



## RESOLUTION NO. 39413

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER AND WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION relating to a Special Project; authorizing the acceptance of a grant  
3 award in the amount of \$2 million from the Federal Transit Administration,  
4 which will be passed through to the City of Tacoma by Sound Transit for  
5 streetscape improvements associated with Sound Transit's Tacoma Link  
6 Expansion Project, and providing for a City grant match of \$480,000 for said  
7 project; designating the streetscape improvements Project as a special  
8 project of limited duration; and designating general salary classifications and  
9 benefits for persons employed on the project pursuant to Tacoma Municipal  
10 Code Sections 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and 1.30.300,  
11 and Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h).

12 WHEREAS the Hilltop Sub-Area Plan focuses on maximizing the benefits  
13 of Sound Transit's Tacoma Link Expansion Project, and

14 WHEREAS Plan benefits include facilitating Downtown revitalization,  
15 increased transit ridership, and new transit-orientated developments, as well as  
16 linking Hilltop residents to new opportunities and avoiding displacement, and

17 WHEREAS the Federal Transit Administration has awarded grant funding  
18 in the amount of \$2 million to Sound Transit for the purpose of funding the City's  
19 Project to advance these Plan objectives, and

20 WHEREAS the City seeks to engage the Hilltop community, both in the  
21 design and engineering of new streetscapes for streets that need rebuilding and  
22 to create new opportunities for success for local residents and businesses, and

23 WHEREAS a City match of \$480,000 is required, which will be used for  
24 outreach, design, and engineering work, and will allow the City to be positioned to  
25 secure federal transportation funding in 2018 for streetscape construction, which  
26 will align with the opening of Sound Transit's Tacoma Link Expansion Project, and



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WHEREAS Tacoma Power will provide an in-kind match in the amount of \$20,000 for project management services, and

WHEREAS project work will be completed in a manner which creates new opportunities for success for local residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS this effort will be designated a special project of limited duration, and approximately 1.5 FTE employees will be required to support the special project, and

WHEREAS the salaries and classes set forth in the Compensation Plan for regular City employees shall be applied to these special project positions, which will include streetscape design management and outreach coordination services, and

WHEREAS project employees will be reimbursed by grant funds and will receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma, including the opportunity to participate in the City's Retirement System, and

WHEREAS these positions are temporary in nature, are for project management activities and pertain only to this special project; persons employed in such positions will have no claim to further or continued employment with the City of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of TMC 1.12.155, 1.24.187, and 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h), employees who are not regular employees and are hired as special project employees are



unclassified and paid as provided for by ordinance or resolution of the City

1 Council; Now, Therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

3 Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to  
4 accept a grant agreement in the amount of \$2 million from the Federal Transit  
5 Administration, which will be passed through to the City of Tacoma by Sound  
6 Transit for streetscape improvements associated with Sound Transit's Tacoma  
7 Link Expansion Project, and to authorize a City grant match in the amount of  
8 \$480,000, for outreach, design, and engineering work, said grant to be  
9 substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.  
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11 Section 2. That the Links to Opportunity Project is hereby designated as a  
12 special project of limited duration for a period of two years, effective June 1, 2016,  
13 through June 1, 2018.  
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15 Section 3. That, in accordance with the provisions of TMC 1.12.155,  
16 1.24.187 and 1.24.980 through 1.24.986, and Tacoma City Charter Section 6.1(h),  
17 employees who have been hired or may be hired for positions expected to be of  
18 limited duration shall be designated as unclassified special project employees as of  
19 the date of hire.  
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21 Section 4. That the salaries and classifications set forth in the Compensation  
22 Plan of the City of Tacoma for permanent employees, or the closest classifications,  
23 shall be applied, contingent upon funding, to similar positions of the special project,  
24 which positions may include, but are not limited to, Senior Planner and Program  
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1 Development Specialist. The Compensation Plan is incorporated herein by  
2 reference as if fully set forth.

3 Section 5. That employees who have been hired or may be hired as  
4 special project employees shall receive benefits in accordance with and pursuant  
5 to the provisions of the Compensation Plan of the City of Tacoma, and shall  
6 participate in the City's Retirement System; provided, however, that special  
7 project employees hired to work on the identified special project shall not be  
8 eligible for longevity pay; and further, that should any current regular employee  
9 eligible for longevity pay be assigned to the special project, the employee so  
10 assigned shall continue to be eligible for longevity pay and shall become or  
11 remain a member of the City's Retirement System pursuant to any applicable  
12 provisions of TMC 1.30, and contributions shall be paid therein by the City  
13 pursuant to TMC 1.30.360.

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15 Section 6. That, inasmuch as the positions to be filled pursuant to this  
16 resolution are of a temporary nature and are unique in that they pertain only to the  
17 aforementioned special project, they are deemed unclassified, temporary  
18 positions of limited duration and persons so employed in such positions shall have  
19 no claim to further or continued employment with the City of Tacoma after  
20 cessation of such special project or after cessation of activities funded by said  
21 program, except pursuant to obtaining status as regular City of Tacoma  
22 employees under the provisions of the TMC or pursuant to further action of the  
23 City Council relating to this special project.  
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Section 7. That all acts by agents or employees of the City consistent

herewith are hereby ratified.

Section 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to direct the

appropriate City officers to proceed with the necessary actions for the completion

of this special project.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney