

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
May 21, 2026



CONVENE: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Angela Jefferson and Councilmembers Eileen Swarthout and Brandon Weedon

Excused: Councilmember Kelly Von Holtz

Staff: Community Engagement Specialist Marnie McGrath, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Engineer Bill Lindauer, Administrative Assistant Kelly Quiroz, Engineer Ryan Blaser, Water Resources Specialist Carrie Gillum and Program Manager Patrick Soderberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-009, SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Deputy Director Cook presented Resolution No. R2026-009, the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Pursuant to RCW 35.77.010 the City must hold a public hearing and adopt a Six-Year TIP annually by June 30 to outline projected infrastructure. The TIP is a foundational document for planning how the city will use future grant funds that become available for regionally significant projects.

Deputy Director Cook presented a list of capacity projects. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Swarthout moved to place Resolution No. R2026-009 – Six Year Transportation Improvement Program on the June 2, 2026, City Council meeting for a public hearing and

consideration with a recommendation to adopt. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**2026 DROUGHT
BRIEFING:**

Specialist Gillum presented the 2026 drought briefing, noting the Department of Ecology’s statewide drought declaration. Councilmember Jefferson suggested sharing this information more broadly with the community, which Specialist Gillum confirmed is available on the City website. Manager Soderberg added that the Department is conducting outreach through Stream Team and noted ongoing discussions regarding future potential planting limitations in residential codes, though he is not directly involved. After more discussion, Councilmember Jefferson directed this agenda item to come to a future work session.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

No additional items.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Chair Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Prepared by Kelly Quiroz, Administrative Assistant