



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities  
 Dale W. King, Tacoma Rail Superintendent  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Approve WSDOT Loan Award for Ballast Tamper Railway Maintenance Machine  
**DATE:** September 10, 2024

**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

Tacoma Rail requests authorization to accept an interest-free loan from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), to assist with the acquisition of one ballast tamper, a railroad maintenance machine.

**BACKGROUND:** TPU-Rail applied for and received an interest-free loan from WSDOT for a new ballast tamper. The application proposed to replace one existing ballast tamping machine, that is 35 years old and will be surplus once the new machine has been acquired.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

Directly supports the furtherance of commerce on the most fuel-efficient mode of surface transportation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Reject the project funding opportunity and cancel the project.	None associated with this alternative.	Acquisition would delay other projects without the interest-free loan funding assistance.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Timely progression of Agreement milestones is anticipated given that TPU-Rail staff has previously completed the procurement process for other maintenance equipment.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Tacoma Rail recommends that City Council authorize acceptance of the Washington State Department of Transportation interest-free loan RRB-1315.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.



Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. Fund 4500, TPU Rail	WBS-00132	Various	\$650,000.00
2.			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

ACQUISITION MATCHING FUNDS ARE BUDGETED IN TPU-RAIL'S 2023/24 AND WILL CARRY FORWARD TO THE 2025/26 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**

YES

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

YES

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

YES

TPU-RAIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING AND MAINTAINING THE BALLAST TAMPER MAINTENANCE MACHINE.

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**