



TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

3628 South 35th Street

Tacoma, Washington 98409-3192

January 29, 2016

To the Chair and Members of the Public Utility Board and  
Mayor and Members of the City Council:

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement between Tacoma Rail and the Port of Tacoma  
North Lead Rail Improvement Project contribution

**Request:**

Tacoma Rail seeks approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma relating to a mutually beneficial railroad track reconfiguration and improvement project, to include authorization for Rail to make a \$2,000,000 contribution toward completion of the Port of Tacoma project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Tacoma Rail has collaborated with the Port of Tacoma to design specific railroad track reconfiguration and improvements which will increase freight railcar capacity and provide additional operational flexibility intended to enhance efficiencies. The parties recognize that the assurance of continuing freight movement throughout Puget Sound is an issue of critical strategic importance, and have concluded that the proposed project is a wise investment for current needs and will support anticipated future growth.

Approved:

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William A. Gaines  
Director of Utilities/CEO

