



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer
MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023
DATE: May 26, 2023

STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board’s Strategic Directives is supported by this action.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SD1 – Equity & Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> SD8 – Telecom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD2 – Financial Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> SD9 – Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD3 – Rates | <input type="checkbox"/> SD10 – Government Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD4 – Stakeholder Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD11 – Decarbonization/Electric Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD5 – Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> SD12 – Employee Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD6 – Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> SD13 – Customer Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD7 – Reliability & Resiliency | <input type="checkbox"/> SD14 – Resource Planning |

SUMMARY:

A resolution to amend the Tacoma Link Joint Operating Agreement to revise and add certain terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma. The sections of the Tacoma Link Joint Operating Agreement revised by this resolution, include:

- City Provided Train Signal Operation and Maintenance
- Traffic Control, Maintenance and Services
- Solid Waste Services
- Street Lighting
- Street Sweeping, Snow Removal and Deicing
- Tree Trimming
- Signal Timing
- Theater District Station Maintenance

The resolution authorizes the City to reimburse Sound Transit for the maintenance services performed at the Theatre District Station, approximately \$31,000 annually, budgeted from the PW Street Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma Link, now known as T-Line, was Sound Transit’s first rail line. It 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. It adds six new stations connecting 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. Tracks run in existing road lanes, with platforms located in the center roadway.



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Sound Transit will maintain the T-Line Passenger Rail System, 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 (OCS). Sound Transit will also continue to operate and maintain the Theater District Station. 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.

The City will provide operations and maintenance for the Sound Transit train signals. 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 currently budgeted approximately \$103,206. The City will reimburse Sound Transit, approximately \$31,000 annually, for the maintenance and operations expenses for the Theater District Station.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

To be included in the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Modification process.

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR?

No

ATTACHMENTS: Amendment to Joint Operating Agreement

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