

## SOUND TRANSIT

### RESOLUTION NO. R99-5

#### Everett Commuter Rail Facilities Memorandum of Agreement BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

| Meeting:            | Date:   | Type of Action:          | Staff Contact: | Phone:   |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Executive Committee | 2/5/99  | Recommend Board Approval | Paul Price     | 689-4760 |
| Board of Directors  | 2/11/99 | Approval                 | David Beal     | 684-1883 |
|                     |         |                          | Barry Hennelly | 689-4925 |

#### **ACTION:**

Approve Resolution R99-5 authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement establishing the working relationship between Sound Transit and the City of Everett related to the environmental process, design and permitting of the proposed Sounder facilities in the City of Everett.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

*Sound Move* calls for both Regional Express and Sounder service to the Everett area. This Memorandum of Agreement establishes the guidelines for a cooperative relationship between Sound Transit and the City of Everett developing facilities to support Sounder services in Everett. This Memorandum of Agreement will facilitate discussions and negotiations regarding environmental process, design and permitting concerning commuter rail related projects, to include (but not be limited to) the proposed Bond Street Station and Everett Multi-modal Station sites. Both of these sites and a number of corridor improvements are included in the SEPA/NEPA/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for Sounder's Everett-to-Seattle commuter rail line. *Sound Moves* includes \$1.174 million for the development of the proposed Bond Street Station and \$14.385 million for the Everett Multi-modal Station.

The City of Everett has taken a proactive role in accommodating the planned services by identifying a site for a proposed multi-modal facility. The City has already begun the Environmental and design work required to construct this facility. Upon completion, the multi-modal station will serve as the primary northern terminus for Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail and Regional Express bus services. Sound Transit and the City of Everett are enthusiastic partners in the development of the multi-modal facility, the adjacent Pacific Avenue overpass project, and the proposed Bond Street Station site.

The City of Everett will take the lead in the design of the multi-modal facility, with the understanding that Sound Transit will take the lead in design and financing of the commuter rail related facilities and their ancillary improvements at this location.

**RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- ◆ Adoption of *Sound Move*, the ten-year Regional Transit System Plan (May 31, 1996)
- ◆ Adoption of Fiscal Year 1998 Budget (December 11, 1997)
- ◆ Adoption of Fiscal Year 1999 Budget (November 12, 1998)
- ◆ Adoption of Implementation Guide (May 22, 1997)
- ◆ Adoption of First Moves (May 22, 1997)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Sound Transit and the City of Everett are active partners in several Sounder commuter rail and Regional Express bus related projects in Everett. Key among these is the proposed Everett Multi-modal Station. This facility will act as the northern anchor for Sound Transit's regional transit system, and will serve all transit providers operating within the boundaries of the City of Everett, as well as WSDOT High Speed Rail and Amtrak. This Memorandum of Agreement will allow the City and Sound Transit to formalize a working arrangement that advances commuter rail related elements of *Sound Move* within the City of Everett.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is requested at this time.

**CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:**

This Memorandum of Agreement has already been delayed administratively. Further delay would cause schedule setbacks to the Everett to Seattle commuter rail project by causing delay in the City of Everett's cooperative and beneficial multi-modal facility efforts.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The Background and Comments and the Resolution have been reviewed and approved by the Legal Department.

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Everett for intergovernmental cooperation regarding the environmental process, permitting and design for commuter rail related facilities.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit is a duly organized regional transit authority existing under Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW and has all powers necessary to implement a high capacity transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation organized under RCW Chapter 35A and has all powers necessary to supply municipal services commonly or conveniently rendered by cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996 central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for *Sound Move*, Sound Transit's ten-year plan for regional high-capacity transit; and

WHEREAS, *Sound Move* calls for the development of commuter rail services between Everett and Seattle; and

WHEREAS, *Sound Move* calls for the development of the Bond Street Station and Everett Multi-modal Facility and provides \$1.174 million for development of the Bond Street Station site and \$14.385 million for development of the Everett Multi-modal Facility ("collectively referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Street Station and the Everett Multi-modal Facility are included in the SEPA/NEPA Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Sounder Everett-to-Seattle commuter rail line; and

WHEREAS, the Project will support the initiation of Sounder commuter rail service as well as Regional Express bus service in the Everett area; and

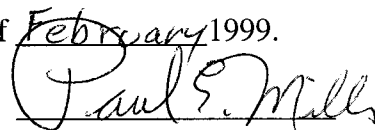
WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Everett places a high priority on alternative travel options, including improvements to transit services and facilities and the coordination of operations among travel modes, calls for the City's active participation in the development of regional transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit and the City of Everett have negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement setting forth their respective roles and obligations in environmental review, permitting, funding, public involvement, and design of the Project; and

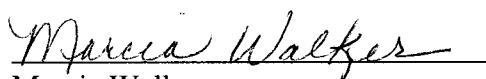
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Sound Transit to work cooperatively with the City of Everett in developing the Project for the most efficient use of resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director of Sound Transit is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Everett for the environmental, permitting and design work for those commuter rail stations and ancillary facilities, including the Bond Street Station and the Everett Multi-modal Facility located within the City of Everett.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1999.

  
Paul E. Miller  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator