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SUBJECT: Resolution – Amendment No. 1 to the WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant for the
Sound Transit Link Expansion – August 22, 2017
DATE: August 1, 2017

SUMMARY:

A resolution approving the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement GCB2114 moving projected 2017-2019 biennial funding of \$2.5 million to appropriated funding.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The Tacoma Link Expansion (TLE) project adds 2.4 miles of light rail transportation to the existing Link light rail line. The grant leverages use of outside funding sources and in-kind services to reduce the General Fund obligation for the first 1.3 miles of the expansion.

BACKGROUND:

In 2008, voters approved Sound Transit 2 (ST2), authorizing substantial extensions of Link light rail throughout the region including the TLE project. ST2 projects require local partner funding participation.

In February 2016, the Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement GC (Grant Agreement GCB2114) approved the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Regional Mobility Grant (RMG) relating to the joint City and Sound Transit TLE project. The RMG allocated \$2.5 million in funds to be expended during the 2015-2017 biennium and an additional \$2.5 million in funding projected for the 2017-2019 biennium. The projected \$2.5 million in funds for 2017-2019 have now been appropriated by the State and the RMG can be amended to provide the additional project funding.

In March 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39682 approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Sound Transit for the Joint City and Sound Transit TLE project. The MOA established the framework for the City's funding obligation for the TLE including the \$5 million RMG as part of the City's match. Also in March 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39673 accepting the \$5 million RMG for deposit into Capital Project funds.

Amendment No. 1 to the RMG will add \$2.5 million in funds appropriated by the State for use during the 2017-2019 biennium, fulfilling a portion of the City's funding obligation for the TLE and extending the cooperative relationship between WSDOT, Sound Transit and the City.

ISSUE:

Projects funded under ST2 require a local contribution. The amended RMG fulfills a portion of the City's funding obligation for the TLE.



ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could decline to approve execution of Amendment No. 1 with WSDOT and the City would not receive the additional \$2.5 million toward the Tacoma Link Expansion – Phase 1 Theatre District to Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact