

**RESOLUTION NO. 949**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE REQUESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH AREA STAKEHOLDERS ESTABLISHING THE FOUR CORNERS PLANNING AREA IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, under the originally proposed Sound Transit 3 plan, which was approved by voters, the third phase of the Sound Transit light rail plan will extend the Tacoma Link light rail to Tacoma Community College in 2035, and

WHEREAS, from the Tacoma Community College Link light rail station residents will have access to a 116-mile-long light rail service providing service to SeaTac Airport, Seattle, the University of Washington, the east King County cities of Bellevue and Redmond, and cities in Snohomish County north to the City of Everett, and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Community College Link Light Rail Station is proposed to be located in the vicinity of Pierce Transit's Tacoma Community College Transit Center at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street West and Mildred Avenue, and

WHEREAS, on each corner of the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street West and Mildred Avenue is one or more jurisdictions, agencies and stakeholders with independent interests and goals, including the City of Tacoma, the City of Fircrest, the City of University Place, Tacoma Community College, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, Tacoma Housing Authority, and Metro Parks Tacoma, and

WHEREAS, Transit-Oriented Development" (TOD) is a type of urban development that maximizes the amount of residential, business and leisure space within walking distance of public transport, and

WHEREAS, while each jurisdiction, agency and stakeholder have independent interests and goals, there should be a common goal to create a Transit-Oriented Development centered in the vicinity of the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street West and Mildred Avenue, also known as "The Four Corners", and

WHEREAS, the Four Corners has been identified as an area of concentrated growth by multiple jurisdictions. By way of illustration, it has been included within the University Place Regional Urban Growth Center, The James Center Countywide Urban Growth Center, and the City of Fircrest's Local Area of Significance, each of which provides a degree of priority for Federal Transportation Funding to support growth, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 39.34 RCW allows municipalities to enter into interlocal agreements with other local governments to carry out their responsibilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Statement of Support for Coordinated Growth. The City Council of the City of University Place believes that it is prudent to begin the process of coordinated growth between the City and the Four Corner stakeholders recognized in this Resolution to establish the Four Corners Planning Area. This process should culminate in the preparation of an interlocal agreement under chapter 39.34 RCW, memorandum of understanding or other similar instrument.


Section 2. Completion of Interlocal Agreement. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary to create this agreement. Such agreement should return to the City Council for final approval.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.


**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 3, 2021.**

  
Caroline Belleci, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Emerita J. Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney