



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
 Dale W. King, Tacoma Rail Superintendent
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Approve Amendment 1 to WSDOT Freight Rail Bank Loan RRB 1286 Alexander Wye & Storage Tracks Upgrade Project
DATE: March 29, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

Tacoma Rail requests authorization to execute Amendment 1 to WSDOT Rail Bank Loan numbered RRB-1286.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s Recommendation is Based On: Previously approved with Resolutions U-11333 and 41005, Amendment No. 1 extends the required project completion date from June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and revises the repayment schedule to commence in February 2024 and extend until February 2033.

This loan will provide financial assistance in upgrading approximately 770 lineal feet of railroad track around the Alexander Wye and Storage Tracks, located in the vicinity of Alexander Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in the Tacoma Tideflats area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The project to improve railroad tracks will enhance safety for Tacoma Rail staff and motorists, while mitigating potential service and motorist interruptions resulting from deteriorated railroad track.

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Reject the grant funding opportunity, and abandon the project.	None associated with this alternative.	Would delay the completion of the track upgrade project.
2. Proceed with project without benefit of Loan funding assistance.	None associated with this alternative.	Potentially delays other Capital Outlay projects which are currently planned.
3.		



EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

N/A

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Tacoma Rail recommends that City Council authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to WSDOT Loan Agreement RRB-1286 associated with the planned track upgrade project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. Fund 4500, TPU Rail	WBS-00125		\$606,000.00
2.			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

PROJECT IS BUDGETED IN TPU-RAIL'S 2023/24 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

TPU-RAIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING AND MAINTAINING THE TRACK IMPROVEMENTS AFTER INSTALLATION.

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

TPU Board Resolution U-XXXXX