

MOTION NO. M2017-38

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Board Chair to appoint up to three board members to meet with City of Mercer Island elected officials to discuss issues of concern regarding the East Link Project.

BACKGROUND

Portions of East Link, including a light-rail station, will be located on Mercer Island. Mercer Island and Sound Transit staff have identified issues of concern regarding East Link construction and operation that are neither related to the equitable access and mobility issues related to Interstate 90 nor to the potential mitigation measures being addressed through the ongoing process identified in the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement and 2004 Amendment between and among the Washington State Highway Commission, King County, King County Metro, and the cities of Seattle, Bellevue, and Mercer Island.

Staff negotiations have been ongoing for a significant time and may benefit from direct meetings between board members and one or more City of Mercer Island elected officials to facilitate and resolve issues not related to the equitable access issue identified in the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement, or to loss of mobility issues and the potential mitigation measures identified in the 2004 Amendment to the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement. The issues to be addressed by the appointed board members in meetings with Mercer Island elected officials may include bus/rail integration, permitting, dedicated staff funding, coordination with other construction projects, mitigation identified in the East Link Record of Decision, access, including bike and pedestrian access, emergency response training, and other issues that may be identified as within the exclusive authority of Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island to resolve.

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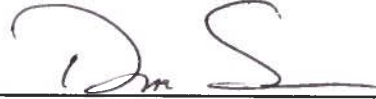
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Board Chair is authorized to appoint up to three board members to meet with City of Mercer Island elected officials to discuss and facilitate timely resolution of issues of concern that are within the authority of Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island alone to resolve. The issues to be addressed may include bus/rail integration, permitting, dedicated staff funding, coordination with other construction projects, mitigation identified in the East Link Record of Decision, access, including bike and pedestrian access, emergency response training, and other issues that can be resolved by Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island alone. The appointed board members are not authorized to take an action, or to discuss or address any issue related to the equitable access, loss of mobility, or the potential mitigation measures regarding Interstate 90 identified in the 1976 Memorandum to Agreement or the 2004 Amendment to the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement.

The appointed board members are not authorized to bind Sound Transit by this motion; the Sound Transit Board retains exclusive authority to bind the agency.

The appointed board members are not authorized to take any action that would affect or extend the time to complete the ongoing independent consultation process set forth in the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement or the 2004 Amendment to the 1976 Memorandum of Agreement, which independent consultation process will end on the date the Washington Department of Transportation decides the design and operation of Interstate 90, and which may be completed

before the appointed board members complete the activities authorized by this motion. The Board Chair should inform the Board about the results of appointed board members' efforts.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 23, 2017



Dave Somers
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator