

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2001-93

**Tukwila Sounder Commuter Rail Station
Agreement with Amtrak for Partial Funding of the Tukwila Station**

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	9/6/01	Discussion/Possible Action	Jeff Wolfe, Project Manager	(206) 398-5289

OBJECTIVE OF ACTION

To execute an agreement with Amtrak related to construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station and providing for \$1,000,000 from Amtrak for their contribution towards construction cost.

ACTION

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Amtrak related to construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station that provides for \$1,000,000 contribution from Amtrak towards construction cost.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Action:

- Authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Amtrak related to construction of the Tukwila commuter rail station that provides for a \$1,000,000 contribution towards the station's construction costs. Key features of the agreement include:
 - a \$100,000 payment made upon agreement execution;
 - a \$400,000 payment made October 31, 2001;
 - a \$500,000 payment made October 31, 2003.
- In exchange of this funding, Sound Transit will allow Amtrak to use the station for their passenger services.

History of this Project

In 1999, Amtrak expressed a commitment to help fund the construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station in exchange of use of the station for Amtrak's passenger service. On May 3, 2001, Amtrak provided a letter of agreement to Sound Transit for use and funding of the station. On June 1, 2001, Amtrak began services to the station. Approval of this action would provide a formal agreement establishing the terms and conditions for Amtrak's use of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station and providing for payment by Amtrak of \$1 million towards station construction cost.

BUDGET

The \$1,000,000 funding from Amtrak has been assumed within the station's and Sounder's budget starting with the 1999 budget.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

A significant delay would result in the loss of interest earned on the funds that otherwise would be within Sound Transit's account.

Disapproval of this agreement would result in Amtrak discontinuing service to the station and Sound Transit needing to make up the shortfall within the station budget.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

Not applicable.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

None.

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 9/4/2001

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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 Amtrak relating to construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station and providing for a contribution of \$1,000,000 from Amtrak.

Background:

In 1999, Amtrak expressed a commitment to help fund the construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station in exchange of use of the station for Amtrak's passenger service. On May 3, 2001, Amtrak provided a letter of agreement to Sound Transit for use and funding of the station. On June 1, 2001, Amtrak began services to the station. Approval of this action would provide a formal agreement establishing the terms and conditions for Amtrak's use of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station and providing for payment by Amtrak of \$1 million towards station construction cost.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Amtrak related to construction of the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station and providing for a contribution of \$1,000,000 from Amtrak towards the Tukwila station construction cost.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of September, 2001.



Rob McKenna
Finance Committee Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator