

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M98-48

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority identifying the most promising route alternatives to be studied in the Tacoma Link light rail Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and in conceptual design for 1998.

Background:

Sound Transit is now implementing Link, a light rail system serving a central travel corridor from Northgate to SeaTac via downtown Seattle and the Rainier Valley and a Tacoma travel corridor from the Tacoma Dome Station to downtown Tacoma. As the Tacoma Link project proceeds into the environmental review and conceptual design stage, specific alternatives to be evaluated need to be identified. Extensive public and agency review of alternatives has been received by Sound Transit through public meetings, workshops, stakeholder presentations, and agency coordination meetings. A briefing book summarizing this work and the alternatives evaluated has been provided to the board for review. This motion identifies the alternatives that will be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and during conceptual design for the Tacoma Link LRT project. If new information uncovers any other more promising alternative(s), there remains limited flexibility to expand the scope of the environmental analysis.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the following most promising route alternatives are identified for inclusion in the Tacoma Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and conceptual design work in 1998 as outlined below:

A. East – West Alternatives:

Puyallup Avenue Route: Starts near the Tacoma Dome Station (with a station in this vicinity) and travels west in the right-of-way of Puyallup Avenue. At Pacific Avenue, the route turns north. There is a station in the vicinity of 24th and Pacific.

E. 25th St. Route: Starts near the Tacoma Dome Station (with a station in this vicinity) and travels west in the right-of-way of E. 25th Street. At Pacific Avenue, the route turns north. There is a station in the vicinity of 24th and Pacific.

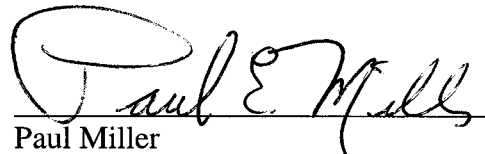
Shared Corridor Route: Light rail starts south of Freighthouse Square between commuter rail and Freighthouse Square (with a station in this vicinity) and travels west on tracks located next to the commuter rail tracks to the area under I-705. At that point it heads northwest to the right-of-way of E. 25th Street and then to Pacific Avenue. At Pacific Avenue, the route turns north. There is a station in the vicinity of 24th and Pacific.

B. North – South Alternatives

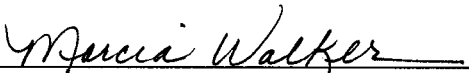
Pacific Avenue Route: This route runs from S. 24th Street and Pacific Avenue, north on Pacific past S. 9th Street. It is in the right-of-way of Pacific Avenue throughout the segment with stations near the UW – Tacoma campus/State History Museum (S. 19th Street), S. 13th Street, and the Theater District (S. 9th Street).

Pacific / Commerce Route: This route runs from S. 24th Street and Pacific Avenue, north on Pacific to the vicinity of S. 17th Street, then cuts northwest to Commerce Street, then continues north on Commerce past S. 9th Street. Stations are located near the UW – Tacoma campus/State History Museum (S. 19th Street), S. 13th Street, and the Theater District (S. 9th Street).

ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a special meeting thereof held on the 25th day of June, 1998.


Paul Miller
Committee Vice-Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

Ratified by the Board of Directors of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of July, 1998.