



## RESOLUTION NO. 40809

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Tacoma Rail  
2 Division, d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"; authorizing the execution of a Grant  
3 Agreement, and any associated term extensions, with the Washington  
4 State Department of Transportation to accept \$1,315,000 for deposit into  
5 the Tacoma Rail Fund, to install new grade crossing signalization  
6 equipment at multiple Lincoln Avenue and Port of Tacoma Road locations  
7 and authorizing City matching funds in the amount of \$185,000.

8 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Tacoma  
9 Rail Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"), was awarded a grant in the amount of  
10 \$1,315,000 from the Washington State Department of Transportation, for the  
11 purpose of the installation of active signalization equipment at three passive  
12 highway-railroad grade crossings, and

13 WHEREAS, Tacoma Public Utilities ("TPU") submitted two applications  
14 for financial assistance to install active signalization equipment at three passive  
15 highway-railroad grade crossings; the project locations are identified as Lincoln  
16 Avenue, and two grade crossings on Port of Tacoma Road, near Lincoln  
17 Avenue, and

18 WHEREAS grant funding for the Lincoln Avenue project is \$745,000, with  
19 a matching funds requirement of \$105,000, and grant funding for the two  
20 crossings on Port of Tacoma Road is \$570,000, with a matching funds  
21 requirement of \$80,000, and

22 WHEREAS the projects to install grade crossing signal systems to  
23 include flashing LED lights, is intended to alert motorists when railroad  
24 equipment is occupying the highway-railroad grade crossing, and enhance  
25 safety for motorists and Tacoma Rail switching staff, and  
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1           WHEREAS the Grant Agreement requires a City match of \$185,000,  
2 budgeted from the TPU Rail Fund, and

3           WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all  
4 matters relating to the “incurring of indebtedness . . . shall be initiated by the  
5 Board, subject to approval by the Council, and executed by the Board,” prior to  
6 acceptance of the Agreement, and  
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8           WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11262  
9 on June 30, 2021, the proposed Agreement was approved, pending  
10 confirmation from the City Council; Now, Therefore,  
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12           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13           Section 1. That the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities,  
14 Tacoma Rail Division (d.b.a. “Tacoma Rail”) is approved to accept grant funding  
15 in the amount of \$1,315,000 from the Washington State Department of  
16 Transportation for the purpose of installing new grade crossing signalization  
17 equipment at Lincoln Avenue and Port of Tacoma Road, to deposit said funding  
18 into the Tacoma Rail Fund, and authorizing City matching funds in the amount  
19 of \$185,000.  
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Section 2. That the Superintendent of Tacoma Rail, or their delegate, is authorized to execute the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the administration of the state funding accepted pursuant to Section 1, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed grant agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board  
Resolution No. U-11262