

MOTION NO. M2017-141

Transitway Agreement with the City of Lynnwood related to the Lynnwood Link Extension within City Rights-of-Way

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	11/9/2017	Recommend to Board	Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director Rod Kempkes, Executive Project
Board	11/16/2017	Final Action	Director - Lynnwood Link Extension John Evans, Light Rail Development Manager

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Transitway Agreement with the City of Lynnwood to grant Sound Transit non-exclusive use of a light rail transitway within City right-of-way to construct, operate, maintain, and own a light rail transit system for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The Transitway Agreement grants Sound Transit non-exclusive use for light rail transit within the City of Lynnwood right-of-way.
- The agreement covers elements related to the grants of rights by the City, activities in public rights-of-way during construction, operations, maintenance, and repair in streets and right-of-way.
- Prior to execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that a Transitway Agreement be signed with all cities within the Lynnwood Link Extension to demonstrate continuing control of the light rail transitway.
- The Lynnwood City Council is scheduled to approve execution of this agreement on November 13, 2017. This action is contingent upon the Lynnwood City Council's approval.

BACKGROUND

The Lynnwood Link Extension is an 8.5 mile light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood with service to the Cities of Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood. The extension will travel primarily along I-5 and will include four stations at NE 145th Street, NE 185th Street, Mountlake Terrace Transit Center, and Lynnwood Transit Center. The project began Final Design in 2016 and is scheduled to open for service in 2024.

Sound Transit is currently in final design for the Lynnwood Link Extension and has established the guideway alignment and facilities within the City of Lynnwood right-of-way. Under this agreement, the City of Lynnwood and Sound Transit agree to terms related to Sound Transit's non-exclusive use of portions of city right-of-way to construct, operate, maintain, and own the light rail transitway system within the City of Lynnwood and along the light rail transitway.

PROJECT STATUS

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	Final Design	Construction		

Projected Completion Date for Final Design: Q3 2018

Project scope, schedule and budget summary located on page 29 of the August 2017 Link Light Rail Program Progress Report.

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the proposed action.

Sound Transit did, however, execute an agreement with the City of Lynnwood in January 2017 to reimburse the City for permitting and project review during the design phase of the project. An amendment to that agreement is anticipated, to update final design milestones and cover the construction phase of the project.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION, APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION, AND TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In November 2016, Sound Transit held a 30 percent station design open house in the City of Lynnwood. Open house for in-progress 90 percent design is anticipated in Q1 2018. During the open houses, Sound Transit received extensive public comment on the status of the station designs and project elements. Sound Transit will brief the Lynnwood City Council on the Transitway Agreement at a working session on November 6, 2017, provide updates on the project design progress and answer questions from the public present or those from council members.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule. However as this is an essential agreement for the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) application, more than a month delay could impact securing project funding.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2016-112: Executed a Permit and Project Review Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$903,566, with a 10% contingency of \$90,359, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$993,945. Resolution No. R2015-30: Amended the 2015 Adopted Budget by (1) increasing the lifetime capital budget for the Lynnwood Link Extension project by \$423,742,313 from \$64,118,687 to \$487,861,000, (2) increaseing the 2015 Annual Budget by \$2,329,890 from \$16,324,776 to \$18,654,671 and (3) authorizing the project to advance through Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate Process.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 10/31/17

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 11/3/17



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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Transitway Agreement with the City of Lynnwood to grant Sound Transit non-exclusive use of a light rail transitway within City right-of-way to construct, operate, maintain, and own a light rail transit system for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2017.

Dave Somers Board Chair

ATTEST:

Kathryn Flores Board Administrator