



RESOLUTION NO. 39682

1 A RESOLUTION relating to transportation; authorizing the execution of a
2 Memorandum of Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) with Sound Transit,
3 relating to the Joint City and Sound Transit Tacoma Link Expansion project
4 for light rail; establishing the framework for the City’s funding obligation for
5 the Tacoma Link Expansion project.

6 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Central Puget Sound region’s voters approved
7 the Sound Transit 2 Plan (“ST2”), with substantial extensions of Link light rail
8 throughout the region, including funding for a partnership to expand Tacoma Link
9 Light Rail through construction of the Tacoma Link Expansion Project (“TLE
10 Project”), and

11 WHEREAS the TLE Project will provide for a 2.4 mile expansion of the
12 existing 1.6 mile Tacoma Link that will continue service from the Theater District
13 Station to the North Downtown, Stadium, and Hilltop Districts with six new stations
14 and one relocated station, along with an expanded maintenance facility, and

15 WHEREAS the TLE Project is a partnership between Sound Transit, the
16 City, and the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of the improving
17 mobility and access to the regional transit system for Tacoma residents,
18 employees, and visitors by connecting the existing Tacoma Link system with
19 additional major activity centers and destinations within the City, and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to substantial federal funding, ST2 requires local
21 partnership project funding for the TLE Project, and

22 WHEREAS the City has been working cooperatively with Sound Transit to
23 identify additional partner funding sources as required in the ST2 Plan, including
24 applying for and accepting a \$15 million USDOT Transportation Investment
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Generating Economic Recovery (“TIGER”) grant agreement; applying for and accepting a \$5 million State Regional Mobility Grant; and developing a Term Sheet with Sound Transit, setting forth the City’s intent to provide local partner funding, and

WHEREAS City and Sound Transit staff have completed negotiation of the proposed memorandum of agreement (“Funding Agreement”) in accordance with the principles and framework set forth in the Term Sheet, and

WHEREAS the proposed Funding Agreement memorializes the cooperative relationship between Sound Transit and the City, establishes a Policy Committee, Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee to implement project coordination, and establishes the funding commitments from Sound Transit and the City for the TLE Project, and

WHEREAS the current estimated cost of the TLE Project is \$175 million, and

WHEREAS, if the Funding Agreement is approved, the City’s base funding obligation for the TLE Project will be \$43.3 million, which amount will increase or decrease by a factor of 4/9ths of any subsequent increase or decrease in total project costs, and

WHEREAS the Funding Agreement provides that the City can satisfy its funding obligation in part through grants, currently valued at \$33 million, and in-kind services, and



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WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public

health, safety and welfare, that the Funding Agreement be approved; Now

Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) with Sound Transit, relating to the Joint City and Sound Transit Tacoma Link Expansion project for light rail, establishing the framework for the City’s funding obligation for the Tacoma Link Expansion project, said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney