



## RESOLUTION NO. 39070

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Tacoma Rail Mountain Division; authorizing the City  
2 of Tacoma, Public Works Department, Tacoma Rail Mountain  
3 Division ("TRMW"), to enter into an Amendment of the five-year lease  
4 agreement with Western Washington Railroad, LLC, to add 15 miles of  
5 railroad right-of-way, between Maytown and Yelm in Thurston County,  
6 until the termination of the lease on January 17, 2019.

7 WHEREAS, since 1995, the City of Tacoma, Public Works Department,  
8 Tacoma Rail Mountain Division ("TRMW"), has operated and maintained the rail  
9 line that runs between the City and the Port of Chehalis, and

10 WHEREAS, on January 7, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution  
11 No. 38816, authorizing TRMW to enter into a five-year lease agreement with  
12 Western Washington Railroad, LLC ("WWR") for the operation and maintenance of  
13 an approximately 20-mile section of the rail line running from Maytown, in Thurston  
14 County, to south of Chehalis, in Lewis County, and

15 WHEREAS, since entering into this lease TRMW has been satisfied with  
16 WWR's maintenance and operational practices, and believes it is in the best  
17 interest of the City to amend the lease to add an additional 15 miles of railroad  
18 right-of-way to further reduce costs by divesting TRMW's operating and  
19 maintenance responsibilities, and

20 WHEREAS the proposed lease amendment will allow WWR to perform  
21 freight transportation services, railcar storage and other ancillary uses on the  
22 additional 15 miles of right-of-way, and

23 WHEREAS, as consideration for the lease amendment, WWR will continue  
24 to pay \$50,000 annually as required by the original lease and WWR will take over  
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1 maintenance responsibilities for the additional 15 miles of right-of-way and track;

2 Now, Therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

4 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an  
5 amendment of the five-year lease agreement with Western Washington Railroad,  
6 LLC, to add 15 miles of railroad right-of-way, between Maytown and Yelm in  
7 Thurston County, until the termination of the lease on January 17, 2019, said  
8 document to be substantially in the form of the proposed amendment on file in the  
9 office of the City Clerk.  
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12 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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15 Mayor

16 Attest:  
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18 City Clerk

19 Approved as to form:  
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21 Chief Deputy City Attorney  
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