

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2007-123

Amendment to City of Renton Agreement for Renton HOV Project

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	12/06/07	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval Action	James Edwards, Director Capitol Projects,	(206) 398-5436
Board	12/13/07		Paul Cornish, Project Manager, Capital Projects	(206) 398-5342

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	✓
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)	✓	Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

PROJECT NAME

Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements
Strander Boulevard Extension

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with the City of Renton to:

- (1) Remove reference to Hardie Avenue;
- (2) Define the work to include bus and transit lanes on Rainier Avenue, between South 2nd Street and South Grady Way; and
- (3) Add descriptions and responsibilities for the Union Pacific Railroad relocation element of the Strander Boulevard project.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- Amends the scope of work contemplated under Motion No. M2006-31 to remove reference to Hardie Avenue improvements.
- Defines new project schedules for both Rainier Avenue and Strander Boulevard improvements.
- Specifies property actions required by the City of Renton for the relocation of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) as part of the Strander Boulevard project.
- Identifies the transit elements the City of Renton will incorporate into the Rainier Avenue Arterial Improvements Project.

- There is no change to Sound Transit's capped funding contribution of \$14,900,000 for the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue project and \$4,000,000 for the Strander Boulevard extension project.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

Current Project Phase: Rainier Avenue and Hardie Avenue - PE/ED and advance construction of train trestle
Strander Boulevard (UPRR element) - PE/ED

Projected Completion Date: Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue - 2011 (estimated)
Strander Boulevard (UPRR element) - 2008 – 2010 (estimated)

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

The Proposed 2008 Lifetime Budget for the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements project is \$15,717,414. This project is a capped contribution of \$14,900,000 with the funds allocated as follows:

PE	\$2,500,000
Final Design	\$1,700,000
Right of Way	\$2,800,000
Construction	\$7,900,000

The Proposed 2008 Lifetime Budget for the Strander Boulevard Extension project is \$4,219,440. This project is a capped contribution of \$4,000,000 with the funds allocated as follows:

PE	\$ 30,000
Final Design	\$ 395,000
Right of Way	\$ 275,000
Construction	\$3,300,000

There is no change to the capped contribution amounts for either project as a result of this amendment.

BUDGET TABLE

Summary for Board Action (Year of Expenditure \$000)

Project: 151 - Rainier Ave./Hardie Ave. Arterial Improvements

	2008 Proposed Budget ¹ (A)	Committed To Date ² (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1 Agency Administration	\$ 817	\$ 817	\$ -	\$ 817	\$ -
2 Preliminary Engineering	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	-	\$ 2,500	(0)
3 Final Design	\$ 1,700	\$ -	-	\$ -	1,700
4 Right of Way	\$ 2,800	\$ -	-	\$ -	2,800
5 Construction	\$ 7,900	\$ -	-	\$ -	7,900
6 Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
7 Total Current Budget	\$ 15,717	\$ 3,317	\$ -	\$ 3,317	\$ 12,400

Notes:

¹ Project budget is located on page 148 of the Proposed 2008 Budget book. The Adopted 2007 Budget was approved by the Board on December 14, 2006.

² Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through October 29, 2007.

Summary for Board Action (Year of Expenditure \$000)

Project: 152 - Strander Boulevard Extension

	2008 Proposed Budget ¹ (A)	Committed To Date ² (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1 Agency Administration	\$ 219	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ 219	\$ -
2 Preliminary Engineering	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ -
3 Final Design	\$ 395	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 395
4 Right of Way	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275
5 Construction	\$ 3,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300
6 Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7 Total Current Budget	\$ 4,219	\$ 249	\$ -	\$ 249	\$ 3,970

Notes:

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SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

The Rainier Avenue Arterial Improvements Project will provide the following transit elements:

- Construct northbound and southbound business and transit (BAT) lanes on Rainier Avenue SW, between South 2nd Street and South Grady Way.
- Upgrade bus stops and improve rider access to existing bus stops.
- Construct Rainier Avenue trestle improvements to provide sufficient width to accommodate the BAT lanes.

Background

In a letter of intent between the City of Renton and Sound Transit dated April 19, 2005, Sound Transit agreed to provide capped contributions to the city for the completion of transit improvements in city projects to be managed by the city.

In October 2005, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2005-19 which:

- Amended Sound Move to create two new projects, Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements and Strander Boulevard Extension;
- Amended the lifetime Adopted 2005 Budget for the Renton HOV Access/N 8th to transfer surplus funds into the East King County Program Reserve;
- Allocated \$15,675,000 from East King County Capital Program Reserve to the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements Project and \$4,208,000 to the Strander Boulevard Extension Project; and
- Directed Sound Transit staff to finalize interlocal agreements with the city for the funding of these two new projects.

Rainier – Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements

In April 2006, the Board adopted Motion No. M2006-31 authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Renton to provide \$2,500,000 funding for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements Project and to establish the terms of future agreements with the City for funding of the final design and construction.

In a letter of July 26, 2007 to the Sound Transit Board Chair, Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker proposed to modify the scope of this project to focus solely on Rainier Avenue improvements. The City had determined that the cost estimates identified during the preliminary design of the project showed a very substantial increase that exceeds the City's project budget. The City sought to identify project revisions that would (a) lower costs and (b) preserve transit benefits that justified Sound Transit's financial participation in the project. The City, Sound Transit, and King County Metro staff reviewed the traffic modeling that demonstrated that the proposed BAT lane and associated improvements on Rainier Avenue provided better transit benefit and could be accomplished within the available Sound Transit capped contribution and City of Renton funding.

In July 2007, the City of Renton also undertook early completion of the Rainier Avenue Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) trestle replacement which facilitates widening needed to add the BAT lanes. The timing of this work was critical to take advantage of other scheduled track closures. The City reviewed the SEPA Environmental Checklist for the BNSF Rainier Avenue SW Railroad Bridge Replacement and the Shattuck Avenue South Railroad Bridge Replacement, and determined that the project was exempt from SEPA Environmental Review per WAC 197-1 1-800(3). The City of Renton may request that portions of the Sound Transit capped construction contribution pay for the transit benefit of the trestle work. This would be subject to a future Board action.

The City is responsible for preparing the Rainier Avenue environmental documentation. Sound Transit and the City will be co-lead agencies and sign all environmental documentation with the City as the nominal lead. The preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for the

transit elements of the Rainier Avenue Arterial Improvements Project are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

Strander Boulevard

The City of Renton, in partnership with Sound Transit, is also moving forward with its 27th/Strander Boulevard Extension project (Strander project) which constructs a new major arterial along the south border of Sound Transit’s Tukwila Station property. A key element of this project is the relocation of the existing UPRR right-of-way, tracks and facilities to an area adjacent to the existing BNSF track. The City has obtained an agreement in principal with UPRR on the relocation.

Motion No. M2006-31 did not address the relocation. The amendment specifies that the City will:

- Demolish the existing UPRR track and embankment and construct the new track;
- Remove utilities and clean any contamination;
- Provide key pedestrian access points; and
- Establish a key milestone, completion of the Tukwila Rail Station PE/ED, for completion of the UPRR relocation.

The amendment also specifies that the City is the lead for funding, obtaining approvals and constructing the UPRR relocation. The most critical element is that the City must have the needed real estate agreements in place establishing the relocation by the time Sound transit completes PE/ED in fall 2008 for the Tukwila Station improvements.

Prior Board/Committee Actions

Motion/Resolution Number and Date	Summary of Action
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R2005-19 10/13/05	Amended Sound Move to create two new projects, Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements Project and Strander Boulevard Extension Project, in the City of Renton.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

A two-week delay would not create adverse impacts for this project.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 11-07-07

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 11/30/07

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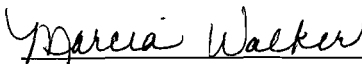
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with the City of Renton to (1) Remove reference to Hardie Avenue; (2) Define the work to include bus and transit lanes on Rainier Avenue, between South 2nd Street and South Grady Way; and (3) Add descriptions and responsibilities for the Union Pacific Railroad relocation element of the Strander Boulevard project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 13, 2007.



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator