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RESOLUTION NO. 40591

A RESOLUTION relating to water quality; authorizing the execution of an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, in the amount of \$1,146,385.78, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the release of easement and sale of trackage, for constructing improvements for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project.

WHEREAS the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant ("CWTP") is located on property owned by the City, with Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRC") having a 40-foot wide easement, totaling 90,429.89 square feet, along the entire southwestern side of the CWTP facility, for railroad operations, and

WHEREAS UPRC owns and operates existing railroad tracks on this easement, and

WHEREAS this agreement will provide unrestricted rights to the property by the City, and allow for the construction of a new 3,400 square foot medium voltage electrical switchgear building, as well as approximately 600 linear feet of buried, concrete-encased electrical duct bank, consistent with the proposed design for the CWTP Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project, and

WHEREAS replacement of the CWTP's internal electrical distribution system will protect the water quality of Commencement Bay and the Puget Sound by reducing the risk of wastewater treatment interruption, which could result in millions of gallons of untreated wastewater discharging into the Puyallup River, Thea Foss Waterway, and Commencement Bay, and

WHEREAS enhancing the utility of the CWTP site and facilities will benefit the community, as well as provide minor safety improvements to pedestrians and



 drivers, through removal of over 2,000 linear feet of railroad trackage; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, in the amount of \$1,146,385.78, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the release of easement and sale of trackage, for constructing improvements for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project.

Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary to complete this transaction which are consistent with the approved form of documents referenced by this Resolution, and the intent of this Resolution.



Section 3. That the City Council finds that this Resolution is necessary, routine, and consistent with Governor Inslee's emergency proclamation issued March 24, 2020, suspending portions of the Open Public Meetings Act for 30 days.

Adopted _______

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney