

RESOLUTION NO. 41659

A RESOLUTION relating to transit; authorizing the execution of an agreement with Sound Transit, to establish a task order process to reimburse the City for costs not covered by various fee schedules during the planning, design, and construction phase of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project.

WHEREAS the Tacoma Dome Link Extension ("TDLE") project is part of the Sound Transit 3 package, which was approved by voters in 2016, and

WHEREAS in 2018, through Resolution No. 39981, the City Council approved a Partnership Agreement with Sound Transit to facilitate collaboration and incorporate City goals and guidance early in the project planning process to ensure the integration of local issues into the process, and

WHEREAS the TDLE will add nearly ten miles of mostly elevated track between Federal Way and Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the TDLE will also add two new stations in the City, located at the Tacoma Dome and on the eastside of Portland Avenue, and will provide connections to other regional transit services like the Sounder, Tacoma Link, ST Express, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, Intercity Transit, and Amtrak, and will expand diverse transportation options to the eastside of the City, and

WHEREAS when the TDLE begins, it will offer fast and frequent travel to destinations across the region including from the Federal Way Transit Center to the Tacoma Dome Station in 20 minutes, and the Tacoma Dome Station to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in 35 minutes, and

WHEREAS the TDLE project is currently in the environmental review phase of planning, and as part of this phase, Sound Transit is developing a conceptual



design and preparing an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") that evaluates the potential impacts of the project, and

WHEREAS Sound Transit provided the draft EIS for public comment in Fall 2024, and revenue service is anticipated to begin in 2035, and

WHEREAS Sound Transit has actively engaged local stakeholders, partners, and community members regularly, quarterly to monthly, to provide feedback on the development of project alternatives for further study in the environment review phase of the project, and the Project Administration Agreement enhances the City's ability to support Sound Transit's future public outreach processes; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sound Transit, to establish a task order process to reimburse the City for costs not covered by various fee schedules during the planning, design, and construction phase of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project, as more specifically set forth in the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.



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