

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a contract with EcoNorthwest for the Local Transportation Infrastructure Fee project in the amount of \$154,380. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is the steward of the City's transportation system and a community partner in shaping a livable city. We plan, build, manage, maintain and advocate for an effective and safe transportation system that provides access and mobility to all citizens and other stakeholders.

The City depends on new development to pay-its-way for street infrastructure improvements. However, it is not uncommon for some or all of these requirements to be dismissed for single-family "infill" homes built on dirt and gravel or substandard residential streets. In most situations the requirements are removed because, by virtue of the existing street being all or mostly under-improved, the new development would have no local infrastructure to connect to without extensive building off-site improvements.

Adopting a Local Transportation Infrastructure Fee (LTIF) to fund infrastructure improvements in conjunction with infill development is clearly needed.

The goal of this project is to recommend a LTIF that can be adopted into Title 17 of the City Code to assess development projects on unimproved streets for transportation infrastructure improvements. The project deliverables will address the following objectives:

1. Establish the basis for the LTIF in the context of *Nolan, Dolan, Koontz* and other court rulings.
2. Establish a defensible methodology for determining the fee amount.
3. Establish criteria to prioritize where—and for what—fee generated revenue may be used.
4. Establish the economic benefit of infill development and factor findings into the methodologies for establishing the fee and prioritizing street improvements.
5. Establish compatibility with other street, sidewalk, frontage, stormwater development requirements including those contained in Title 17 and those imposed by other City bureaus.
6. Establish code language and policies and practices as necessary to implement a development fee program.
7. Establish a well-educated stakeholder group and a public process that supports informed decision making.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

\$154,308 for the contract budgeted in 9TR000002035.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The process to adopt a LTIF will understand and address multiple stakeholder interests. The City, as primary custodian of the right-of-way, is an advocate of complete streets and needs revenue to address system deficiencies; neighborhood residents want safe sidewalks and paved streets; and developers want reasonable costs for permitting and street improvements. The interests of all three groups will be represented in the project's stakeholder groups. Finding agreement between these groups is an important part of this project.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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