



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – WSDOT Grant Agreement RRB-1227 Marine View Drive Track Upgrades  
August 27, 2019  
**DATE:** August 1, 2019

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**SUMMARY:**

Tacoma Rail requests City Council approval to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade approximately 5,100 feet of existing railroad track.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

**BACKGROUND:**

As required by City Charter Section 4.11, RCW Chapter 39, and having been approved by the Tacoma Public Utility Board, Tacoma Rail requests Council approval to accept grant funds from the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 for railroad track upgrades along Marine View Drive.

The Grant Agreement numbered RRB-1227 - Marine View Drive Track Upgrades, requires Tacoma Rail to contribute \$475,691.00 in matching funds, and to complete the project by June 30, 2021.

**ISSUE:**

Tacoma Rail’s track infrastructure in the Tideland’s area is heavily used and in need of periodic upgrades in order to safely enable the switching of railcars destined for, or originating from, the Port of Tacoma and other industrial customers.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no practical alternatives.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

With the Grant Agreement having been approved by the Tacoma Public Utility Board at their August 14, 2019 meeting, Tacoma Rail recommends City Council authorize execution of the Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation. This project will enhance safety, and help ensure operational continuity.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4500 – Tacoma Rail (TPU)			\$1,575,691.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,575,691.00</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
WSDOT Grant RRB 1227			\$1,100,000.00
4500 – Tacoma Rail (TPU)	592302		\$475,691.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,575,691.00</b>

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
N/A			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,575,691.00**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.**

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

N/A.