

## Motion No. M2020-69

### Funding Agreement for Capped Contribution for RapidRide C Line Improvements

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	11/12/2020 11/19/2020	Recommend to Board Final action	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD Cathal Ridge, Executive Corridor Director- Central Corridor <b>Chris Rule, HCT Project Manager – Central Corridor</b>

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Seattle and King County to reimburse the City of Seattle for \$1,730,000 and King County Metro for \$2,800,000 to provide a total funding contribution of \$4,530,000 for bus speed and reliability improvements to the RapidRide C Line serving West Seattle to South Lake Union.

### Key features summary

- This action authorizes Sound Transit to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Seattle and King County to reimburse the City and County for costs of up to \$4.53 million for speed and reliability improvements to the RapidRide C Line.
- The Sound Transit 3 (ST3) System Plan includes a capped capital contribution of \$65 million for bus capital enhancements to design and construct transit priority improvements that improve speed and reliability for the Madison BRT project and the RapidRide C and D Lines.
- In 2018 the Sound Transit Board established the RapidRide C and D Improvements project and approved an initial study of potential improvements performed by the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project team.
- In September the Board of Directors moved that staff bring forward an agreement for a limited near-term authorization for RapidRide C Line improvements pending a more comprehensive program realignment. The speed and reliability improvements would help address challenges experienced due to closure of the West Seattle Bridge and financial uncertainty due to the ongoing pandemic.
- The Seattle Department of Transportation and King County would implement improvements identified in Sound Transit approved task orders according to their established procedures.
- Sound Transit staff would monitor the project scope and costs, ensuring the City and County meet requirements to receive Sound Transit payment. The City and County may begin construction soon on a segment of roadway reconstruction. The overall project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

### Background

The ST3 Plan includes, within the Early Deliverables Program, a capped funding contribution for RapidRide C and D improvements. King County Metro has operated the RapidRide C Line serving West Seattle and the D Line serving Ballard within the City of Seattle since 2012. King County Metro operates

this service and the City of Seattle maintains local streets along these alignments. Metro has partnered with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to make incremental speed and reliability improvements.

The Board of Directors established the RapidRide C and D Improvements project in 2018 and authorized a study to be conducted by the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions team. Sound Transit collaborated with Metro and SDOT staff to identify a set of promising improvements such as business access transit (BAT) or other transit-only lanes, traffic signal upgrades, roadway rechannelization and reconstruction.

In September 2020 the Board of Directors identified one action for RapidRide C amongst a set of paused actions on other projects to consider for advancement. Recognizing financial uncertainty due to the pandemic and the difficulty faced by West Seattle transit passengers due to the closure of the West Seattle Bridge, the Board requested that staff bring forward an initial limited authorization for improvements to only the RapidRide C Line.

A program of transit priority treatments to improve transit speed and reliability were evaluated in the Regional Transit Long Range Plan Update Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (November 2014) and included in the ST3 Plan as Early Deliverables. The City of Seattle and King County are lead agencies for RapidRide C Line project-level review under the State Environmental Policy Act. The City and County would be responsible for completing environmental review as may be required, project development, design, construction and operations. Sound Transit staff would confirm environmental review is complete before funding final design or construction, and would monitor the scope and budget by executing task orders and making periodic progress payments for reimbursement of a defined scope of work.

## Fiscal information

This action is within the RapidRide C and D project budget and sufficient monies remain after approval of this action to fund the remaining work in the Third Party phase. The authorized project allocation for the RapidRide C and D Improvements and Madison BRT projects is \$65,000,000. Within the Third Party phase, \$62,500,000 has been allocated to provide funding contributions for bus corridor/ RapidRide

### RapidRide C&D Improvements

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Authorized Project Allocation to Date	Board Approvals	This Action	Board Approved Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$750	\$80	\$	\$80	\$670
Preliminary Engineering	1,750	599		599	1,151
Final Design					
Third Party	62,500	35,800	4,530	40,330	22,170
Right of Way					
Construction					
Construction Services					
Vehicles					
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$36,479</b>	<b>\$4,530</b>	<b>\$41,009</b>	<b>\$23,991</b>
<b>Phase Detail - Third Party</b>					
City of Seattle - RapidRide CD Agreement	\$12,100		\$1,730	\$1,730	\$10,370
City of Seattle - Madison ST BRT Agreement	35,800	35,800		35,800	0
King County Metro - RapidRide CD Agreement	12,100		2,800	2,800	9,300
Other Third Party	2,500			0	2,500
<b>Total Phase</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$35,800</b>	<b>\$4,530</b>	<b>\$40,330</b>	<b>\$22,170</b>

**Notes:**

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 10/31/2020

For detailed project information, see page 84 of the 2020 Finance Plan and Adopted Budget.

improvements. The proposed action would commit \$1,730,000 to the City of Seattle – RapidRide C and D and \$2,800,000 to the King County Metro – RapidRide C and D line items for a total of \$4,530,000 and leave a budget balance of \$10,370,000 in the City of Seattle – RapidRide C and D line item and \$9,300,000 in the King County Metro - RapidRide C and D line item.

### **Small business/DBE participation, apprenticeship utilization and Title IV compliance**

The City and County would set goals and track and report small business/DBE participation and apprenticeship utilization for project construction for any procurements. Sound Transit would monitor progress on these goals.

### **Public involvement**

The City of Seattle and King County would be responsible for conducting community engagement regarding speed and reliability improvements according to their established procedures for changes to the right of way and transit service.

### **Time constraints**

A one-month delay may affect the City of Seattle or King County’s procurement schedule.

### **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Motion No. M2020-55: Identified paused projects to advance through near-term actions in 2020.

Resolution No. R2019-30: Adopted an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2020, and adopted the 2020 Transit Improvement Plan.

Resolution No. R2018-31: Amended the Adopted 2018 Budget to establish one of the early ST3 deliverable projects by (a) establishing the project and project name as RapidRide C and D Improvements, (b) establishing the project allocation to date through the completion of the preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$2,350,000, and (c) establishing a 2018 Annual Budget in the amount of \$350,000.

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**Environmental review** – KH 11/4/20

**Legal review** – MT 11/5/20



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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 19, 2020.



Kent Keel  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator