



## Motion No. M2022-78

### Project Administration Agreement between the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority and the City of Bothell for the Stride BRT program.

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	09/08/22 09/22/22	Recommend to Board Final action	Ron Lewis, Executive Director, DECM <b>Bernard van de Kamp, Program Executive Bus Rapid Transit</b> <b>Paul Cornish, Strategic Projects Director Bus Rapid Transit</b> <b>Nazanin Samimi- Project Manager Bus Rapid Transit</b>

#### Proposed action:

Authorizes the chief executive officer to 1) execute a Project Administration Agreement with the City of Bothell for the Stride BRT project, and 2) execute task orders that are consistent with the agreement and do not exceed a combined total of \$5,000,000.

#### Key features summary

- This Agreement addresses the parties' commitment to work cooperatively to provide reimbursement to the City of Bothell for the costs of certain services and products related to the successful planning and implementation of the project.
- The intent of this Agreement is to establish a task order process for Sound Transit who agrees to reimburse the city for certain costs not covered by the city's land use, permitting or other fee schedules.
- This could include tasks that are directly related to the project, are essential to meeting project objectives and schedule, and support project design, permitting and construction activities, such as documentation of durable and specific project commitments, public right-of-way review and approval services, documented decisions including coordination to facilitate permit approvals, or streamline permitting as outlined.
- The Bothell City Council will consider the execution of this agreement in September 2022.
- The total amount of this Agreement will be equal to the sum of budget of all authorized task orders and their amendments. No reimbursement payment will be made more than the established not-to-exceed amount.

#### Background

The Sound Transit Long Range Transit Plan identifies the SR 522/NE 145<sup>th</sup> Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), or Stride S3 Line, and the Bus Base North projects within the City of Bothell's jurisdiction.

The SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project establishes BRT service along the corridor, primarily operating in business access and transit (BAT) or bus queue bypass lanes for 9 miles between Shoreline and Bothell, with separate, connecting service options to Woodinville. Funding for the SR522/NE 145th Street BRT project was approved by voters in the ST3 Plan.

The City of Bothell and Sound Transit executed a Partnering Agreement for the BRT Program on June 12, 2018, to document and confirm a mutual understanding of general terms and conditions to advance the implementation of the project.

Project development to date has involved preliminary design of BRT elements, including routing, roadway, and sidewalk improvements, and 12 BRT station pairs between the termini. The analysis during the Preliminary Engineering phase confirmed the station locations and identified speed and reliability project elements. Sound Transit issued a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project on March 25, 2021.

In August 2021, the Board approved Resolution No. R2021-06 and selected the project to be built for the Stride Bus Rapid Transit Maintenance Base project supporting the I-405 and SR522/145th Bus Rapid Transit projects.

The Board has selected the route, determined the roadway improvements, and station locations for the SR 522/NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Rapid Transit Project in September 2021 with approval of Resolution No. R2021-07. The final design phase is now underway.

## 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>

The Conceptual Engineering/Environmental Review, Preliminary Engineering was completed in 2021.

SR-522 BRT is currently in design phase.

Projected completion of Final Design is Q4 2023.

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 169 of the June 2022 Agency Progress Report.

## Fiscal information

Although there is no direct or immediate fiscal action associated with the proposed action, there may be fiscal impacts as the Stride-BRT program progresses.

Following the execution of the agreement, Sound Transit and City of Bothell will execute one or more task orders consistent with the agreement, which will not exceed a combined total of \$5,000,000.

The current cost estimate for the Bus Rapid Transit program is \$2,162 million in 2022\$ (\$1,198 million for I-405 Stride BRT, \$626 million for SR522/ NE 145<sup>th</sup> Stride BRT, and \$338 million for the

BRT Maintenance Base.) The program is affordable within the Agency's Finance Plan. This action is consistent with the financial plan adopted by the Board in Resolution No. R2021-21 and does not impact the affordability of any other system expansion project.

### **Disadvantaged and small business participation**

Not applicable to this action.

### **Public involvement**

Sound Transit is committed to proactively seeking public input during all stages of the project. The SR 522/145th BRT Community Engagement and Communication Guide establishes a stakeholder engagement process that helps ensure priorities of local communities are heard and considered along with the project-wide goals. We have collaborated with elected officials, partner staff and adjacent property owners during the project. Sound Transit is working closely with the City of Bothell on the SR 522/145th BRT project. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sound Transit leveraged virtual platforms to provide project updates to the public, and facilitate briefings and meetings with neighborhood associations, IAG members, and stakeholders.

### **Time constraints**

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule.

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

Resolution No. R2021-07: Selected the route, determined the roadway improvements, and station locations for the State Route 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Resolution No. R2021-06: Selects the project to be built for the Stride Bus Rapid Transit Maintenance Base project supporting the I-405 and SR522/145th Bus Rapid Transit projects.

Motion No. 2018-61: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Bothell on the SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit.

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**Environmental review** – KH 8/26/22

**Legal review** – JCN 09/02/2022



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized the to 1) execute a Project Administration Agreement with the City of Bothell for the Stride BRT project, and 2) execute task orders that are consistent with the agreement and do not exceed a combined total of \$5,000,000.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 22, 2022.



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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

### Attest:



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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator