



RESOLUTION NO. 38904

1 A RESOLUTION relating to community development; authorizing application to the
2 Washington State Historical Society for grant funding in the amount of
3 \$400,000, to fund the development and implementation of a Prairie Line Trail
4 Historic Interpretation Plan through the installation of interpretive features on
5 City-owned segments of the Prairie Line Trail.

6 WHEREAS the Prairie Line Trail ("Trail") is one of the City's most significant
7 historic landscapes, and

8 WHEREAS, through multiple policy actions, including the 2013 adoption of
9 the South Downtown Subarea Plan, the City Council has recognized the
10 development of the Trail as being uniquely positioned to build on the assets of
11 Downtown Tacoma, highlight its historic character, connect existing public spaces
12 and neighborhoods, and improve its economic position and vitality, and

13 WHEREAS substantial progress has been made to date on Trail
14 development: The University of Washington Tacoma ("UWT") acquired a segment
15 of Trail running through its campus, and construction is currently underway on the
16 property; and the City is on the brink of concluding the transaction with Burlington
17 Northern Santa Fe Railroad ("BNSF") that will result in the donation/conveyance of
18 the Brewery District and UWT-Campus-to-the-Waterfront segments of the Trail to
19 the City, and has secured \$2.384 million in grant funding for the design and
20 construction of the segments, and

21 WHEREAS, including Trail segments owned by the City and UWT,
22 approximately two-thirds of the planned one-mile Trail is funded through
23 construction, and
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WHEREAS future phases of the project include the design and construction of the Brewery District segment of the Trail, as well as potential future expansions and enhancements to the corridor, and

WHEREAS the Washington State Historical Society, which administers the Heritage Capital Projects Fund, is accepting grant applications through May 15, 2014, and requires a formal resolution from the City Council authorizing a grant application; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Washington State Historical Society for grant funding in the amount of \$400,000, to fund the development and implementation of a Prairie Line Trail Historic Interpretation Plan through the installation of interpretive features on City-owned segments of the Prairie Line Trail.

Section 2. That the City recognizes this Resolution will become part of the formal application to the Washington State Historical Society for grant assistance.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney