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CITY OF TACOMA ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RENOVATE THE TACOMA DOME

City of Tacoma Commits \$21.3 Million in Improvements to Modernize Washington State's Largest Indoor Venue

Mayor Marilyn Strickland and the Tacoma City Council recently approved \$21.3 million to renovate the iconic Tacoma Dome in the 2017-18 Biennial Budget presented by City Manager T.C. Broadnax. The City-owned facility will be revitalized with new seating, exterior beautification, renovated restrooms, modernization of backstage areas, and upgrades to loading docks and security systems.

"The Tacoma Dome is an icon, a 'must-play' venue hosting world-class events for more than 33 years," stated City of Tacoma Director of Tacoma Venues & Events Kim Bedier. "We are looking forward to this exciting transformation and setting the stage for the Dome's continuing legacy as the premier arena for live entertainment in this region."

"Investing in the infrastructure and long-term future of the Tacoma Dome is vital to the continued growth of arts and tourism in the region," said Strickland. "The sustained economic vitality of the Dome will continue to advance Tacoma's reputation as a destination."

"The City of Tacoma is committed to excellence and high standards in service," said City Manager T.C. Broadnax. "The revitalization of this legendary venue will not only impact the skyline but also boost community pride."

Renovations will begin in summer of 2017. New seating will be installed during summer of 2018 with all renovations completed by fall of 2018.

State of the art telescopic seating will be installed, eliminating the portable seating from parking lots and providing a more comfortable experience for fans while improving operational efficiency and safety. Upgraded and additional restrooms will further elevate the guest experience. Modified loading docks, offices and dressing rooms will redefine the experience for promoters, event producers and artists. Exterior renovations include new siding, paint, and signage. Fire alarm and security advancements will further augment safety measures put in place earlier in 2016.

Since opening in 1983 with David Bowie, the Tacoma Dome has hosted the world's top touring artists including Drake, AC/DC, Taylor Swift, Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, U2, George Strait, Paul McCartney, Kenny Chesney, Justin Timberlake, Maroon 5 and countless more. Renowned for its unique wooden roof and excellent acoustics, the Tacoma Dome is the largest indoor arena in Washington. Along with touring shows, the Tacoma Dome hosts 125 events annually, including community events like state high school football championships and 27 graduations each year. The facility welcomes more than 500,000 guests annually and is consistently ranked by music industry publications amongst the top venues in the country based on gross ticket sales. Events already confirmed for 2017 include Eric Church, Bruno Mars, Roger

Waters, Tim McGraw + Faith Hill, Blake Shelton, and Chris Botti. The improved efficiency and modernization of the facility are expected to increase the number and variety of events, guest satisfaction, and overall attendance.

About Tacoma Venues & Events (formerly Public Assembly Facilities): The City of Tacoma enhances quality of life for the community and drives economic vitality through its premier venues and diverse entertainment opportunities. Tacoma Venues & Events manages these renowned venues which include the Tacoma Dome, one of the world's largest wood domed structures with flexible seating configurations ranging from 5,000-23,000; the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, artful and modern with its trademark glass walls and 119,000 square feet of event space; Cheney Stadium, home of the Tacoma Rainiers; and the Broadway Center's historic Pantages and Rialto Theaters, and Theatre on the Square. The department collaborates with Travel Tacoma and Tacoma South Sound Sports to generate events for the region.

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