

**SOUND TRANSIT  
STAFF REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2005-13**

**Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW Project**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action:</b>	<b>Staff Contact:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Finance Committee	6/16/05	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	Jim Edwards, Deputy Director, Capital Projects	(206) 398-5436
Board	6/23/05	Action	Christine Engler, Construction and HOV Access Program Manager, Capital Projects <b>Eric Beckman, Project Manager, Capital Projects</b>	(206) 398-5056 (206) 398-5251

<b>Contract/Agreement Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Requested Action:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)		Budget Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**ACTION**

Amend the Adopted 2005 Budget for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW Project from \$3,800,000 to \$25,550,000 to reflect a transfer from the Regional Express Snohomish County Program Reserve and a grant contribution.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Updates the Board on the project status and estimated project funding shortfall.
- Resolves the estimated funding shortfall for the final design and construction phases for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project.
- Reflects the award to Sound Transit of a grant in the amount of \$1.59 million to partially fund final design for this project.
- Revises the Adopted 2005 budget for the project to reflect the allocation of the budget increase funded by the transfer from the Regional Express Snohomish County Reserves and a grant to the project.
- Describes the next steps in the project development process.

## **BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY**

**Project Description:** Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW

**Current Status:** Completing PE/ED

**Projected Completion Date:** 3rd Quarter 2008

<b>Action Outside of Adopted Budget:</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>Comments on Checked Items</b>
This Project		
This Phase		
This Task		
Budget Amendment Required		A budget amendment will be required to complete this project. The amount of the shortfall is estimated to be \$21.74 million.

<b>Key Financial Indicators:</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>Comments on Checked Items</b>
Contingency Funds Required	✓	A budget amendment will be required to fund the shortfall from the Snohomish County Regional Express Program Reserve in the amount of \$20.15 million. A grant award in the amount of \$1.59 million will cover the remaining shortfall.
Subarea Impacts	✓	A budget amendment will be required to fund the subarea shortfall of \$1.59 million. This amendment will increase the total subarea budget, including program reserves, from \$180.21 million to \$181.80 million.

Not checked = action is assumed in current Board-adopted budget. No budget action or adjustment to financial plan required.

## **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

These actions would amend the Adopted 2005 Budget for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project from \$3.8 million to \$25.55 million to reflect a budget transfer from the Regional Express Snohomish County Program Reserve in the amount of \$20.15 million and an increase to the Snohomish County subarea program budget of \$1.59 million, to increase the Snohomish County subarea grant revenue budget by \$1.59 million and to adopt revised phase level budgets for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project, consistent with the project budget increase. The transfer from the program reserve is illustrated in the table below.

<b>Dollars in (\$000s)</b>	<b>Current Budget<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amendment Requested<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Budget Increase<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Revised Budget<sup>4</sup></b>
Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/SW 236th (#312)	\$ 3,806	\$ 20,154	\$ 1,590	\$ 25,550
Total all other Snohomish County Regional Express Projects	\$ 155,237			\$ 155,237
Snohomish County Regional Express Program Reserve (#999)	\$ 21,170	\$ (20,154)	\$ -	\$ 1,016
Total	\$ 180,213	\$ -	\$ 1,590	\$ 181,803
Subarea (Increase)/Decrease				\$ (1,590)

Notes:

(1) - Current budget represents the amounts identified in the Adopted 2005 Budget, as amended by Resolution R2005-04.

(2) - This action would transfer \$20.2 million from the Snohomish County Regional Express Capital Projects Program Reserve to the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW (#312)

(3) - Sound Transit was awarded \$1.59 million in grant funds to partially fund the final design phase of the project which offsets the shortfall within the subarea.

(4) - The Revised Budget reflects the project budgets after the transfer of funding and recognition of additional grant funds are made.

## **REVENUE, SUBAREA, AND FINANCIAL PLAN IMPACTS**

The proposed action is affordable within Sound Transit's current long-term financial plan and subarea financial capacity. Sufficient funds exist in the Snohomish County subarea to cover the currently identified shortfall following recognition of additional grant funds that increase the project budget.

### **BUDGET TABLE**

**Action Item: To amend the project budget for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project (#312)**

#### **Revised Project Budget by Phase**

	<b>2005 Budget</b>	<b>Transfer from Program Reserves</b>	<b>Budget Increase</b>	<b>Revised 2005 Budget</b>
Agency Administration	219,580	880,420		1,100,000
Preliminary Engineering	2,671,387	128,613		2,800,000
Final Design	4,990	985,010	1,590,000	2,580,000
Right of Way	50,000	150,000		200,000
Construction	25,045	16,524,955		16,550,000
Contingency	834,547	1,485,453		2,320,000
Total current Budget	3,805,549	20,154,451	1,590,000	25,550,000

### **M/W/DBE – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Not applicable to this action.

### **HISTORY OF PROJECT**

The Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project proposes to construct a freeway transit station adjacent to the Mountlake Terrace Park-and-Ride Lot on I-5 at 236<sup>th</sup> Street SW in Mountlake Terrace. The proposed station would be located within the median of I-5, with transit-only ramp connections to the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. The project would provide new transit access from the inside I-5 HOV lanes, with a new transit freeway station serving transit customers traveling in both directions, and a pedestrian connection to the Mountlake Terrace Park-and-Ride Lot.

#### **Benefits of Project**

The Board has previously expressed support for this project because the freeway station is another step toward completion of the ST Express bus system. Currently Sound Transit's Express Bus service passes through Mountlake Terrace on I-5, but does not serve the park-and-ride lot due to the configuration of the half-diamond interchange at 236th Street SW. With the proposed freeway station, existing Sound Transit routes will be able to serve the Mountlake Terrace Park-and-Ride Lot with ridership expected to increase by 290 in the year of opening, 265 being new transit riders. Travel forecasts show up to 1,029 riders using the freeway station by the year 2030. In addition, Community Transit's proposed parking structure at the existing Mountlake Terrace Park-and-Ride Lot will add approximately 500 stalls at the site that will increase the customer base that will benefit from the regional system.

As many as seven regional bus routes would be using the completed freeway station including two operated by Sound Transit and five operated by Community Transit. Of those seven routes currently only one (Community Transit's Route 414) is providing service to the existing park-and-ride lot. Rerouting that bus through the freeway station rather than exiting the freeway to access the park-and-ride lot will save 1,785 hours of service annually.

**Current Project Status**

To date, preliminary engineering is complete as well as the environmental documentation under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). An Environmental Checklist has been prepared and on May 23, 2005 Sound Transit issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS). The comment period ends on June 6 and the appeal period ends on June 13, 2005.

Preparation of a Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) under NEPA is currently in process and will be forwarded to FTA and FHWA for their review and approval. It is expected that the NEPA DCE will be approved by FTA and FHWA prior to the time when staff plan to return for Sound Transit Board approval of initiation of the final design contract with WSDOT (Summer 2005).

The Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project construction cost estimate has been refined to the 30% design level. A total project budget has been developed based upon this refined construction cost estimate, and a funding shortfall in the total project budget of \$21.74 million is estimated.

Staff is recommending that the Board amend the project budget to resolve the \$21.74 million total project budget shortfall by transferring uncommitted funds in the amount of \$20.15 million from the Regional Express Snohomish County Subarea Capital Program reserve, and increasing the project budget by an additional \$1.59 million in grant funds for this project. Other options the Board could consider would be to defer completion of the project to the next phase or terminate the project and transfer the remaining project budget to the Snohomish County Program Reserve. This option would fundamentally impact the bus rapid transit system along I-5, which includes the South Everett, Ash Way, and Lynnwood HOV Direct Access projects.

**NEXT STEPS**

Should the Board approve this action, final design would start in fall of 2005, and construction would be anticipated to begin in spring 2007. The Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project will be constructed within WSDOT right-of-way. As a result, WSDOT will provide technical guidance and input throughout the life of the project and approve the design. Coordination with Community Transit and the City of Mountlake Terrace will also be key to the successful completion of future phases of the project.

**Prior Board/Committee Actions on this Project and Relevant Board Policies**

Motion or Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
M2003-38	Board authorized PE/ED contract with HNTB for the Mountlake Terrace In-line Station Project in the amount of \$1,651,751 with a 10% contingency of \$165,175, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,816,926.	4/17/03
M2003-39	Board authorized PE/ED contract with the WSDOT for the Mountlake Terrace In-line Station in the amount \$533,640 with a contingency of \$46,811 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$580,451.	4/17/03

## **CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY**

A significant delay of this action will affect the advertising date for construction.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

To date, one newsletter, a SEPA checklist and DNS have been mailed, and two open houses were conducted at the Mountlake Terrace Library.

Staff is scheduled to brief the Mountlake Terrace City Council next month at the Council's regular meeting. The City is a strong proponent of the project and has written a letter of support that has been included with this package.

Sound Transit will continue to conduct an extensive community outreach effort to include stakeholder meetings, newsletters, open houses/workshops, and website updates. Community outreach for the design and permitting of this project will focus on transit users, surrounding businesses, and local officials in the design of the project. Outreach will focus on establishing programming needs, providing options for community reaction, and providing feedback to enable user needs and community input to shape the ultimate design and public art.

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 5/26/05

## SOUND TRANSIT

### RESOLUTION NO. R2005-13

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2005 Budget for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW Project to reflect a transfer from the Regional Express Snohomish County Program Reserve and a grant contribution.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as Sound Transit, has been created for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish County region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, at a general election held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district, the voters approved local funding for high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound Region; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. R2004-19, adopted December 9, 2004, the Sound Transit Board adopted the 2005 Budget; and


WHEREAS, there is a funding shortfall for the final design and construction phases for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that:

Section 1. The Adopted 2005 Budget is hereby amended for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW Project to include a transfer of \$20.15 million from the Regional Express Snohomish County Program Reserve and a grant contribution of \$1.59 million.


Section 2. The amended budget for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236th SW Project is hereby adopted. The amended budget shall serve as a planning document and is not an authorization of expenses.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 23, 2005.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator