



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 – Reapproval of Washington State Grant Agreement RRB-1311, Zero-Emission Locomotive Project
DATE: April 23, 2024

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

Tacoma Rail requests re-authorization of Grant Agreement RRB-1311 from the Washington State Department of Transportation for \$4,950,000 associated with the acquisition of two zero emission locomotives and installation of the associated on-site charging infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: Originally approved with Resolutions U-11433 and 41345 in January 2024, TPU-Rail requests Council reapprove Grant Agreement RRB-1311 on account WSDOT staff updated the language in Section 14.5 Nondiscrimination, to be consistent with changes made to RCW 49.60.530 in the 2023 State Legislative Cycle. Additionally, WSDOT staff refined the language in Section 36 related to Climate Commitment Act branding requirements. TPU-Rail staff were notified of these required changes to the Agreement after Council approval was obtained on January 23, 2024.

Funding level and other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged. Staff believe it’s prudent to seek reauthorization based on the language in Section 2 of Resolution 41345, recognizing the document has changed from the version on file in the office of the City Clerk at the time of Council’s approval on January 23, 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The project will improve air quality by reducing diesel exhaust emissions in the Port area as well as for residents in identified environmental health disparities areas.

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 request for reapproval.		Potential inconsistency with the document on file.
2.		



EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Timely progression of project milestones is anticipated given that there are multiple funding agreements associated with the project. TPU-Rail staff will compile and submit progress reports as required by State Climate Commitment Act funds reporting protocols.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Tacoma Rail recommends that City Council reauthorize Washington State funding Agreement RRB-1311.

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-00126		\$4,950,000
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

PROJECT IS BUDGETED IN TPU-RAIL'S 2023/24 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 LOCOMOTIVES ONCE THEY ARE RECEIVED.

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

No

ATTACHMENTS:

TPU Board Resolution U-11451