for approval and  
30 installation; **Now Therefore**,

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32 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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34 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby adopts a list of street lighting and  
35 neighborhood traffic improvements to be funded pursuant to the \$50,000 proviso to the  
36 County Road Fund contained within the 2018 Pierce County Budget as set forth in  
37 Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.



1        Section 2. The Council hereby requests that the County Engineer review and  
2 approve the improvements referenced in Section 1. and authorize the installation of said  
3 improvements as appropriate. The Council further requests that the Council be notified  
4 of any of the proposed improvements which are not approved.

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6            **ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

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8 ATTEST:

9                            **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
10                            Pierce County, Washington

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13 **Denise D. Johnson**  
14 Clerk of the Council

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13 **Douglas G. Richardson**  
14 Council Chair



**Street Lighting, Traffic Calming and Neighborhood Safety Projects**

District	Improvement
District 1	Traffic calming implementation (on-going) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicinity of 142<sup>nd</sup> St Ct E 144<sup>th</sup> St E/Crown Dr E/147<sup>th</sup> St Ct E/148<sup>th</sup> St E (Frederickson area)</li> </ul> Bankers Island Bridge – Enforcement Camera and Signage
District 2	On-going community support and discussion regarding traffic calming/traffic control/traffic safety– Browns Point/Dash Point
District 3	Street Light Installation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Near intersection of Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E and Hillside Dr E</li> <li>• Near intersection of Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E and 156<sup>th</sup> Ave E</li> </ul>
District 5	Speed Hump Installation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicinity of intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave E/150<sup>th</sup> St Ct E</li> </ul> Street Light Installation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection of Pioneer Way E/Bentley Rd E (1 light)</li> <li>• Intersection of 80<sup>th</sup> St E/50<sup>th</sup> Ave E (1 light at SW or SE quadrant)</li> <li>• Intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave E/104<sup>th</sup> St E (1 light)</li> <li>• Frontage of Central Avenue Elementary School – 104<sup>th</sup> Street East from 44<sup>th</sup> Ave E to 46<sup>th</sup> Ave E (4 lights)</li> </ul>
District 6	Street Light Installation (7 lights): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection of Sheridan Avenue South and 111th Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Sheridan Avenue South and Hume Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Sheridan Avenue South and 110th Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Sheridan Avenue South and 108th Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Ainsworth Avenue South and 101<sup>st</sup> Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Ainsworth Avenue South and 99<sup>th</sup> Street South</li> <li>• Intersection of Ainsworth Avenue South and 97<sup>th</sup> Street South</li> </ul>
District 7	Purchase of two portable speed feedback signs

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This Proposal has No or De minimis Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY**

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**DATE:** March 13, 2018  
**TO:** Douglas Richardson, Councilmember, EIDC Chair  
Connie Ladenburg, Councilmember, EIDC Vice Chair  
Hugh Taylor, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Council Staff  
**FROM:** Dennis Hanberg, Director, Planning and Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Sewer Connection Fund Program

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Pierce County Council approved Ordinance No. 2006-117s on November 21, 2006, which modified Title 13 of the Pierce County Code, "Sewer Code," to incorporate provisions for fourteen percent (14%) of the sewer rate increase to be set aside each year for the Sewer Connection Fund Program. The program was designed to assist homeowners with development and construction costs associated with providing sewers to properties with failing septic systems. The program was amended in August of 2010, to include sewer line extensions and improvements for economic development purposes.

The program was established to connect properties to the sewer collection system to alleviate and/or correct health and safety issues derived from areas of failing septic systems, and to promote economic development, the creation of new jobs, and address water bodies within the sewer service area that are listed as impaired under the US Clean Water Act Section 303(d) standards.

## **PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS**

Program funds are distributed along a value rating system acknowledging economic means, acres served, number of permanent jobs created, expansion of the system, and health and safety improvements within the service area. The Sewer Division may consider matching funds for special benefit projects other than single family connections during the review process. All projects funded through the connection fund program to date are listed below.

- 2007: ULID Special Benefit Study
- 2008: Sunset Beach ULID Study
- 2009: Lake Spanaway ULID Study
- 2010: 70th Street ULID Study
- 2011: Woodbrook Sewer Line Extension Phase 3 (\$500,000 – Complete)
- 2011: University Hills Sewer Improvement Project (\$500,000 – Complete)
- 2013-14: Shadow Glenn ULID Study
- 2014: Wookbrook Sewer Line Extension Phase 2 (\$750,000 – Complete)
- 2014: Thun Field EC Extension Project (\$834,000 – Complete)

## **PROGRAM STATUS**

The programs funding realizes approximately \$250,000 annually for connection and economic related projects. A standard appropriation is made each January and administration costs are estimated at 2.5% annually. Each year, any unspent funds rollover and accrue. Available funds for the 2018 fiscal year are \$245,000. The annual fund balance and expenditures are summarized below. The 2018 application period was posted on February 2, 2018, on the Public Works website. Sewers staff has not received any applications since the opening of the funding period.



<b>Year</b>	<b>January 1st</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>
2007	\$250,000	\$76,028	\$173,972
2008	\$250,000	\$8,275	\$415,697
2009	\$250,000	\$4,860	\$660,837
2010	\$250,000	\$11,664	\$899,173
2011	\$250,000	\$505,714	\$643,459
2012	\$250,000	\$403,194	\$490,265
2013	\$250,000	\$106,250	\$634,015
2014	\$250,000	\$12,000	\$872,015
2015	\$250,000	\$780,500	\$341,515
2016	\$250,000	\$834,000	<b>-\$242,485</b>
2017	\$250,000	\$6,250	\$1,265
2018	\$250,000	\$6,250	<b>\$245,015</b>

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Hugh Taylor, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Council Staff  
**FROM:** Dennis Hanberg, Director, Planning and Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Commercial Conservation Loan Program

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

RCW 35.67.360 authorizes Pierce County to use public moneys from the sale of sewer services to assist commercial businesses with financing pretreatment devices for conservation purposes that protect public health, improve the environment, and enhance overall sewer system efficiency. Pierce County Council approved Ordinance No. 2014-69s on November 17, 2014, which modified Title 13 of the Pierce County Code, "Sewer Code," to incorporate provisions for the conservation loan program.

The purpose of the program is to minimize financial impacts on new or relocating businesses connecting to the sewer system by providing loans for required pretreatment devices (e.g. grease interceptors, oil/water separators, etc.). Pretreatment devices remove grease and oil waste onsite resulting in a cheaper, more efficient process that reduces the amount of grease and oil being treated at the plant, thus lowering operating costs.

The program offers a ten-year loan at four percent (4%) interest secured by a lien against the title of the property. Loans will fund up to 90 percent of pretreatment device costs not to exceed a maximum loan amount of \$50,000.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Public outreach for the commercial loan program has included a dedicated Pierce County website, sewer billing inserts mailed to all commercial sewer customers, and stakeholder communication with Sewer Division maintenance and code enforcement staff, sewer engineers and inspectors at the permit center, the Master Builders Association (MBA), and registered sewer contractors.

The program is modeled after the City of Tacoma's program, which has only received one loan in 18 years. Communication with Tacoma and commercial property and business owners has indicated that the program encompasses limitations because commercial property owners are not willing to lien their property for a tenant.

### **PROGRAM STATUS**

Pierce County has received a small amount of inquiries and no applications to date. However, Sewers staff continues to explore alternate methods to reduce financial barriers for business owners and help promote economic development. Recently, staff revised the pretreatment regulations to reduce the device installation requirements for new and relocating business owners. The revised requirements are advantageous for small businesses with minimal waste impacts from operations.

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**FROM:** Dennis Hanberg, Director, Planning and Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Residential Side Sewer Repair Conservation Loan Program

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

RCW 35.67.360 authorizes Pierce County to use public moneys from the sale of sewer services to assist property owners in financing private side sewer repairs for conservation purposes that protect public health, improve the environment, and enhance overall sewer system efficiency. Pierce County Council approved Ordinance No. 2016-63s2 on November 10, 2016, which modified Title 13 of the Pierce County Code, "Sewer Code," to incorporate provisions for the conservation loan program.

The purpose of the program is to reduce inflow of storm water and infiltration of groundwater as well as exfiltration of wastewater into the environment. This results in less wastewater flows, increased capacity and system efficiency, preservation of fresh water sources, and reduced operating costs. The program offers a financing option to help property owners manage these expensive side sewer repairs not typically budgeted by a household. The program does not fund new connections or connections for failed septic systems.

Initial funding for the program is \$112,500 to include a potential of 10 loans a year plus administration for properties within Pierce County Service Area utilizing the program. It offers a ten-year loan at 3.58% interest secured by a deed against the title of the property. Loans will fund up to 90 percent of the eligible costs of the side sewer repair not to exceed a maximum loan amount of \$10,000. The allocation of funding for the loan program is approved by the County Council each year. The total value of all loans granted in any year shall not exceed the appropriation amount set forth in the Pierce County Budget for that year.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Sewer Division has made public outreach for the program a priority. Public outreach began in May 2017, and has included a dedicated Pierce County website, sewer billing inserts mailed to all residential sewer customers, a PC TV interview, a press release, and stakeholder communication with sewer maintenance and code enforcement staff, sewer engineers and inspectors at the permit center, the CDC Board, and registered sewer contractors.

### **PROGRAM STATUS**

The program was implemented on July 1, 2017, but encountered delays with the loan administration process that was developed. Staff had to rework the loan processing procedures utilizing Pierce County Community Development Corporation (CDC). CDC provides a custom loan servicing software designed to manage and audit private property loan accounts. The County entered into contract with CDC on in late January 2018. The loan agreement documents also needed to be revised due to this change.

The Division has received a total of 16 inquiries about the loan program since the July 1, 2017, implementation date. Most inquiries have been from homeowners experiencing septic problems and seeking funding to connect. Only one homeowner has qualified and applied for the program. We are now processing that application.