



## RESOLUTION NO. 39860

1 A RESOLUTION relating to transportation, authorizing the execution of the First  
2 Amendment to the Tacoma Link Expansion Memorandum of Agreement  
3 with Sound Transit, modifying the funding obligations of the City and Sound  
4 Transit for the Tacoma Link Expansion project.

5 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Central Puget Sound region's voters approved the  
6 Sound Transit 2 Plan ("ST2"), with substantial extensions of Link light rail throughout  
7 the region, including funding for a partnership to expand Tacoma Link Light Rail  
8 through construction of the Tacoma Link Expansion Project ("TLE Project"), and

9 WHEREAS the TLE Project will provide for a 2.4 mile expansion of the  
10 existing 1.6 mile Tacoma Link that will continue service from the Theater District  
11 Station to the North Downtown, Stadium, and Hilltop Districts with six new stations  
12 and one relocated station, along with an expanded maintenance facility, and

13 WHEREAS the TLE Project is a partnership between Sound Transit, the  
14 City, and the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of the improving  
15 mobility and access to the regional transit system for Tacoma residents,  
16 employees, and visitors by connecting the existing Tacoma Link system with  
17 additional major activity centers and destinations within the City, and

18 WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, pursuant to Resolution No. 39682, the  
19 City Council authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement ("Funding  
20 Agreement") establishing the funding commitments from Sound Transit and the  
21 City for the TLE Project, and

22 WHEREAS, at the time the Funding Agreement was executed, the  
23 estimated cost of the TLE Project was \$175 million and the City's base funding  
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obligation for the TLE Project was \$43.3 million, to be adjusted by 4/9 of any  
1 increase or decrease in the TLE Project cost, and

2 WHEREAS, at baselining of the TLE Project, Sound Transit established a  
3 project budget of \$217,346,000, and  
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5 WHEREAS the Funding Agreement provides that, in the event the TLE  
6 Project cost determined at 60 percent design exceeds \$185 million, the City and  
7 Sound Transit would meet and discuss decreasing the scope or lowering the cost  
8 of, or increasing funding for, the TLE Project, and  
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10 WHEREAS the City and Sound Transit have decreased the scope and  
11 lowered the estimated cost of the TLE Project, however, the estimated cost  
12 remains above \$185 million, and

13 WHEREAS Sound Transit has agreed, as set forth in the proposed First  
14 Amendment to the Funding Agreement, to increase Sound Transit's funding  
15 obligation for the TLE Project; provided that, the City agrees that its share of the  
16 Project cost will be fixed at \$47,744,444, which share cannot be increased, but can  
17 be decreased in the event that TLE Project costs are less than \$185 million, and  
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19 WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public  
20 that the First Amendment to the Funding Agreement be approved; Now Therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**  
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23 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the  
24 First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Sound Transit, relating to  
25 the Joint City and Sound Transit Tacoma Link Expansion project for light rail,  
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1 amending and establishing the funding obligations of the City and Sound Transit  
2 for the Tacoma Link Expansion project, said document to be substantially in the  
3 form of the amendment on file in the office of the City Clerk.  
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5 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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8 Mayor

9 Attest:  
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11 City Clerk

12 Approved as to form:  
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14 Chief Deputy City Attorney  
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