



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: **Dale King, Superintendent Tacoma Rail**
MEETING DATE: April 10, 2024
DATE: March 28, 2024

STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board’s Strategic Directives is supported by this action.

- GP1 – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging
- GP2 – Financial Sustainability
- GP3 – Rates
- GP4 – Stakeholder Engagement
- GP5 – Environmental Leadership
- GP6 – Innovation
- GP7 – Reliability & Resiliency
- GP8 – Telecom
- GP9 – Economic Development
- GP10 – Government Relations
- GP11 – Decarbonization/Electric Vehicles
- GP12 – Employee Relations
- GP13 – Customer Service
- GP14 – Resource Planning

SUMMARY: Tacoma Rail requests re-authorization of Grant Agreement RRB-1311 from the Washington State Department of Transportation for \$4,950,000 associated with the acquisition of two zero emission locomotives and installation of the associated on-site charging infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: Originally approved with Resolutions U-11433 and 41345 in January 2024, TPU-Rail requests reapproval of Grant Agreement RRB-1311 on account WSDOT staff updated the language in Section 14.5 Nondiscrimination, to be consistent with changes made to RCW 49.60.530 in the 2023 State Legislative Cycle. Additionally, WSDOT staff has refined the language in Section 36 related to Climate Commitment Act branding requirements. TPU-Rail staff were notified of these required changes to the Agreement after City Council approval was obtained on January 23, 2024.

Funding level and other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged. Staff believe it’s prudent to seek reauthorization based on the language in Section 2 of Resolution 41345, recognizing the document has changed from the version on file in the office of the City Clerk at the time of Council’s approval on January 23, 2024.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

N/A

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Agreement RRB-1311.

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