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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Interlocal Agreement with Port of Tacoma – June 28, 2022  
**DATE:** June 2, 2022

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma (Port) to accept \$3,500,000 from the Port for the Emergency Viaduct Removal project on the East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct, east of Milwaukee Way. These funds will be in addition to the \$3,000,000 that the City of Tacoma has already budgeted for this project, and will become available, through reimbursement, once the project cost exceeds \$3,000,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

**This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:** The City owns the right of way comprising the East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and Viaduct and the areas under the Bridge and Viaduct, east of Milwaukee Way, which bisects the Port’s international marine cargo terminal. The City-owned Viaduct is currently unused and in disrepair, posing a threat to safety. Public Works has undertaken emergency work on the Viaduct to address imminent hazards and the City’s funding for the Viaduct work will only allow addressing the most urgent Viaduct issues. The City and the Port agree that the more extensive work on the Viaduct described in this Agreement will have mutual benefit as the Port has historically used the area beneath the Viaduct for vehicle parking as well as access to and from the Port’s international marine cargo terminal. The Port recognizes the benefit to public safety and international marine cargo terminal operations which will result from the more extensive work on the Viaduct described in this Agreement and desires to contribute to the City’s project, and to secure a permit for the Port’s continued future use of the City’s right of way beneath the Viaduct.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

City staff have engaged with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians (Puyallup Tribe), the Port of Tacoma, and the Port’s tenants (SSA) prior to and during this emergency project.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This emergency project is in direct response to concerns brought to City staff by the Puyallup Tribe. Pieces of the Viaduct were falling onto the Tribal fisheries access, creating an unsafe environment for Tribal members accessing the area. This project will provide a safety enhancement to the area.

**Livability: Equity Index Score:** Very Low Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

Removing the failing Viaduct and adding catchment over specific areas will increase the safety of the area.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Council can choose to not adopt the Interlocal Agreement with the Port.		The Port will not transfer funding.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Completion of the project and documented permissions for the Port’s tenants to utilize the City right of way will indicate success of the intent of the Interlocal Agreement.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends Council approve this Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The purpose of this legislation is to accept funding for an emergency project from the Port of Tacoma. The \$3,500,000 from the Port of Tacoma is in addition to \$3,000,000 that the City of Tacoma has already budgeted for this project.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1060-Transportation Capital	PWK-01032-FS-01	Various	\$3,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,500,000</b>

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

Reimbursements from the Port of Tacoma.

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

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

These revenues from the Port of Tacoma are for an emergency, unplanned project.

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

YES

If we do not approve accepting funding from the Port of Tacoma, the City will need to find another funding source for the remaining items under the project.

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

NO

**Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?**

NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Interlocal Agreement