



RESOLUTION NO. 39045

1 A RESOLUTION approving a one-year extension of the agreements between the
2 Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railroad and the City of Tacoma, Department
3 of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"), for freight rail
4 service between South Tacoma and Nisqually; St. Clair and Quadlok; and
5 Olympia and Belmore, Washington.

6 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railroad ("BNSF")
7 selected the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a.
8 "Tacoma Rail"), as its preferred operator to assume shortline freight rail service
9 between South Tacoma and Nisqually, St. Clair and Quadlok, and Olympia and
10 Belmore, Washington, and

11 WHEREAS the rail service between St. Clair and Quadlok and Olympia and
12 Belmore were conveyed to Tacoma Rail by means of a ten-year lease, which is set
13 to expire on November 16, 2014, and

14 WHEREAS the agreements and territory expansion by Tacoma Rail were
15 authorized by Utility Board Resolution No. U-9915 and City Council Resolution
16 No. 36301, and

17 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail is seeking a one-year extension of the agreements
18 to allow additional time to consider the risks and benefits associated with another
19 long-term lease from BNSF, and

20 WHEREAS, on October 29, 2014, the Public Utility Board approved a
21 one-year extension of said agreements, subject to approval by the City Council;

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

That the Rail Superintendent is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year extension to the lease and operating agreements between the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail") and Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railroad ("BNSF"), to continue providing shortline rail services between South Tacoma and Nisqually, St. Clair and Quadlok, and Olympia and Belmore, Washington, said documents to be in a form as approved by the City Attorney.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-10732