

RESOLUTION NO. R2016-12
Select the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project to be Built

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	05/12/2016	Recommend to Board	Ric Ilgenfritz, PEPD Executive Director Don Billen, PEPD High Capacity Transit Project Development Director
Board	05/26/2016	Final Action	Melissa Flores Saxe, DECM Senior Project Manager

PROPOSED ACTION

(1) Selects the project to be built for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility, and (2) renames the working project name to Sounder Maintenance Base.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- Selects the Lakewood, Washington site as the location for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project to be built.
- Sounder Yard & Shops Facilities enables Sound Transit to be responsible to maintain its Sounder vehicle fleet. The facility will include the following:
 - Approximately a 40,000 square foot building that includes the maintenance facility, administrative offices, and welfare areas.
 - Six maintenance bays (three bays for cabs and coaches, two bays for locomotives, and one bay for a drop table).
 - Yard lead track and ancillary improvements.
- The action also renames the working project name for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project to the Sounder Maintenance Base.
- The project has completed the environmental review process. The Federal Transit Administration issued the NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion in January 2016. The SEPA Determination of Non-Significance was issued by Sound Transit in March 2016.

BACKGROUND

In November 2008, voters approved funding for Sound Transit to build a Sounder commuter train vehicle maintenance facility by 2023. The objective of the project is for Sound Transit to manage most of the maintenance responsibilities and reduce Amtrak’s scope of maintain the Sounder vehicles in south Seattle. Amtrak currently conducts the required Federal Railroad Administration’s mandated maintenance service of the Sounder fleet in south Seattle. The new Sounder Yard & Shops facility in Lakewood, Washington, will maintain, store, and accommodate future expansion fleet and support commuter rail operations.

A site identification study and alternative analysis of proposed locations along the Sounder rail corridor in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties was completed. The project reviewed six potential sites. Staff identified a location along Sounder’s railroad right-of-way between 100th Street and Steilacoom Blvd. as preferred. The site accommodates Sounder fleet needs, is cost-effective, and best supports Sounder south service operations. Project staff provided a briefing to the Board at the January 14, 2016, Capital Committee and the January 28, 2016, Board of Directors meetings.

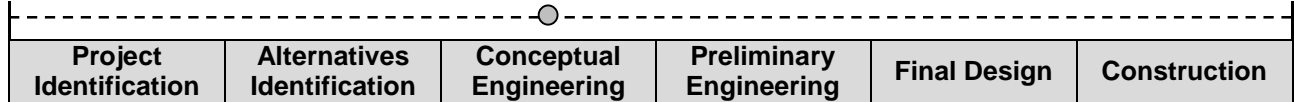
The project team completed conceptual engineering and environmental review in 2016. In January 2016, staff briefed the Board of Directors on the project and the Real Estate division obtained authority for a protective property acquisition.

The Federal Transit Administration issued a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) in November 2015 approving the property acquisition and DCE in January 2016 for the project. Sound Transit issued the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on March 25, 2016, and the public comment period closed on April 8, 2016.

Community Outreach staff conducted outreach for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project the last two years. Sound Transit has issued information flyers in September 2013, December 2015 and recently provided public notification postcards that the SEPA Checklist and DNS environmental document was available for review and comment. Sound Transit recently held a public information meeting on March 28, 2016, to inform the public about the next steps for the project. Project staff has also briefed the Pierce County Delegation Boardmembers, City of Lakewood staff, and Pierce Transit staff. In addition, Community Outreach staff contacted the owners of properties identified for right-of-way acquisition.

In addition to seeking Board selection of the project to be built in Lakewood, staff is requesting to rename the project working name to the Sounder Maintenance Base Project. Sound Transit has another project called the Sounder Yard Expansion Project to construct the third layover track and train crew facility in Lakewood, WA.

PROJECT STATUS



Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	Final Design	Construction
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Projected Completion Date for Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project: 2023

Project scope, schedule and budget summary located on page 129 of the December, 2015 Agency Progress Report.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Although there is no direct fiscal action associated with the proposed action, the final project selection will have fiscal impacts as to the design and construction of the project. Those impacts will be addressed during future actions as they are presented.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Outreach activities include meetings with adjacent property owners, businesses, City of Lakewood, Pierce Transit, and Tacoma Rail Power. Sound Transit recently held a public information meeting on March 28, 2016 and briefed the Lakewood City Council on April 25, 2016.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not significantly impact the timing of this project.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Resolution No. R2013-13: Amended the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project from \$6,911,902 to \$6,076,902, (2) amended the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility project from \$3,418,000 to \$2,583,000, (3) created the new Sounder Yard Expansion project with a project Lifetime and Annual Budget of \$835,000, and (4) approved Gates 1 and 2 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

JI 5/5/2016

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 5/6/2016

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) selecting the project to be built for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility, and (2) renaming the working project name to Sounder Maintenance Base.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under RCW Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996 and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region, known respectively as Sound Move and Sound Transit 2 (ST2); and

WHEREAS, ST2, the plan for expanding high-capacity transit in the central Puget Sound region includes funding for the commuter rail maintenance and operations that the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility will provide; by 2023. The objective of the project is for Sound Transit to manage most of the maintenance responsibilities and reduce Amtrak's scope of maintain the Sounder vehicles in south Seattle. Amtrak currently conducts the required Federal Railroad Administration's mandated maintenance service of the Sounder fleet in south Seattle. The new Yard & Shops facility in Lakewood, Washington, will maintain, store, and accommodate future expansion fleet and support commuter rail operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility will include the following identified scope elements: approximately a 40,000 square foot building that includes the maintenance facility, administrative offices and welfare areas; six maintenance bays (three bays for cabs and coaches, two bays for locomotives, and one bay for a drop table) yard lead tracks and ancillary improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration issued a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) in November 2015 approving the property acquisition and DCE in January 2016 for the project; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit issued a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on March 25, 2016, and the 14-day public comment period closed on April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the DNS was distributed to the public, affected local jurisdictions, regional, state and federal agencies; Native American tribes, community organizations and other interest groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the DNS and other relevant documents and materials were provided to the Board for review and consideration before the Board's decision on the project; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit conducted community outreach for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project the last two years. Sound Transit has issued information flyers in September 2013, December 2015 and recently provided public notification postcards that the SEPA Checklist and DNS environmental document was available for review and comment. Sound Transit recently held a public information meeting on March 28, 2016, to inform the public about the next steps for the project. Project staff has also briefed the Pierce County Delegation Boardmembers, City of Lakewood staff, and Pierce Transit staff. In addition, Community Outreach staff contacted the owners of properties identified for right-of-way acquisition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to seeking Board selection of the project to be built in Lakewood, staff is requesting to rename the project working name to the Sounder Maintenance Base Project.

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

SECTION 1. The Lakewood, Washington site is selected as the location for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility project to be built. The facility will include an approximately 40,000 square foot building (including the maintenance facility, administrative offices and welfare areas), six maintenance bays, and yard lead track and ancillary improvements.

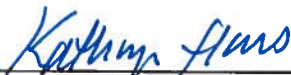
SECTION 2. The working project name for the project is renamed to the Sounder Maintenance Base.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 26, 2016.



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Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator