



RESOLUTION NO. 39646

1 A RESOLUTION relating to real property; authorizing the purchase of a portion
2 of Hood Street, lying between South 21st and South 23rd Streets, from
3 BNSF Railway Company, in the amount of \$250,000, plus closing costs,
4 budgeted from Paths and Trails Fund 1140, for use in the construction of
5 the Prairie Line Trail.

6 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013, pursuant to Resolution No. 38638, the
7 City began acquiring parcels along the Prairie Line right-of-way owned by BNSF
8 Railway Company (“BNSF”), for the purpose of creating the Prairie Line Trail,
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10 WHEREAS the trail will enable a non-motorized trail link connecting Dock
11 Street and Thea Foss Waterway, the University of Washington-Tacoma
12 campus, and downtown amenities, and

13 WHEREAS the original property purchase agreed to by BNSF was
14 20 feet wide and centered on the track alignment, and

15 WHEREAS, in September 2015, the City and BNSF began discussions
16 on a potential acquisition by the City of additional BNSF remnant parcels along
17 the proposed trail between South 21st and South 23rd Streets, which are
18 located adjacent to the Hood Street portions of the trail already acquired by the
19 City, and

20 WHEREAS these remnant parcels will allow for further enhancements of
21 the Prairie Line Trail, and

22 WHEREAS the appraised value of the parcels is \$250,000, and BNSF
23 has agreed to sell said parcels to the City for the purchase price of \$250,000,
24 plus closing costs, and
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WHEREAS, on December 7, 2016, the City executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement (“PSA”) for the subject parcels, and REET Funds have been appropriated for this purchase, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the PSA, the City forwarded earnest money in the amount of \$15,000 to the Title Agent for BNSF, to be applied to the total purchase price at closing, and forwarded \$2,000 to BNSF as a required processing fee, and

WHEREAS it appears to be in the best interest of the City to acquire said parcels for construction of the Prairie Line Trail; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the request of the City of Tacoma, Public Works Department, to purchase a portion of Hood Street, lying between South 21st and South 23rd Streets, from BNSF Railway Company, in the amount of \$250,000, plus closing costs, budgeted from Paths and Trails Fund 1140, for use in the construction of the Prairie Line Trail, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to close on the purchase of the Property for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, as memorialized in that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement



1 with BNSF Railway Company dated December 7, 2016, a copy of which is on
2 file in the office of the City Clerk.

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4 Adopted _____

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Deputy City Attorney

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