



RESOLUTION NO. 39393

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public works and intergovernmental cooperation;
2 authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the
3 Puyallup Tribe of Indians to allow for the conveyance of surplus properties
4 owned by the City of Tacoma, with an estimated value of \$248,680, to the
5 Tribe as “just compensation” for the acquisition of additional right-of-way on
6 Tribal lands for reconstruction of segments of the Puyallup Avenue Bridge.

7 WHEREAS the Puyallup Avenue Bridge is 87 years old and shows
8 significant deterioration throughout its length, and

9 WHEREAS the bridge has been divided into six different segments on paper
10 to facilitate funding and management, and

11 WHEREAS the current project will replace the two most deteriorated
12 segments of the bridge, known as segments F16A and F16B, and

13 WHEREAS a new, wider bridge will be constructed to replace the two
14 deteriorated segments, which will provide four lanes of traffic with paths on each
15 side for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and

16 WHEREAS, in order to construct the project, the City needs additional
17 right-of-way in the form of temporary construction easements, an aerial easement
18 to accommodate the increased width of the bridge, utility easements, and a
19 permanent ground easement, and

20 WHEREAS the project is within the boundaries of the Puyallup Tribe (“Tribe”)
21 Indian Reservation, and the Tribe owns the property on which the easements and
22 additional right-of-way are needed, and

23 WHEREAS within the immediate vicinity is the site of the Tribe’s Ceremonial
24 Grounds, on which many significant events and historic events have occurred, and
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1 WHEREAS the City is required to pay “just compensation” for the additional
2 necessary right-of-way, and, as compensation for the easements requested by the
3 City, the Tribe has requested a variety of properties within the area of the
4 Ceremonial Grounds, as well as other City-owned open space properties within the
5 Puyallup Reservation in the area of the Tribal Center near Portland Avenue and
6 East 30th Street, in lieu of receiving the required “just compensation” cash
7 payment, and

8 WHEREAS the proposed intergovernmental agreement sets forth the terms
9 of the exchange of property rights from the City to the Tribe for the easements, and
10 the impacts of the project on the Tribe’s areas of jurisdiction, and
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12 WHEREAS, after completing the surplus sale process, the City would
13 convey to the Tribe several vacant parcels of City-owned land in the areas of the
14 Ceremonial Grounds and the Tribal Center between East R and East T Streets and
15 East 29th and East 32nd Streets, with an estimated value of \$248,680, and
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17 WHEREAS staff has investigated realigning the bridge such that Tribal
18 easements are not required; however, this alternative would require significant
19 redesign, environmental, and permitting modifications, with an estimated cost of
20 \$10 million or more, and
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22 WHEREAS, if a new bridge is not constructed, the existing bridge is
23 expected to be closed in five to ten years due to deterioration, and

24 WHEREAS the bridge provides a much needed transportation corridor, and
25 closing the bridge would have significant negative transportation and economic
26 impacts, and



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WHEREAS the Public Works Department recommends entering into the intergovernmental agreement with the Tribe in order to acquire the easements necessary to proceed with reconstruction of the deteriorating bridge, and, if approved, the agreement would provide the permanent and temporary land requirements to move forward with this project, and

WHEREAS the conveyance of these properties was discussed with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee at its meeting of September 23, 2015, and the committee approved the conveyance for consideration by the City Council; 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 intergovernmental agreement with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to allow for the conveyance of surplus properties owned by the City of Tacoma, with an estimated value of \$248,680, to the Tribe as "just compensation" for the acquisition of additional right-of-way on Tribal lands for reconstruction of segments of the



1 Puyallup Avenue Bridge, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the
2 document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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4 Adopted _____

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Deputy City Attorney

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