

RESOLUTION NO. 41232

A RESOLUTION relating to public transportation; authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Tacoma Link Joint Operating Agreement with Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority d.b.a. Sound Transit, to revise and add certain mutually agreed terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, in April 2001, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit

Authority ("Sound Transit") accepted the terms and conditions of a Right of Use

Agreement pursuant to Ordinance No. 26749, passed January 2, 2001,

authorizing Sound Transit to construct, operate, and own the LINK passenger

rail system ("T-Line") in, upon, and along the public right-of-way of the City, and

WHEREAS, in August 2003, an Interim Operating Procedures

Memorandum of Understanding was executed to supplement said Right of Use

Agreement, with additional terms and conditions related to joint operation and

use of the T-Line, including certain terms and conditions related to power usage

for power provided by Tacoma Power, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 38342, Sound Transit and the City entered into a First Amended Right of Use Agreement in recognition of, among other items, the addition of the City-owned Commerce Street Link Station, and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2011, Sound Transit and the City

("Parties") entered into the Tacoma Link Joint Operating Agreement

("Agreement") regarding joint operations and use of and within the portion of the public right-of-way of the City in which the T-Line is authorized to operate, and



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WHEREAS the Parties now desire to amend the Agreement to revise and add certain terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the Parties, and

WHEREAS the T-Line opened in 2003 and runs 1.6 miles between the Tacoma Dome Station and downtown Tacoma with six stops, serving the University of Washington's Tacoma campus, the Washington State History Museum, the Museum of Glass, the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, and the Theater District. Construction of the 2.4-mile T-Line extension began in 2018 and is set to open in August/September 2023, and

WHEREAS the six new stations connect to popular destinations such as Old City Hall, the Stadium District, Wright Park, and major medical facilities before reaching its new Hilltop terminus at St. Joseph Station, and

WHEREAS Sound Transit will maintain the T-Line, as well as provide street sweeping along the track line and compliant tree pruning or removal to ensure safe operation of the Passenger Rail System Overhead Catenary System, and

WHEREAS Sound Transit will also continue to operate and maintain the Theater District Station, and

WHEREAS the City will operate and maintain streetlights, beacons, and traffic signals and provide snow and ice removal services on the shared drive surfaces of the right of way with the T-Line and automobiles along the T-Line Route, and

WHEREAS the sections of the Agreement revised by this resolution include: (1) City provided train signal operation and maintenance; (2) traffic



control, maintenance and services; (3) solid waste services; (4) street lighting; (5) street sweeping, snow removal and deicing; (6) tree trimming; (7) signal timing; and (8) Theater District Station maintenance, and

WHEREAS the City will provide operations and maintenance for the Sound Transit train signals, and

WHEREAS Sound Transit agrees to compensate for the operations and maintenance costs annually according to the Fixed Fee Schedule (which will be adjusted upward annually) and has budgeted approximately \$103,206, and

WHEREAS the City will reimburse Sound Transit, approximately \$31,000, annually, for the maintenance and operations expenses for the Theater District Station; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Tacoma Link Joint Operating Agreement between the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority d.b.a. Sound Transit, and the City of Tacoma, to revise and add certain mutually agreed terms and conditions,



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