



Motion No. M2024-80

Funding Agreement with King County Metro Transit for the Renton Transit Center

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	12/12/2024 12/19/2024	Recommend to Board Final action	Terri Mestas, DCEO Capital Delivery Manan Garg, Executive Director, Capital Delivery Alex Krieg, Director, Access, Integration & Station Area Planning

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a funding agreement with King County Metro Transit (Metro) for Metro to reimburse \$50,000,000 to Sound Transit in support of delivering the Renton Transit Center as part of the I-405 Stride Bus Rapid Transit project.

Key features summary

- The Sound Transit 3 System Plan (ST3) includes investments in bus rapid transit, which has since become known as Stride, including a station pair in south Renton as well as a transit center and bus layover.
- In May 2018 – following Capital Committee approval of Motion No. M2018-31 in March 2018 – Sound Transit and King County Metro Transit (Metro) executed the System Expansion Transit Integration Agreement, which forms the basis for agency coordination for implementing ST3 projects and anticipates cost sharing from Metro for transit integration facilities.
- Since the adoption of ST3, Sound Transit and Metro have worked collaboratively on a robust planning and design process at the Renton Transit Center with the understanding that the design of the new facility will be based, in part, on relocating Metro services and functions that currently occur in downtown Renton and the South Renton Park and Ride.
- Metro’s \$50 million commitment is based on Metro’s proportional operational use of the Renton Transit Center, inclusive of the active bus bays, layover spaces, zero emissions infrastructure, and ancillary support facilities. This contribution amount was established at the 60% design milestone and has been reviewed and validated at subsequent design milestones.
- The funding agreement includes language for the potential of increasing Metro’s contribution if actual costs require additional funding or to reduce scope if additional funding is unavailable.
- Metro’s \$50 million reimbursement is included in the 2025 budget proposed by the King County Executive and that was adopted by the King County Council in November 2024.

Background

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Station, and Bellevue Transit Center. Sound Transit and King County Metro have coordinated closely throughout the project development process of the overall Stride program, and particularly in the S1 corridor given the existing service at the Burien and Bellevue Transit Centers and the new Renton Transit Center.

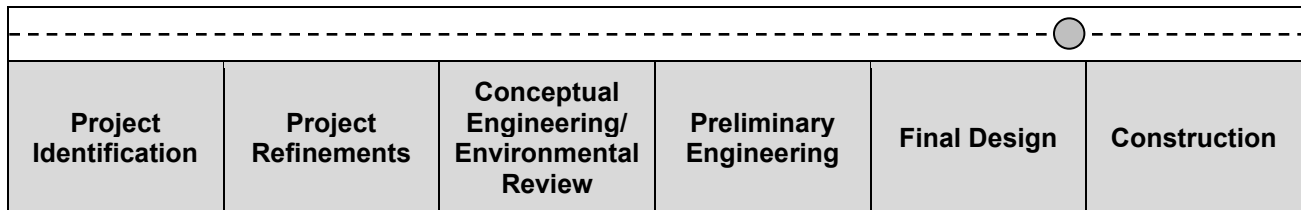
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Sound Transit and Metro have worked closely on service assumptions for Stride and Metro transit service that will use Renton Transit Center to size and allocate space for active bays and bus layover needs. In addition, Renton Transit Center will be an important location in Metro’s zero emissions network to provide on-route charging for Metro buses.

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Project status



Projected completion date for Final Design: Q1 2025.

Project scope, schedule, and budget summary are located on the [Sound Transit website](#).

Fiscal information

The proposed action would authorize a funding agreement with King County Metro to reimburse Sound Transit for the cost of design and construction services for Metro’s proportional operational use of the Renton Transit Center, inclusive of the active bus bays, layover spaces, zero emissions infrastructure, and ancillary support facilities for a total authorized agreement not to exceed \$50,000,000.

Since the costs will be reimbursed to Sound Transit, this action does not impact the affordability of the agency’s Long Range Financial Plan. If the total proportional cost based on Metro’s proportional operational use of the Renton Transit Center exceeds the estimated reimbursement amount, the agreement allows for the reimbursement amount to be increased and amended by a future action.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

While a one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule, both parties prefer to execute the funding agreement before Sound Transit begins procurement of the construction contract for Renton Transit Center.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution No. R2023-18: Adopted the I-405 Stride Bus Rapid Transit project baseline schedule and budget.

Resolution No. R2021-08: Selected the route and station locations for the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Environmental review – KH 12/2/24

Legal review – MT 12/6/24



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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator