



RESOLUTION NO. 40936

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Tacoma Rail Mountain Division, a division of the
2 Public Works Department; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement
3 with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, in the
4 amount of \$40,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma
5 Rail Mountain Division Fund, and further authorizing matching City funds
6 in the amount of \$21,000, to install new fencing near the Mountain
7 Division railroad tracks.

8 WHEREAS the Public Works Department has experienced ongoing issues
9 with homeless encampments on private property adjacent to the right-of-way
10 between East 64th Street and East 68th Street, with the majority of occupants
11 accessing the encampment area via the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division railroad
12 right-of-way; for the safety of area residents and railroad employees in and around
13 this area, it is prudent to install fencing to deter trespassing, and

14 WHEREAS on August 2, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation
15 Commission (“WUTC”) Grade Crossing Protective Fund (“GCPF”) announced a
16 Notice of Funds Available for Rail Safety Projects from the GCPF, and called on
17 railroads to submit projects for consideration, and

18 WHEREAS on November 10, 2021, Tacoma Rail Mountain Division filed an
19 application with the WUTC requesting \$40,000 from the GCPF to partially fund a
20 project to install 530 lineal feet of fencing along its rail line between railroad mile
21 post 5.2, East 64th Street, and mile post 5.3, East 68th Street, and

22 WHEREAS, the WUTC GCPF has awarded grant funding to Tacoma Rail
23 Mountain Division for the purpose of fence installation on the City’s railroad right-
24 of-way between East 64th Street and East 68th Street, and
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WHEREAS this grant award will deter trespassers from entering the railroad right-of-way, and hinder them from walking or driving down the tracks at this location, and

WHEREAS the total cost of the project is estimated at \$61,000, and the Grant Agreement requires a City match of \$21,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division fund, necessary to complete the installation, and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to approve the grant agreement; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division (d.b.a. "TRMD"), a division of the Public Works Department, is approved to accept grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 from Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") for the purpose of installing new fencing on the TRMD's railroad right-of-way between East 64th Street and East 68th Street, and to deposit said funding into the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund.



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Section 2. That the Director of Public Works is authorized to execute the grant agreement with WUTC for the administration of the state funding accepted pursuant to Section 1, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed grant agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney