

MOTION NO. M2016-10**Restoring Funding for Kent and Auburn Access Projects in the Sound Transit 2 Finance Plan**

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	1/28/2016	Final Action	Brian McCartan, Executive Director Finance & Information Technology Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director Planning, Environment & Project Development Don Billen, HCT Project Development Director

PROPOSED ACTION

(1) Restoring funding for the Kent and Auburn Access Projects in the Sound Transit 2 Finance Plan, and (2) directing staff to start work on those access projects and return with a budget amendment and Phase Gate actions when appropriate.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- In 2010, the Board approved Motion No. M2010-102, authorizing the CEO to proceed with specified capital projects and service improvements in order to implement the Sound Move and Sound Transit 2 (ST2) Plans within available resources.
- The motion also directed the Board to evaluate the agency's ability to restore funding to projects and services that are not currently funded in the long-term financial plan as revenue and capital projects are updated.
- Improvements in Sound Transit revenue allow additional projects to be funded within the agency's finance plan.
- This action would restore funding for the Kent and Auburn Access Projects in the agency's Finance Plan and direct staff to begin work to develop both projects. Once the projects are sufficiently developed, staff will return with an action to amend the Budget and Transit Improvement Plan (TIP) for the projects, and seek approval to pass through the appropriate gates in the agency's Phase Gate process.

BACKGROUND

When the revenue generated by a subarea is inadequate to fund the transit projects and services planned for a subarea, the Sound Move and ST2 Plans grant the Board broad authority to make adjustments to projects and services on an ongoing basis consistent with the available resources and the adopted financial policies. If there is insufficient revenue to complete all the projects and services in the Sound Move and ST2 Plans as planned, the Board is authorized to fund those affordable portions of the capital projects and service improvements that best achieve the stated goals of the Sound Move and the ST2 Plans.

As a result of the projected \$3.9 billion revenue loss resulting from the 2007-2009 national economic recession, the Board adopted Motion No. M2010-102 to implement the Sound Move and ST2 Plans within available resources. Motion No. M2010-102 also directed the Board to evaluate the ability of the agency to restore funding to projects and services that are not currently funded in the long-term financial plan as revenue and capital projects are updated.

The Adopted 2016 Budget and 2016 TIP reflect the Board's allocation of available funding to the capital projects and services that best achieve the stated goals of Sound Move and ST2 and include restoration to the agency finance plan of additional ST2 bus hours. In 2012, the Board amended the Adopted Lifetime Budget for the South Corridor HCT project to increase it by \$24,327,240 to extend alternatives analysis, environmental review, and conceptual engineering to the Federal Way Transit Center. The Adopted 2015 Budget and 2015 TIP restored \$5,040,000 in funding for the Bothell Transit Center project, and the 2016 Budget and TIP restored additional bus hours to the agency financial plan.

Resources now exist to also fund the Kent and Auburn Access Projects and staff will return later in 2016 with a proposed budget amendment and contract award for the initial alternatives analysis work. Restoring this funding is consistent with previous plan-level environmental review, and project-level environmental review of these projects will be completed as appropriate.

Several additional projects would eventually be affordable with ST2 revenues but are being further evaluated in ST3 planning or would be accelerated by ST3. These include preliminary engineering on the Link extensions to downtown Redmond and Tacoma, constructing the Link extension to 272nd, and Sounder platform extensions.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Restoring funding for the Kent and Auburn Access Projects is affordable within the agency financial plan. Based on the 2010 program realignment, the financial plan includes the currently affordable portions of the capital projects and service improvements that best achieve the stated goals of the Sound Move and ST2 Plans and/or are necessary to keep the existing system in a state of good repair.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation, which also includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Small Business and DBE goals will be established as Sound Transit advances the projects through the phase gate implementation process.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In 2010, open houses were held throughout the district to provide the public the opportunity to ask questions and provide comment on the Proposed 2011 Budget and program realignment. On November 4, 2010 a public hearing was held and public testimony was taken.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not have a significant impact on this action.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Resolution No. R2012-07: (1) Expanded the scope of the South Corridor HCT–South 200th Street to Kent/Des Moines project to include alternatives analysis, environmental review, and conceptual engineering to the Federal Way Transit Center; (2) amended the Adopted Lifetime Budget for the South Corridor HCT project to increase it by \$24,327,240 from \$17,515,899 to \$41,843,139; (3) amended the Adopted 2012 Budget for the South Corridor HCT project to increase it by \$1,254,486 from \$2,576,500 to \$3,830,986; (4) reduced the scope of the South Corridor

Alternatives Planning project for the portion of the Federal Way extension that was already budgeted within that project; (5) amended the Adopted Lifetime Budget for the South Corridor Alternatives Planning project to decrease it by \$1,478,681 from \$5,542,319 to \$4,063,638; (6) amended the Adopted 2012 Budget for the South Corridor Alternatives Planning project to decrease it by \$739,341 from \$3,122,250 to \$2,382,909; and (7) approved Gate 1 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process for the revised South Corridor HCT project and changing the name of the project to the South Corridor HCT–South 200th Street to Federal Way Transit Center project. Motion No. M2010-102: Approved a plan to implement the Sound Move and ST2 Plans within available resources. Resolution No. R2008-10: Adopted a revised Sound Transit 2 Regional Transit System Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PW 01/22/2016

LEGAL REVIEW

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that (1) funding is restored for the Kent and Auburn Access Projects in the Sound Transit 2 Finance Plan, and (2) staff is directed to start work on those access projects and return with a budget amendment and Phase Gate actions when appropriate.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 28, 2016.



Marilyn Strickland
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator