

RESOLUTION NO. 41038

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Tideflats Subarea Plan; affirming the future
2 development alternatives to be evaluated within the Tideflats Subarea Plan
3 and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Tideflats
Steering Committee.

4 WHEREAS, in recognition of the regional significance of Port of Tacoma
5 Manufacturing-Industrial Center (“MIC”), the City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma,
6 Puyallup Tribe of Indians, City of Fife, and Pierce County have partnered to
7 develop a Tideflats Subarea Plan for adoption by the City as part of the City’s
8 Comprehensive Plan, and

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10 WHEREAS, the partner governments approved a Work Plan on February
11 10, 2019 which memorialized the roles and responsibilities of each partner, and
12 established the Tideflats Steering Committee (“Steering Committee”), comprised of
13 two elected representatives from each government, and

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15 WHEREAS, the Tideflats Subarea Plan (“Subarea Plan”) and companion
16 Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) process is intended to create a shared
17 long-term vision and more coordinated approach to development, environmental
18 review, and strategic capital investments in the Tideflats, and

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20 WHEREAS, completion of the Subarea Plan will support the ongoing
21 eligibility for and prioritization of transportation funding in the regional MIC, and

22 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, the Steering Committee approved a Public
23 Engagement Plan to identify the key notification strategies and engagement
24 methods for ensuring broad and representative community participation in the
25 development of the Subarea Plan and EIS, and to describe the decision-making
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1 process for the Subarea Plan and EIS, the role of the partner governments, and
2 methods for accountability and evaluation of the engagement process, and

3 WHEREAS a visioning phase was also implemented and lasted from
4 January 2021 through the final public meeting in May 2021, and

5 WHEREAS the purpose of this phase was to provide an opportunity to think
6 broadly about the desired future in the Tideflats Subarea and develop preliminary
7 future scenarios for further consideration and analysis, and

8 WHEREAS, the Steering Committee, on March 24, 2022, unanimously
9 recommended a range of preliminary future development alternatives for the
10 Tideflats, and

11 WHEREAS, following the Steering Committee recommendation the City
12 initiated the public scoping process, and

13 WHEREAS the expanded scoping process was conducted in accordance
14 with Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”) 197-11-410, and

15 WHEREAS the scoping comment period started on June 21, 2022, and
16 ended on August 5, 2022, and

17 WHEREAS, at the September 13, 2022, Study Session, staff presented a
18 summary of comments received during the scoping comment period and following,
19 the City Council conducted a public hearing to receive and consider public
20 comment on the proposed EIS alternatives, and

21 WHEREAS, upon finalization of the EIS future development alternatives, an
22 EIS under Revised Code of Washington 43.21C.030(2)(c) will be prepared, and
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1 WHEREAS this resolution is a procedural step that will establish a
2 reasonable range of future development alternatives to be evaluated within an EIS
3 for the Port of Tacoma MIC, and

4 WHEREAS the EIS will evaluate impacts to the following Washington State
5 Environmental Policy Act (“SEPA”) environmental elements: air quality, stormwater
6 and water quality, plants and animals, land and shoreline use/plans and policies,
7 population, employment, housing, cultural resources, transportation, public utilities,
8 and public services, and

9 WHEREAS, in addition, there will be an emphasis on health impacts to
10 communities that work within the Tideflats, Tribal communities, and communities
11 surrounding the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center, and

12 WHEREAS the proposed future development alternatives have been
13 unanimously recommended by the Steering Committee for inclusion as the basis
14 for the Subarea Plan EIS; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the City Council hereby affirms the future development alternatives to be evaluated within the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee, said document to be substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney