

**STAFF REPORT**

**SOUND TRANSIT  
MOTION NO. M2000-65**

**Memorandum of Agreement with City of Lynnwood  
For Funding Contribution Toward  
Construction of SR-99 Improvements Project**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action:</b>	<b>Staff Contact:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Finance Committee	7/20/00	Deferred	Agnes Govern, Director,	(206)398-5037
Executive Committee	7/21/00	Deferred	Regional Express	
Finance Committee	8/3/00	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend	Linda J. Sullivan, Project Manager, Regional Express	(206)398-5033
Board	8/10/00	Board Approval Action		

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Lynnwood establishing roles and responsibilities as related to Sound Transit's \$2.5 million (YOE\$) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project (the Project).

**KEY FEATURES**

**Highlights of Proposed Action:**

- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute an MOA with the City of Lynnwood establishing roles and responsibilities as related to Sound Transit's \$2.5 million (YOE\$) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project.
- ◆ Describes the transit improvements that will be part of the Project.
- ◆ Provides detail on the overall project schedule.

**Discussion of Proposed Action:**

In May 1998, the Sound Transit Board adopted Resolution No. R98-23, which added the SR-99 Improvements Project to Sound Move and committed Sound Transit to contributing \$2.5 million (YOE\$) toward its construction by reallocating funds from the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride lot Connector Project. The City of Lynnwood is the lead agency for the SR-99 Improvements Project and is responsible for administering contracts for environmental review, design, and construction. Other funding for the Project includes grants from ISTE, TEA-21, the Transportation Improvement Board, as well as the City of Lynnwood, the City of Edmonds, the City of Mountlake Terrace, Community Transit, Snohomish County, and Boeing. Sound Transit's contribution is \$2.5 million (YOE\$), or roughly 9% of the overall budget of approximately \$28 million.

The Project will widen SR-99 in South Snohomish County from five to seven lanes by adding transit emphasis lanes to the outside lanes of the existing roadway. The transit emphasis lanes will be constructed to ensure that through travel is restricted to transit at signalized intersections and all other vehicles are restricted to right-turn-only movements. Construction includes conversion of paved shoulders to travel lanes, installation of two new signals, upgrading all signals to camera detection, installation of a new central signal control computer software, installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) control equipment, a complete paving overlay, and curbs, gutters, and sidewalks as needed. The City is responsible for overseeing the installation of signage, line markings, and other road improvements necessary for the successful operation of these lanes.

During construction of the Project, it is necessary for existing Community Transit bus shelters and signage to be removed and stored, and then reinstalled by Community Transit once construction is completed. The City and Community Transit have worked together to identify locations along SR-99 where bus zones can be safely reestablished or installed, with locations identified on existing right-of-way. Additionally, the City is overseeing the implementation of a TSP detection system, which will identify transit vehicles at certain intersections and give them signal priority where east-west traffic flow conditions allow. The TSP detection system will improve transit on-time performance while minimizing impacts to other traffic. Responsibilities for installation and development of this system are a coordinated effort between the City, WSDOT, and Community Transit. Operation responsibility will lie with the City and be based on conditions established in a future operations agreement.

The Project is being constructed in three phases:

<b>Phase 1</b>	244th Street SW to 208th Street SW
<b>Phase 2</b>	208th Street SW to 168th Street SW
<b>Phase 3</b>	168th Street SW to 148th Street SW

Construction for Phase 1 is substantially completed. Bids for Phase 2 were opened on June 13, 2000, but exceeded the engineer's estimate by almost 12% and, as a result, the project will be re-bid later this month pending City Council concurrence July 10, 2000. Phase 2 construction is expected to begin later this summer and to continue through 2001. Phase 3 is scheduled to begin in late 2001 and extend into 2003.

Sound Transit will provide funding during each of the three Phases. Sound Transit's contribution is expected to be up to \$300,000 for Phase 1; \$1,400,000 for Phase 2; and \$800,000 for Phase 3. The exact amounts allocated to specific phases are subject to change in response to timing and schedule constraints of other grant sources. In no case will Sound Transit's total contribution exceed \$2,500,000 in year-of-expenditure dollars.

## **BUDGET**

The Adopted 2000 Budget and Capital Plan included \$2.7 million for Sound Transit's Lynnwood SR-99 Transit Lanes project

This action would authorize the Executive Director to execute an MOA with the City of Lynnwood describing the process Sound Transit will use to deliver its \$2.5 million (YOES) funding contribution toward construction costs. There is no contingency associated with this

MOA. The MOA total is within the adopted lifetime budget for this phase of the Project, and the MOA amount constitutes the entirety of the anticipated spending for this phase of the Project. The following table summarizes current project costs and outstanding commitments as well as project budget information from the adopted 2000 budget.

	<b>FY2000 Budget</b>	<b>Lifetime Budget</b>	<b>This Action</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,431,000</b>	<b>\$2,658,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

**ALTERNATIVES**

Due to the prior Board action adopting Resolution No. R98-23, which added the SR-99 Improvements Project to Sound Move and committed Sound Transit to contributing \$2.5 million (YOES) toward its construction, no alternatives to this action have been developed.

**CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY**

Phase 1 construction of the Project is substantially completed and Phase 2 is expected to begin construction later in the summer of 2000. Phase 3 design and construction documents will be developed shortly. If the Finance Committee defers action on the MOA, it will not be possible to provide funds necessary for Phases 1 and 2 of the Project in the time in which the funds are needed.

**REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION**

Funding for the SR-99 Improvements Project comes from several sources including local jurisdictions and federal granting agencies, as well as Sound Transit. As lead for the Project, the City of Lynnwood is working collaboratively with all funding partners. Sound Transit has been working directly with the City of Lynnwood in terms of the content of this MOA. Sound Transit has also been coordinating with Community Transit on the specific transit improvements included in the Project.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW**

MBL 7/5/00

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION REVIEW**

JE 8/4/00

**SOUND TRANSIT**

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Lynnwood establishing roles and responsibilities as related to Sound Transit's \$2.5 million (YOES) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project.

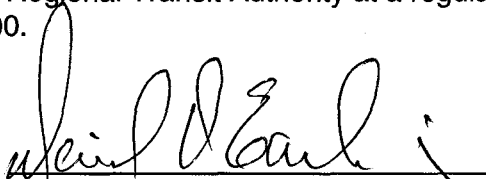
**Background:**

In May 1998, the Sound Transit Board adopted Resolution No. R98-23, which added the SR-99 Improvements Project (the Project) to Sound Move and committed Sound Transit to contributing \$2.5 million (YOES) toward its construction by reallocating funds from the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride lot Connector Project. Several components to the Project address transit goals in the SR-99 corridor. First, the Project will widen SR-99 in South Snohomish County from five to seven lanes by adding transit emphasis lanes to the outside lanes of the existing roadway. Second, recognizing that existing Community Transit bus shelters and signage need to be displaced during construction of the Project, the City will coordinate with Community Transit on the removal, storage, and replacement or installation of shelters along SR-99 on existing right-of-way. Third, the City will oversee the implementation of a Transit Signal Priority detection system that identifies transit vehicles at certain intersections and gives them signal priority.


**Motion:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Lynnwood establishing roles and responsibilities as related to Sound Transit's \$2.5 million (YOES) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project.

Approved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of August 2000.

  
David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator