



RESOLUTION NO. 38788

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE AND
2 MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION relating to public transit, acknowledging the support and need for
4 coordinating efforts to successfully implement the Growing Transit
5 Communities Strategy, and to authorize execution of the Growing Transit
6 Communities Compact.

7 WHEREAS the Growing Transit Communities Partnership (“Partnership”), a
8 broad coalition of stakeholders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, came
9 together in 2010 to identify what will be needed to create the sustainable, equitable
10 communities envisioned in adopted regional plans and supported by the region’s
11 commitment of nearly \$20 billion in high-capacity transit investments, and

12 WHEREAS these plans and investments present a once-in-a-lifetime
13 opportunity to shape the region and ensure that transportation improvements
14 support sustainable development and foster vibrant, healthy neighborhoods for all,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2013, following an extensive 18-month
17 collaborative process led by the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Partnership
18 adopted the Growing Transit Communities Strategy (“Strategy”), as a tool to
19 implement VISION 2040 and local comprehensive plans adopted under the
20 state Growth Management Act and which presents consensus approaches on
21 how to develop in the region’s high-capacity and high frequency transit areas, and
22 what tools and resources we need to implement the region's adopted plans with a
23 focus on three overarching goals:
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1 (1) attract more of the region's residential and employment growth near
2 high-capacity transit, (2) provide housing choices affordable to a full range of
3 incomes near high-capacity transit, and (3) increase access to opportunity for
4 existing and future community members in transit communities, and

5 WHEREAS the goals and recommendations in the Strategy are
6 wide-ranging, developed with the recognition that some approaches may work in
7 some locations but not in others, and that each partner retains flexibility to pursue
8 the actions most appropriate to local needs and conditions, and

9 WHEREAS the region's continued success will require an ongoing,
10 dedicated partnership of a wide variety of public, private, non-profit, and
11 community stakeholders, and

12 WHEREAS the Partnership has developed a document entitled Growing
13 Transit Communities Compact ("Compact") that would require an ongoing
14 dedicated partnership of many interests, including cities, counties, transit
15 agencies, businesses and employers, housing authorities, public health agencies,
16 affordable housing providers, educational institutions, community-based
17 organizations, and development interests, and

18 WHEREAS, while the Compact is not legally binding and does not mandate
19 adoption of any particular policies or actions, it expresses the need for many and
20 diverse partners to work together over time to achieve its goals, recognizing that
21 opportunities for success cannot be achieved unless the parties work together;

22 Now Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the City Council hereby acknowledges the support and need for coordinating efforts to successfully implement the Growing Transit Communities Strategy, and authorizes execution of the Growing Transit Communities Compact, said document to be substantially in the form on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney