



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2011-6-22(4)

DATE: June 22, 2011
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Michael Mirra, Executive Director
RE: Authorization to Support the Puget Sound Regional Council's "Growing Transit Communities" Regional Planning Consortium

Background

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has invited THA to participate in a consortium of Puget Sound jurisdictions, agencies and organizations. It is called the Growing Transit Communities Consortium. This resolution would authorize THA to participate and authorize me to sign the memorandum of understanding and other documents that PSRC is asking us to sign. PSRC also directed the language of the resolution.

PSRC has convened this consortium as part of its implementation of a \$5 million grant it received from HUD, DOT and EPA.. This is a planning effort to devise regional strategies for the following purposes:

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Support existing communities.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment.
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

I believe that THA should participate in this Consortium and the Growing Transit Communities Program for the following reasons:

1. to help direct Program outcomes in a way that may benefit THA's mission;
2. to help THA become more informed about competitive grants and funding opportunities;
3. the City of Tacoma has asked THA to participate.

A condition of the grant awarded to PSRC and its partners in this project is that the members of the Growing Transit Communities Consortium enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that demonstrates how partners will collaboratively achieve the outcomes identified in

the approved grant work program. HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities requires that the following areas be included in the MOU:

- Project goals
- Partner roles and responsibilities
- Decision-making protocols
- Governance structure
- Accountability
- Joinability – procedures for additional partners to join as the project is implemented
- Sub-agreements
- Benefits and expected contributions

The MOU and THA's participation in the Growing Transit Communities Program require no commitment of THA financial resources; THA would be committing staff time as a partner in this program.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2011-6-22(4) authorizing the Executive Director to: (1) execute PSRC's Growing Transit Communities Consortium MOU; and (2) authorizing the Executive Director, or his representative, to participate in the meetings and deliberations of the Consortium.



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AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE PUGEST SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ITS GROWING TRANSIT COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM

Whereas, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities has awarded the central Puget Sound region with a federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities grant to implement its six livability principles;

Whereas, the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities grant in the central Puget Sound region is the *Growing Transit Communities* program;

Whereas, the central Puget Sound region has established a strong foundation for regional collaboration and planning with the adoption of VISION 2040, Transportation 2040, and a coordinated Regional Economic Strategy, which, combined together, provide a regional sustainable development vision and policy framework;

Whereas, the purpose of the Growing Transit Communities program is to address some of the greatest barriers to implementation of the regional plans;

Whereas, it is in the interest of elected officials; public agencies; leaders of and for affordable housing, communities and neighborhoods, business, education, the environment, philanthropy, finance, real estate, and transportation to cooperatively engage in the work related to the Growing Transit Communities program for its successful completion;

Whereas, the Growing Transit Communities program will be managed by the Puget Sound Regional Council in cooperation with its partners;

Whereas. In order to facilitate collaboration and engagement among the partners of the Growing Transit Communities Program, the Puget Sound Regional Council has create a Consortium;

Whereas, a Memorandum of Understanding that describes how Consortium Partners will collaboratively achieve the Growing Transit Communities Program's goals; roles and responsibilities; decision-making; governance; accountability; and joinability has been prepared;

Whereas, the Tacoma Housing Authority has been invited by the City of Tacoma and the Puget Sound Regional Council to be a partner in the Growing Transit Communities Program

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington,

1. That the Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority is authorized to execute the Growing Transit Communities Memorandum of Understanding; and,

2. That the Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority, or his representative, is authorized to represent the Tacoma Housing Authority in meetings and deliberations he deems appropriate and in the best interests of THA.

Approved: June 22, 2011

Dr. Arthur Banks
Dr. Arthur Banks, Chairman