



## Motion No. M2024-53

### Funding Agreement with City of Lakewood to design and construct non-motorized access improvements for the Lakewood Station Access Improvements project

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	08/08/2024 08/22/2024	Recommend to Board Final action	Terri Mestas, Deputy CEO, Capital Delivery Ron Lewis, Executive Director, Capital Delivery <b>Mark Johnson, Project Director, Capital Delivery</b> <b>Zac Eskenazi, HCT Development Manager, Capital Delivery</b>

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a funding agreement with the City of Lakewood to reimburse the City of Lakewood for costs incurred for the design and construction of non-motorized improvements that are part of the Lakewood Station Access Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$31,625,000, contingent upon approval of Resolution No. R2024-17.

### Key features summary

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### Background

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access improvements in November 2020. The Lakewood Station project began Phase 1 – Alternatives Analysis starting in March 2021. At the conclusion of the Agency realignment process in August 2021, the project was identified as a Tier 1 project to be completed with a target date of 2030 and affordable date 2032.

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- **Route 206 bus stops and sidewalks in Springbrook** – improves access to the Pierce Transit bus route 206 by completing sidewalks and upgrading curb ramps to meet ADA standards on Lincoln Ave. SW, McChord Dr. SW/New York Ave. SW (north side only and raised curb and gravel shoulder on the south side).
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Additionally, if funding remains after the above improvements are designed and constructed, some or all of the Priority 2 non-motorized improvements may be delivered. These are generally described below; the specific extent and details of improvements will be refined during final design:

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**Project status**

<b>Project Identification</b>	<b>Project Refinements</b>	<b>Conceptual Engineering/ Environmental Review</b>	<b>Preliminary Engineering</b>	<b>Final Design</b>	<b>Construction</b>
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Projected completion date for Final Design: 1Q 2026

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 148 of the May 2024 Agency Progress Report.

**Fiscal information**

This action is funded by the project’s baselined budget adopted in in R2024-17 and there are projected sufficient amounts in the budget to fund the remaining work. The current project budget is included in the existing Financial Plan forecast.

The baseline budget for the Lakewood Station Access Improvements project is \$68,146,000. Within the \$49,755,000 construction phase, \$31,625,000 has been allocated to the City of Lakewood – Access Improvements contract. The proposed action would commit \$31,625,000 to this line item and leave an uncommitted line item balance of \$0.

## Lakewood Station Access Improvements

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Baseline Budget	Total Commitment to Date	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$7,473	\$1,311	\$0	\$1,311	\$6,162
Preliminary Engineering	2,929	2,842	-	2,842	87
Final Design	2,477	-	-	-	2,477
Third Party	997	252	-	252	745
Right of Way	1,804	161	-	161	1,643
Construction	49,755	-	31,625	31,625	18,130
Construction Services	2,711	-	-	-	2,711
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>\$68,146</b>	<b>\$4,566</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$36,191</b>	<b>\$31,955</b>
<b>Phase Detail - Construction</b>					
City of Lakewood Access Improvements	\$31,625	\$	\$31,625	\$31,625	\$0
Other Construction	18,130	-	-	-	18,130
<b>Total Phase</b>	<b>\$49,755</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$18,130</b>

Contract Detail	Board Approvals to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total for Board Approval	Current Contract Spend Status
City of Lakewood - Access Improvements				
Contract Amount	\$	\$31,625	\$31,625	\$
Contingency	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$</b>
Percent Contingency	0%	0%	0%	0%

### Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

Board Approvals = Committed and PO Contingency Remaining as of 7/1/2024.

For detailed project information, see page 120 of the 2024 Financial Plan & Adopted Budget.

## Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

## Public involvement

Sound Transit conducted two rounds of outreach during Phase 1 to introduce the project to the public and solicit input. In April of 2021, staff held an online open house to gather ideas for improving station access. In October of 2021, staff released proposals for feedback in an online open house and held a Virtual Question and Answer Session and an information table at Lakewood Station. Staff also gave briefings to local organizations, including Springbrook Connections, Lakewood Boys and Girls Club, Lakewood Library and Clover Meadows Apartments.

Staff conducted two rounds of outreach during Phase 2, to continue to share updates with the community and solicit input as designs advanced. In late 2022, staff held an online open house with detailed information on four key proposals and staffed information tables at the Nourish Mobile Food Bank, the Lakewood Library Pop-Up, and the Springbrook Connections Holiday Giveaway. In fall of 2023, staff solicited input on how to prioritize among the Priority 2 proposals through an online open house. Staff also staffed information tables at the Lakewood Farmers Market, Springbrook Connections Community Meal, and at Lakewood Station. All online open house materials were translated into Spanish and Vietnamese. While the number of survey respondents was small, there was a preference expressed for more non-motorized improvements over surface parking. This helped inform our recommended set of improvements to carry forward.

In future phases of the project, the City of Lakewood will conduct community engagement for the improvements that they are constructing. Sound Transit will provide the City with support and will also be shown as a funding partner on materials published related to these improvements.

## Time constraints

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule.

## **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Resolution No. R2024-04: Selected the non-motorized and transit improvements to be built to improve access to the Lakewood Station as part of the Lakewood Station Access Improvements Project, amending the ST2 Plan.

Motion No. M2022-19: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with David Evans & Associates to exercise a contract option for consultant services for the South Tacoma Access Improvements Project and Lakewood Access Improvements Project in the amount of \$4,759,995 with a 10 percent contingency, for a new total authorized contact amount not to exceed \$9,389,853.

Motion No. M2020-68: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute contract modifications with David Evans & Associates Inc. for Phase 1 Alternatives Analysis for the Lakewood Station Access Improvements project and the South Tacoma Access Improvements project in an amount of \$1,448,853 with a 10 percent contingency of \$144,885 totaling \$1,593,738, for a new total authorized contact amount not to exceed \$3,312,627, contingent upon Board approval of Resolution No. R2020-19 and Resolution No. R2020-20.

Motion No. M2018-120: Authorized the chief executive office to execute a Sounder Planning and Preliminary Engineering consultant contract with David Evans & Associates to provide planning and engineering consultant services for the Sounder South Capacity Expansion program in the amount of \$1,562,626, with a 10% contingency of \$156,263, for a total authorized contact amount not to exceed \$1,718,889 plus applicable taxes, and contingent on Board approval of Resolution No. R2018-36 authorizing the Sounder South Capacity Expansion program and establishing program allocation and a 2018 annual budget.

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**Environmental review – EG 7/16/24**

**Legal review – DLM 8/1/2024**



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## Motion

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 22, 2024.



Dow Constantine  
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator