



RESOLUTION NO. 39836

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMS, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION directing the City Manager to coordinate with Pierce Transit to
4 identify additional partners for a feasibility study to analyze a potential
5 Fast Foot Ferry between Tacoma and Seattle, and to work with Pierce
6 Transit on the feasibility for high capacity transit to serve the South End
7 and downtown Tacoma; and further, directing the City Manager to work
8 with Sound Transit to expedite deliverables of both the Sound Transit 2
9 and Sound Transit 3 that are planned for Tacoma.

10 WHEREAS companies consider many factors when evaluating potential
11 locations to establish or expand their business, and a streamlined, efficient
12 transportation network is important in these analyses, and

13 WHEREAS the City currently enjoys a robust public transit system which
14 includes fixed route buses, Sounder Commuter Rail, and Link Light Rail streetcars,
15 but must prepare for future growth by proactively exploring new transit options and
16 expediting planned projects in the face of unprecedented growth and opportunity,
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18 WHEREAS these actions will position the City competitively with other
19 jurisdictions in the Puget Sound region for economic development opportunities
20 and attracting top talent to our community, and

21 WHEREAS the City Council desires to collaborate with Pierce Transit to
22 analyze a potential Fast Foot Ferry between Tacoma and Seattle which could
23 address Interstate 5 congestion and provide more options for efficient connectivity
24 to and from Tacoma; and to analyze the potential for High Capacity Transit ("HCT")
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1 service on Route 1, a 14-mile corridor connecting downtown Tacoma with areas of
2 Pierce County, south of City limits, and

3 WHEREAS the City Council further desires to expedite deliverables of both
4 the Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 that are planned for Tacoma, and identify
5 ways in which the City's planning, permitting, inter-jurisdictional cooperation, Public
6 Works Department, and Tacoma Public Utilities may find process efficiencies and
7 speed up program delivery for the following: (1) the extension of the Tacoma Link,
8 with six additional stations; (2) the Central Link, to connect SeaTac Airport, Seattle,
9 and South Lake Union to Tacoma; (3) the expansion of the south line Sounder Rail
10 service, to accommodate approximately 40 percent more passengers; and (4) the
11 Sounder Express Bus Service enhancements, to increase frequency and reliability,
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14 WHEREAS these projects will have a significant impact on the local
15 economy of South Puget Sound, the ability to attract more businesses to our City,
16 and to improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors; Now, Therefore,

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

19 Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to coordinate with
20 Pierce Transit in identifying additional partners for a feasibility study to analyze a
21 potential Fast Foot Ferry between Tacoma and Seattle; and the feasibility for High
22 Capacity Transit to serve the South End and downtown Tacoma.
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Section 2. That the City Manager is further directed to work with Sound Transit to expedite deliverables of both Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 that are planned for Tacoma.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney