

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION No. M2008-73

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority committing to include \$45 million dollars in funding for the I-90 bridge R8A project in the 2009 budget for Sound Move.

Background:

Sound Transit and WSDOT have negotiated a series of agreements that define risk allocations and protections between the two agencies. Because Sound Transit has successfully implemented these risk allocation measures and protections for State owned highway facilities during the design, construction and operation of previous Sound Transit projects in the State right of way, Sound Transit will assume responsibility both for the cost to operate and maintain light rail on the I-90 Bridge and for damage caused by Sound Transit activities, claims, or other risks associated with the construction and operation of light rail over the bridge.

Recognizing that the R8A project includes two-way HOV lanes in the outer roadway of the I-90 bridge which will be used by buses, vanpools and carpools, Sound Transit and WSDOT shared the costs for Stage 1 currently under construction. The 2004 Amendment to the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement for construction of the I-90 bridge identifies building R8A as the first step towards the ultimate configuration of HCT in the center roadway. WSDOT and Sound Transit have agreed that the HCT mode will be light rail (East Link), and therefore, R8A must be constructed in order to implement light rail.

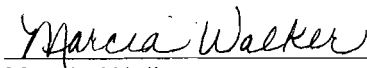
The total cost of the I-90 R8A project is \$90 million (\$2007), a portion of which is un-funded. The ST2 Financial Plan assumes funding for \$45 million (\$2007) of the current shortfall. By this Motion, the Sound Transit Board commits that the 2009 budget for Sound Move will include the \$45 million balance of the I-90 R8A project in the East King County subarea from program reserves and excess revenues. This commitment of funding is contingent upon WSDOT's commitment to work with ST collaboratively to manage project scope, consistent with the Sound Transit Board Scope Control Policy. In recognition of Sound Transit's commitment to fund the I-90 R8A project, WSDOT will commit to recognize Sound Transit's contribution as part of the negotiations for the airspace lease for use of the center roadway.

Motion:

It is hereby moved that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority will include \$45 million dollars in funding for the I-90 bridge R8A project in the 2009 budget for Sound Move as provided herein.

APPROVED by not less than two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority as a major decisions at a regular meeting thereof held on July 24, 2008.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Chair