



RESOLUTION NO. 38837

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Sound Transit's Link Light Rail; recommending the
2 removal of alignments A3 and B2 as options; and moving the A1/B1
3 alignment into the environmental review phase of the Tacoma Link Light
4 Rail Expansion project.

4 WHEREAS, in August 2012, Sound Transit initiated a study to identify
5 preferred alternatives for expanding the Tacoma Link Light Rail, and

6 WHEREAS Sound Transit briefed the City Council on the Tacoma Link
7 Alternatives Analysis at the January 22, February 26, April 16, and April 23, 2013,
8 Study Sessions and, based on information provided during these meetings, the
9 City Council approved Resolution No. 38664 on April 30, 2013, supporting the
10 North Downtown Central Corridor (Hilltop via the Stadium District) as the preferred
11 corridor for the Tacoma Link Light Rail Expansion project, and

12 WHEREAS, subsequent to the selection of the North Downtown Central
13 corridor, Sound Transit began studying and obtaining public input on potential
14 route alignments within the North Downtown Central Corridor, and

15 WHEREAS Sound Transit conducted extensive public outreach from
16 November 2013 through January 2014 to present information and gather feedback
17 regarding specific route alignments, which included, but not limited to, two public
18 open houses; two Stakeholder Roundtable meetings; an online survey and
19 comment opportunities that garnered more than 250 public comments;
20 informational mailing to 11,000 addresses in and around the proposed corridor;
21 Listserv notifications; online and print ads in seven publications; distribution of
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100 posters to Hilltop businesses and Stadium District multi-family residences; and
1 13 community briefings, and

2 WHEREAS Sound Transit and City staff briefed the City Council on this
3 phase of the project at the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee
4 on November 13, 2013, and at the Study Sessions held on December 10, 2013,
5 and January 28, 2014, and

7 WHEREAS Sound Transit, Pierce Transit, and the City have been working
8 together to identify one or more routes for the expansion of the Tacoma Link Light
9 Rail to move forward into the environmental review phase of the project, and

11 WHEREAS Sound Transit recently completed public outreach to gauge
12 public opinion on the different potential route alignments, and the results of this
13 outreach, presented at the Study Session on January 28, 2014, indicate that the
14 route with the most community support is the A1 (Stadium Way) and B1 (MLK
15 double track) alignment, although there is also some support for the
16 A2 (Broadway) alignment, and

18 WHEREAS two routes can be analyzed during the environmental review
19 process, and

20 WHEREAS staff recommends removing alignments A3 and B2 as potential
21 routes, and either (1) moving the A1/B1 route to the environmental review phase to
22 minimize the time and expense of the process and to maximize grant opportunities,
23 or (2) moving both the A1/B1 and A2/B1 routes to the environmental review phase
24 to allow for additional analysis; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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Section 1. That the City Council hereby recommends the removal of alignments A3 and B2 as options for the Tacoma Link Light Rail Expansion project.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby recommends moving alignment A1/B1 into the environmental review phase of the Tacoma Link Light Rail Expansion project.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney