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SUBJECT: Resolution – Amendment No. 1 to the Sound Transit Link Expansion
Pass-Through Grant Agreement – August 22, 2017
DATE: August 1, 2017

SUMMARY:

A resolution approving the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Pass-Through Grant Agreement between City of Tacoma and Sound Transit regarding Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement GCB2114 for the Tacoma Link Expansion project.

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, Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement GCB2114 (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. Grant Agreement GCB2114 included \$2.5 million in RMG funds to be expended during the 2015-2017 biennium and an additional \$2.5 million in RMG funding projected for the 2017-2019 biennium. The \$2.5 million in funds for the 2017-2019 biennium have now been appropriated by the State and the Grant Agreement GCB2114 with WSDOT and the Pass-Through Grant Agreement with Sound Transit 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 Pass-Through Grant Agreement will add \$2.5 million in RMG funds appropriated by the State for use during the 2017-2019 biennium, fulfilling a portion of the City's funding obligation for the TLE. It also extends the cooperative relationship between Sound Transit and the City.



ISSUE:

Projects funded under ST2 require a local contribution. WSDOT Grant Agreement GCB2114 and the amended Pass-Through Grant Agreement will fulfill a portion of the City's funding obligation for the TLE.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could decline to approve execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Pass-Through Grant Agreement with Sound Transit and the City would not contribute the \$2.5 million toward the TLE project.

RECOMMENDATION:

A resolution approving the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Pass-Through Grant Agreement between City of Tacoma and Sound Transit regarding Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement GCB2114 for the Tacoma Link Expansion project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.