

**MOTION NO. M2011-51**
**Naming the Tacoma Link Station located at Commerce Street and South 11th Street**

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>
Operations and Administration Committee	06/16/11	Recommendation to Board	Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director <b>Barry Alavi, Project Manager</b>
Board	06/23/11	Cancelled	
Board	07/28/11	Final Action	

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Adopting the name of the Tacoma Link Station located at Commerce Street and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

**KEY FEATURES**

- In 2010, the City of Tacoma proposed adding a Tacoma Link station north of Convention Center Station at the intersection of Commerce Street and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. This station will be constructed and maintained by the City of Tacoma.
- In September 2010, the Sound Transit Board authorized staff to negotiate a term sheet with the City of Tacoma for the proposed new Tacoma Link station.
- This action adopts the name “Commerce Street Station” with “S. 11th” as a secondary name. The secondary part of the name is used on the web site and print material where additional location information is helpful and is not included on Tacoma Link destination signs, platform signs, or line maps.
- The name “Commerce Street Station” meets Sound Transit’s station name criteria developed to provide consistency to customers using Sound Transit facilities.
- In September 2010, the Tacoma City Council took an action to name the station “Commerce Street Station.”

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Tacoma Link is a 1.6-mile light rail line located in downtown Tacoma. The line was completed in 2003 and serves the downtown area. The line primarily serves commuters between the Tacoma Dome Station and the downtown core. It also serves major destinations with the five existing stations, Tacoma Dome Station, S. 25th Street Station, Union Station, Convention Center Station, and Theater District Station.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Not applicable to this action.

**SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Not applicable to this action.

## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE**

Not applicable to this action.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2010, the City of Tacoma proposed adding a Tacoma Link station north of Convention Center Station at the intersection of Commerce Street and South 11th Street to expand access to businesses, increase ridership, and improve mobility in downtown Tacoma. This station will be constructed and maintained by the City of Tacoma. The City's proposed station includes two 40-foot offset platforms and will accommodate one-car trains. The additional stop on the Tacoma Link system will increase headways by two to four minutes; as a result the number of daily trips will be reduced.

In September 2010, the Sound Transit Board authorized staff to negotiate a term sheet for the station. The term sheet requires that:

- 1) The City minimize impacts to Sound Transit operations and receive approval of the final plans and specifications by Sound Transit prior to construction.
- 2) The City mitigate bus and vehicular safety issues associated with this new station.
- 3) The City must comply with NEPA and SEPA as applicable.

In September 2010, the City of Tacoma took an action to name the station "Commerce Street Station." This name complies with Sound Transit's station naming criteria:

- 1) Names must reflect nature of environment: street names, landmarks, plus geographical locations.
- 2) Names will be brief and easy to read.
- 3) Names must adhere to a 30 character limit to insure compliance with ADA.
- 4) Commercial names should be avoided because they can change and prove to be confusing to the public and costly.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

Jl 6/3/2011

## **PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

Motion No. M2010-90 – Authorized Sound Transit staff to negotiate a Term Sheet with the City of Tacoma, for final approval by the Sound Transit Board, for a proposed station on the Tacoma Link route between the Convention Center Station and the Theatre District Station.

## **TIME CONSTRAINTS**

A one month delay would not impact project schedule.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Not applicable to this action

**LEGAL REVIEW**

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