

RESOLUTION NO. 41781

A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a. Tacoma Rail); re-authorizing the acceptance of a Federal Railroad Administration grant previously authorized under Resolution No. 41343 due to a change in project scope, and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, changing the acquisition of two battery-electric locomotives and associated charging infrastructure to repowering two owned locomotives with Tier-4 diesel engines.

WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division

(d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail") was previously awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,095,000 from the Federal Railroad Administration's FY-2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant program, and

WHEREAS the Public Utility Board, pursuant to Resolution No. U-11431, and the Tacoma City Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 41343, previously authorized the acceptance of such grant for the purpose of replacing two existing unregulated diesel-electric locomotives with two battery-electric locomotives including the associated charging infrastructure, and

WHEREAS under the current Presidential administration, United States

Department of Transportation and Federal Railroad Administration priorities have changed, resulting in a request for Tacoma Rail to revise its original project scope, and

WHEREAS the revised project will repower two Tacoma Rail owned locomotives with Tier-4 diesel engines and will advance Tacoma Public Utilities and City objectives toward environmental leadership by reducing emissions generated by the two locomotives by approximately 90 percent following the upgrades to Tier-4 compliant diesel engines, and



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WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all matters under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Board ("Board") relating to the "incurring of indebtedness . . . shall be initiated by the Board, subject to approval by the Council, and executed by the Board," prior to acceptance of the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11559 on October 8, 2025, the Public Utility Board approved the grant and its changed purpose, pending authorization by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail") is re-authorized to accept grant funding in the amount of \$4,095,000, from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA"), and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, due to a change in project scope as requested by the FRA, changing the project scope from the acquisition of two battery-electric locomotives to repowering two Tacoma Rail owned locomotives with Tier-4 diesel engines.

Section 2. That this Resolution supersedes and replaces Resolution No. 41343.



Section 3. That the proper officers of the City of Tacoma are authorized to the City Attorney's Office. Adopted _____ Mayor Attest: City Clerk Approved as to form: **Chief Deputy City Attorney** Requested by Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11559

execute said grant agreement with the FRA for the administration of the funding accepted pursuant to Section 1, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed grant agreement on file with the City Clerk and/or as approved by