



## RESOLUTION NO. 40269

1 A RESOLUTION expressing general support for Pierce Transit’s first Bus Rapid  
2 Transit line serving the Tacoma Downtown Regional Center, Tacoma Dome  
3 Station, and Pacific Avenue corridor from downtown to the Spanaway area.

4 WHEREAS the Pacific Avenue corridor is currently served by Pierce Transit’s  
5 Route 1, which runs between downtown Tacoma and Spanaway via Pacific Avenue  
6 and has an estimated daily ridership of more than 3,500 passengers, and

7 WHEREAS, in 2017, Pierce Transit launched a feasibility study for a Bus  
8 Rapid Transit (“BRT”) system along Pierce Transit’s current Route 1, and

9 WHEREAS the proposed BRT system encourages transit ridership and is  
10 expected to increase opportunities for mixed-use development and greater density  
11 along the corridor, improve job/workforce balance, and encourage more active  
12 lifestyles through enhancements to infrastructure that supports first-last mile  
13 connections, and

14 WHEREAS City staff is working with Pierce Transit to assist with BRT  
15 system planning, and a Technical Advisory Committee, with representatives from  
16 Pierce County, Sound Transit, the Washington State Department of Transportation,  
17 and Puget Sound Regional Council, have met regularly to assist with the planning  
18 and technical analysis of the proposed project, and

19 WHEREAS Pierce Transit has engaged the community with a  
20 comprehensive outreach approach, including 12 open houses, online open houses,  
21 mailers, social media, a dedicated project website, a station location mapping tool,  
22 and grassroots outreach to neighborhood groups and businesses along the  
23 corridor, and  
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WHEREAS the next step for the BRT project is an environmental review process, which will include additional analysis on potential impacts along the project route, and

WHEREAS, while Pierce Transit is requesting City Council support of the proposed project and preliminary design, further flexibility and design alternatives may still be considered, and Pierce Transit pledges to work with the City, other stakeholders, and the community to provide acceptable solutions through the upcoming environmental review and design process, and

WHEREAS Pierce Transit further recognizes that Sound Transit and the City are currently evaluating potential options for the new Central Link Light Rail Station that will be located in the Tacoma Dome District, and Pierce Transit has committed to partnering with the City on a comprehensive subarea/corridor plan along Pacific Avenue that will evaluate land use, urban design, streetscape, accessibility, connectivity, environmental, and capital needs along this corridor, and

WHEREAS Pierce Transit provided updates on the proposed project to the City Council at three study sessions, in October 2017, June 2018, and February 2019, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to express its general support for the Pacific Avenue/SR 7 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor project, including the Pacific Avenue and East 26th Street alignment, with the understanding that Pierce Transit will include an additional analysis early in the next phases to ensure the project appropriately balances the shared goals of Pierce Transit, the City, and the community to improve transit access and service while promoting livability,



walkability, and transit-oriented compact development along this urban corridor;

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Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council hereby expresses its general support for Pierce Transit's first Bus Rapid Transit line serving the Tacoma Downtown Regional Center, the Tacoma Dome Station, and the Pacific Avenue corridor from downtown to the Spanaway area.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney