

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2005-101

Airport Link Station Name

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Board	8/25/05	Discussion/Possible Action	Ahmad Fazel, Link Director Debora Ashland, Link, Senior Architect	(206) 398-5389 (206) 689-3309

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)			

PROPOSED ACTION

Adopt the station name for the Central Link Light Rail Airport Link station.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- Recommended Station Name: **SeaTac/Airport**
- The need for this action now is to allow staff to amend the sign package work currently being designed for the Initial Segment and to avoid redesign and reinstallation of maps and other station information at Initial Segment stations.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

Not applicable to this action.

BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

Not applicable to this action.

M/W/DBE – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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The full list of Link station names is included below (north to south).

Station Name:	Secondary Name:
Westlake Station (DSTT)	
University Street Station (DSTT)	
Pioneer Square Station (DSTT)	
International District/Chinatown (DSTT)	
Stadium	S Royal Brougham Way
SODO	S Lander St
Beacon Hill	-
Mount Baker	S McClellan St
Columbia City	S Edmunds St
Othello	New Holly
Rainier Beach	S Henderson St
Tukwila International Blvd	Southcenter Blvd
SeaTac/Airport (Recommended station name)	-

* DSTT – Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel

Prior Board or Committee Actions and Relevant Board Policies

Motion Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
M2005-09	Adopted final station names for Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment.	1/13/05

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

Station signs are in production for the Link Initial Segment. Adoption of the Airport Link station name during summer 2005 will allow signs that include all station names or end destinations to be produced within the original sign production schedule.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sound Transit conducted public outreach to receive input on the station name for the Link station at the airport.

Meeting announcements for the two public meetings on Airport Link both included information that indicated Sound Transit wanted public input on the station name. At the March 3 and June 15 public meetings on Airport Link and at the June 2 Link meeting in Tukwila, the public was asked to select from the following names (the number of votes received for each name is shown in parenthesis):

- SeaTac/Airport (12 and Port of Seattle)
- Airport/SeaTac City Center (4)
- SeaTac City Center/Airport (1 and SeaTac City Council)
- Airport (1)

The City of SeaTac City Council passed a resolution recommending SeaTac City Center/Airport as the station name. The Port of Seattle has stated their preference is SeaTac/Airport station.

Note that the majority of those in attendance at the public meetings did not vote. Other names suggested by individuals including: Sea-Tac Airport/City Center, SeaTac International Boulevard, and Tchuxc E'b (Native American name for Angle Lake in the neighborhood of the station).

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 8/17/05

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting **SeaTac/Airport** as the final name for the Central Link Light Rail Airport Link station.

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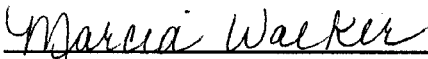
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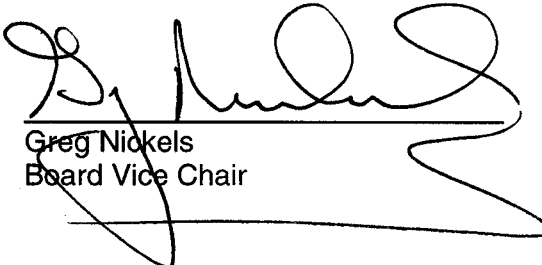
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to adopt **SeaTac/Airport** as final name for the Central Link Light Rail Airport segment station.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 25, 2005.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Vice Chair