



## RESOLUTION NO. 41781

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

6 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division  
7 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail") was previously awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,095,000  
8 from the Federal Railroad Administration's FY-2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure  
9 and Safety Improvements grant program, and

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

15 WHEREAS under the current Presidential administration, United States  
16 Department of Transportation and Federal Railroad Administration priorities have  
17 changed, resulting in a request for Tacoma Rail to revise its original project scope,  
18 and

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



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  
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  
the City Attorney's Office.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board  
Resolution No. U-11559