

## STAFF REPORT

### SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000-52

#### Agreement with City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	6/15/00	Discussion, Possible Action	Paul Bay, Link Light Rail Director	206-398-5134

#### **PROPOSED ACTION**

Approval would authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit for design and construction of pedestrian and streetscape improvements in the Tacoma Dome Station area. The agreement sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties, establishes Pierce Transit as the project manager, and allows Sound Transit to pay Pierce Transit a contribution towards project completion.

#### **KEY FEATURES**

##### **Highlights of Proposed Action:**

- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit regarding design and construction of pedestrian and streetscape improvements in the Tacoma Dome Station area.
- ◆ The total budget for the improvements is \$3,051,000. Sound Transit agrees to pay Pierce Transit a portion of the total project cost to perform the work.
- ◆ The cost will be shared among Sound Transit, the City of Tacoma, Pierce Transit, and a local property owner. State and federal grants will also be used.
- ◆ Contributions are: Sound Transit: \$406,000 (\$160,000 from Sounder and \$246,000 from Link); City of Tacoma: \$220,000; Pierce Transit: \$250,000; and state and federal grants: \$2,065,000.
- ◆ Keith Stone, owner of the adjacent retail complex called Freighthouse Square, has pledged \$110,000.

##### **Discussion of Proposed Action:**

Sound Move provides that Sound Transit will work with local public transportation agencies and local governments to make improvements within one-half mile of each station for safe, easy transit, pedestrian and bicycle access.

On July 8, 1999 through Motion No. M99-28, the Sound Transit Board adopted a final alignment and station locations for the Tacoma Link Light rail project. That motion states, "In order to maximize ridership and improve community accessibility to jobs, Sound Transit will improve the pedestrian connections between the Sounder and Link rail stations and the Tacoma Dome through construction of either new direct pedestrian walkways and/or improvement of the "D" Street corridor. Sound Transit will work with the City and the Tacoma Dome neighborhood association to identify the best investment."

This agreement provides for those improvements. Sound Transit will be one of several public and private entities contributing to the total cost of the project.

**BUDGET**

**Link:**

Funding for this scope of work is included in Sound Move and in the FY2000 adopted capital budget. The budget for completion of these tasks is identified in Sound Transit's Adopted 2000 Budget under Construction for Tacoma Link. With the budget developed for the Tacoma Link configuration as adopted by the Board on November 18, 1999, there is sufficient funding to complete the remaining work.

Total Project Budget	Budget for this Task (A)	Expenditures to Date (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Shortfall** or Surplus (A-[B+C])
\$78,572,000	\$47,819,000	\$2,461,126	\$246,000	\$45,111,874,
**Amount of Shortfall	Potential Revenues	Funding Sources		

**Sounder:**

Funding for this scope of work is included in Sound Move and in the Sounder's Adopted 2000 Budget as shown under the Construction phase of the Tacoma Dome Station budget (Project #245, page 94). Committing these funds will not endanger any other known elements of the project to be completed.

Total Project Budget	Budget for this Task (A)	Expenditures to Date* (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Shortfall** or Surplus (A-[B+C])
\$12,941,000	\$9,360,000	\$335,566	\$160,000	\$8,864,434
**Amount of Shortfall	Potential Revenues	Funding Sources		

\* Expenditures through 3/31/00

**ALTERNATIVES**

Sound Transit could build the pedestrian improvements in the D Street corridor independent of the Pierce Transit Tacoma Dome Streetscape Improvements project. However, since Pierce

Transit has already secured grant, City and private funding, and has taken the lead in working with the City and neighborhood association to identify the agreed upon improvements, it is reasonable for Pierce Transit to build the improvements.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY**

Since Pierce Transit must begin final design of the streetscape improvements now in order to complete the first phase of work on 25<sup>th</sup> Street connecting the Tacoma Dome Station Phase II with the Sounder station by the opening of Sounder service in September, delay would mean that the pedestrian improvements would not be in place in time for the opening of Sounder service.

### **REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION**

Pierce Transit has already secured grant, City and private funding, and has taken the lead in working with the City and neighborhood association to identify the agreed upon improvements. The City of Tacoma has authorized the agreement through Substitute Resolution No. 34769 passed by the City Council on May 9, 2000.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The City and Pierce Transit jointly completed a master plan process for the Tacoma Dome area that drew upon the advice and consultation of the public in the Tacoma Dome District and resulted in the publication of the Tacoma Dome Area Plan in December 1995. These streetscape improvements are part of the implementation of that plan. The agreement refers to the established public involvement process that includes the Tacoma Dome Area Working Group. The development of the streetscape improvement concepts has included extensive public involvement consisting of workshops and charettes attended by members of the Tacoma Dome District Development Group (neighborhood business group) among others.

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

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## SOUND TRANSIT

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A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit for Sound Transit to contribute \$406,000 to Pierce Transit as a portion of the cost for the design and construction of the Tacoma Dome Area Streetscape Project.

#### Background:

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#### Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit for Sound Transit to contribute \$406,000 to Pierce Transit as a portion of the cost for the design and construction of the Tacoma Dome Area Streetscape Project.

Approved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof on the 15 day of June 2000.

  
Greg Nickels  
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator