



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Marilyn Strickland and Chief Policy Analyst Anita Gallagher

**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, Acting City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File

**SUBJECT:** Expedition of Transportation Projects in Tacoma

**DATE:** September 20, 2017

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**ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

**I ask for your support for directing the City Manager to prepare a Resolution addressing the following items for the earliest possible City Council business meeting.**

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

Companies consider many factors when evaluating potential locations to establish or expand their business. A streamlined, efficient transportation network is vitally important in these analyses. Highways, airports, and shipping ports are crucial for many business operations. The availability of commuter transportation options, however, is an essential decision point for many employers. Tacoma currently enjoys a robust public transit system that includes fixed route buses, Sounder Commuter Rail and Link Light Rail streetcars. We must, however, prepare for future growth, proactively explore new transit options and expedite planned projects in the face of unprecedented growth and opportunity.

This request directs the City Manager to work with Pierce Transit to identify additional partners for a feasibility study to analyze a potential Fast Foot Ferry between Tacoma and Seattle. This concept has recently been implemented by Kitsap Transit to provide a 28-minute commute by boat between Bremerton and Seattle. A similar service in Tacoma can address Interstate 5 congestion and provide more options for efficient connectivity to and from Tacoma.

Additionally, we request that the Resolution direct the City Manager to coordinate with Sound Transit to expedite deliverables of both Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 (ST3) ballot measures that are planned for Tacoma and identify ways in which Tacoma's planning, permitting, inter-jurisdictional cooperation, Public Works Department and Tacoma Public Utilities may find process efficiencies and speed up program delivery. These include extension of Tacoma Link with six additional stations, Central Link that will connect SeaTac Airport, Seattle and South Lake Union to Tacoma. It also includes expansion of the south line Sounder Rail service that will accommodate about 40% more passengers, and Sounder Express Bus Service enhancements to increase frequency and reliability. These projects will have a significant impact on the South Puget Sound's local economy, Tacoma's ability to attract more businesses (and their employees) to our city and improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

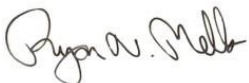
**In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Anita Gallagher at 253.591.5156 or [anita.gallagher@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:anita.gallagher@cityoftacoma.org)**

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:**

  
**Mayor**

**SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)**

*(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)*

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**POS # 8**

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**POS# 2**