



Motion No. M2021-37

Authorizing Funding for the City of Lynnwood Access Enhancement Project and an Amendment to the Development and Access Enhancements Agreement with the City

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	06/10/2021 06/24/2021	Recommend to Board Final action	Ron Lewis, DECM Executive Director Randy Harlow, Executive Project Director - Lynnwood Link Extension Barbara Hinkle, Project Manager

Proposed action

(1) Authorizes the release of matching funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 to be provided to the City of Lynnwood as prescribed under the previously approved Development and Access Enhancements Agreement and (2) authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement.

Key features summary

- In 2017, the Board approved Motion No. M2017-93 directing staff to negotiate appropriate access enhancement partnerships with the cities in close proximity to the four Lynnwood Link Extension stations before project baselining and early enough to be incorporated into permits required to begin project construction activities in each city. The guidelines in that action required each city to complete environmental reviews and secure matching funds for access improvement projects by June 30, 2021.
- In 2019, through Motion No. M2019-36, the Board authorized a Development and Access Enhancements Funding Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for several station area access enhancements for a total amount of matching funds not to exceed \$2,500,000.
- The City of Lynnwood has notified Sound Transit that they will be able to secure required matching funds for the proposed access enhancement project by June 30, 2021 and has provided the required SEPA/environmental documentation to Sound Transit Environmental staff.
- This action would authorize the release of \$2,500,000 in matching funds for the City of Lynnwood's Scriber Creek Trail Project in accordance with the terms of the Development and Access Enhancements Funding Agreement, which require that the Sound Transit Board confirm the selected projects prior to the release of matching funds.
- This action also authorizes the CEO to amend language within the Development and Access Enhancements Agreement to eliminate internal conflicts between different provisions in the agreement that were identified after its execution.

Background

The Lynnwood Link Extension is an 8.5 mile light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood with service to the Cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood. The extension will travel primarily along I-5 and will include four stations at NE 148th Street, NE 185th Street, Mountlake Terrace Transit Center, and Lynnwood Transit Center. New parking structures will be provided at NE 148th Street, NE

185th Street, and Lynnwood Transit Center. The project began Final Design in 2016 and is scheduled to open for service in 2024.

The Lynnwood Link Extension is a ST2 project that did not include additional funds for access enhancements in its cost estimates. As part of Resolution No. R2015-05, the Sound Transit Board directed staff to partner with the cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood during project final design to identify and implement appropriate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access enhancements to stations focused generally within a quarter mile of the stations.

Consistent with the direction in Motion No. M2017-93, staff implemented the guidelines for access enhancements beyond the station footprint utilizing the methodology adopted for ST3 system access projects to develop the access enhancement line item budget of \$8,500,000 within the overall Lynnwood Link Extension project baseline budget. Motion No. M2017-93 also noted that each city was to secure matching funds by June 30, 2021.

In 2019, through Motion No. M2019-36, Sound Transit executed a Development and Access Enhancements Funding Agreement with the City of Lynnwood including several potential station area access enhancements for a total amount of matching funds not to exceed \$2,500,000. That agreement stipulates that subsequent Board action would be required to release the funds.

In April 2021, the City of Lynnwood provided Sound Transit staff with the required environmental documentation for its Scriber Creek Trail project and requested the release of \$2,500,000 in Sound Transit matching funds for that project. No additional funding will be available to the City after approval of this action.

This action also authorizes the CEO to amend language within the Development and Access Enhancements Agreement to eliminate language in one paragraph that might be construed to require design and permitting for the selected project prior to release of matching funds. This requirement was not included in the guidelines established in Motion No. M2017-93, and conflicts with other sections of the approved Agreement language that do align with those guidelines.

Project status

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

Projected completion date for Construction: 4Q 2023 (Revenue Service Date 3Q 2024)

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 35 of the March 2021 Agency Progress Report.

Fiscal information

The proposed action authorizes the release or payment of funds previously approved through Motion No. M2019-36. This action does not commit any additional funds, but releases the previously-approved funding to the City of Lynnwood in accordance with the terms of the Development and Access Enhancements Agreement.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

The City has engaged the public as part of project delivery.

Time constraints

Timely approval of this action will ensure authorization prior to the June 30, 2021 date established in the guidelines included in Motion No. M2019-36.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2019-36: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a Development and Access Enhancements Funding Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for certain station area access enhancements for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.

Motion No. M2017-93: Adopted guidelines for Access Enhancement Partnering Agreements with the Cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Resolution No. R2015-05: Selected the route, profile and stations for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Environmental review – KH 4/26/21

Legal review – MT 6/4/21



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that (1) the release of matching funds is authorized in the amount of \$2,500,000 to be provided to the City of Lynnwood as prescribed under the previously approved Development and Access Enhancements Agreement and (2) the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 24, 2021.



Kent Keel
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator