



## Motion No. M2021-16

### Betterment Agreement with the City of Shoreline to reimburse Sound Transit for Construction of a Retaining Wall as part of the Lynnwood Link Extension

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	3/11/2021	Recommend to Board	Ron Lewis, DECM Executive Director
Board	3/25/2021	Final action	Randy Harlow, Executive Project Director - Lynnwood Link Extension <b>Barbara Hinkle, Project Manager - Lynnwood Link Extension</b>

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a betterment agreement with the City of Shoreline to reimburse Sound Transit in the amount of \$703,640 to construct a retaining wall as part of the Lynnwood Link Extension.

### Key features summary

- This action would authorize the execution of a betterment agreement with the City of Shoreline to reimburse Sound Transit for construction of a retaining wall adjacent to the light rail line in support of a future City led project.
- The retaining wall will replace the planned noise wall and will provide the same noise mitigation and security functions as the previous design.
- The total agreement amount of \$703,640 includes: the contractor's bid price for construction of the retaining wall, Sound Transit administrative costs, and contingency to account for any changes that may occur during construction.
- This agreement allocates general operation and maintenance responsibilities between the City and Sound Transit, which will be formalized as part of a future operation and maintenance agreement for the entire Lynnwood Link alignment within the City.
- The Board is also considering an increase to the Lynnwood Link construction contract to incorporate these betterments in a separate Board action, Motion No. M2021-17.
- The Shoreline City Council will consider this agreement for approval on March 15, 2021.

### 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: Shoreline South/NE 148th Street, Shoreline North/NE 185th Street, Mountlake Terrace Transit Center, and Lynnwood City Center. Revenue service is anticipated to begin in 2024.

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construct a multi-modal path adjacent to the guideway. After working with Sound Transit on options, the City of Shoreline provided design drawings for the wall revision.

The City designed retaining wall will replace the currently designed and permitted noise wall with the same noise mitigation and security functions. Sound Transit negotiated the differential price of the change in wall type with the contractor and the City has accepted the negotiated price as the basis for this agreement. The City's reimbursement of Sound Transit's costs to administer, and contingency to account for any changes during construction, are included in the agreement.

Both parties agree to the due diligence needed to achieve approvals, consistent with all applicable regulations, to construct the wall. The City of Shoreline has agreed to assume responsibility for maintenance and security of its multi-use trail along the light rail alignment including graffiti removal, landscaping, and security enforcement. Maintenance of the retaining wall will be negotiated with the City of Shoreline as part of a future Operations and Maintenance Agreement and brought to the Sound Transit Board for consideration.

### Project status

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<b>Project Identification</b>	<b>Project Refinements</b>	<b>Conceptual Engineering/ Environmental Review</b>	<b>Preliminary Engineering</b>	<b>Final Design</b>	<b>Construction</b>

Projected completion date for revenue service: 3Q 2024

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 35 of the December 2020 Agency Progress Report.

### Fiscal information

The action would authorize a betterment agreement with City of Shoreline to reimburse Sound Transit for delivering a betterment as part of the Lynnwood Link Extension Project. The total agreement amount of \$703,640 is associated with the betterments.

Since the costs will be reimbursed to Sound Transit, this action does not impact either the agency's long-term financial plan or subarea financial capacity. If the total cost to perform this work exceeds the estimated reimbursement amount, the agreement will be amended by a future action.

### Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

### Public involvement

Sound Transit has engaged the public and stakeholder to reach early and durable agreement on the Lynnwood Link Extension project definition, including station locations, access and other project components. The City of Shoreline has been collaborating with Sound Transit through the Land Use Permitting approval process to ensure Sound Transit facilities are compatible with their community vision.

## **Time constraints**

Timely approval will facilitate incorporating the betterments into the project for implementation beginning in April 2021.

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**Environmental review – KH 2/25/21**

**Legal review – MT 3/5/21**



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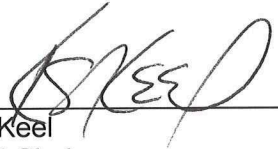
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**Motion**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a betterment agreement with the City of Shoreline to reimburse Sound Transit in the amount of \$703,640 to construct a retaining wall as part of the Lynnwood Link Extension.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 25, 2021.

  
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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator