



Tacoma
City of Tacoma



October 30, 2014

Ms. Therese W. McMillan, Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration - Office of Planning and Environment
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, East Building, 4th Floor, E43-470
Washington, DC, 20590

LETTER OF INTENT

Dear Ms. McMillan:

The Tacoma LINKS TO OPPORTUNITY Program is a two-part effort to improve social and economic opportunity through planning for multimodal mobility and economic development in the Tacoma Link Expansion Corridor. For this program, Sound Transit will apply the relevant terms and conditions of its Project Labor Agreement in a manner that addresses new economic opportunities for corridor residents and sub contract with the City of Tacoma, the agency with land use authority for the corridor, for the other tasks. The City will manage the balance of the Equity and Empowerment Initiative and the engineering work necessary to complete the streetscape and multi-modal planning and preliminary design.

Sound Transit understands the City's intent to work with the local technical colleges, United Way, the Urban League, and neighborhood and business groups on undertaking the community outreach necessary to identify the barriers to expanding economic opportunity in the corridor and developing the structure of the Economic Opportunity Center. Sound Transit will be fully engaged in this work.

The streetscape and multimodal planning and design work will be managed by the City in a manner that ensures that it compliments Sound Transit's LINK Extension design work. Sound Transit will coordinate with the City to ensure that both projects are cost effective and meet the needs of the community.

Thank you for your interest in this regionally significant project.

Sincerely,

Mike Harbour
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Sound Transit

T.C. Broadnax
City Manager
Tacoma