



RESOLUTION NO. 41407

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division,
2 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"); authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the
3 Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$3,300,000,
4 and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, for the acquisition of
5 a zero-emission, battery-electric switcher locomotive.

6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Division
7 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"), was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,300,000, from
8 the Washington State Department of Ecology, to assist with the acquisition of a
9 zero emission battery-electric switcher locomotive, and

10 WHEREAS the grant funds were awarded as a distribution from the
11 State's Volkswagen Settlement Fund after a competitive call for projects from
12 the Department of Ecology, and

13 WHEREAS this project will continue Tacoma Rail's efforts toward
14 decarbonization by eliminating the annual consumption of up to 30,000 gallons
15 of diesel fuel by replacing a genset diesel-electric locomotive with a battery-
16 electric locomotive and rendering two diesel engines manufactured between
17 2008 and 2009 inoperable, and

18 WHEREAS it is anticipated that the installation of locomotive charging
19 equipment from the initial battery-electric project will be sufficient to support this
20 additional battery-electric switcher locomotive, and

21 WHEREAS the current estimated cost for a battery-electric switcher
22 locomotive is approximately \$5,500,000 and Tacoma Rail will be required to
23 cover all associated project costs that exceed this grant award, and

24 WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all
25 matters relating to the "incurring of indebtedness . . . shall be initiated by the
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Board, subject to approval by the Council, and executed by the Board,” prior to
1 acceptance of the agreement, and

2 WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11452
3 on April 10, 2024, the Public Utility Board approved the proposed grant
4 agreement, pending authorization by the City Council; Now, Therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

7 Section 1. That the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities,
8 Beltline Division (d.b.a. “Tacoma Rail”) is authorized to accept the grant funding
9 in the amount of \$3,300,000 from the Washington State Department of Ecology,
10 to assist with the acquisition of a zero-emission battery-electric switcher
11 locomotive, and to deposit said funding into the Tacoma Rail Fund.
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute any necessary or convenient agreements needed to complete the acceptance of the grant funding with the State of Washington Department of Ecology, subject to all agreements being approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11452