

MOTION NO. M2011-50
Transfer of Title Agreement with Community Transit

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations and Administration Committee	06/16/11	Recommendation to the Board	Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director Jodi Mitchell, Project Manager	(206) 398-5389 (206) 398-5080
Board	06/23/11	Cancelled		
Board	07/28/11	Final Action		

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Transfer of title Agreement with Community Transit for the long-term ownership, operation and maintenance of the transit center elements of the Edmonds Station project.

KEY FEATURES

- The proposed transfer agreement authorizes the transfer of all title and interest in the transit center elements at the Edmonds Station from Sound Transit to Community Transit.
- Bus transfer facility elements include: a bus platform, two weather-protected bus shelters, one bus layover area, lighting, landscaping, and informational signage.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Edmonds Station project will provide rail and bus service upon completion. Sounder currently serves the Edmonds Station through a temporary platform on the east side of the railroad tracks at the Edmonds Amtrak Station. Construction of the permanent Sounder station improvements is underway and is coordinated with Amtrak and BNSF's construction of a second main line through Edmonds. The permanent Sounder station will include two platforms (shared with Amtrak), shelters for weather protection, short term parking for passenger drop off and pick up, and around 150 parking spaces. The project also includes a bus transfer facility, which will be primarily used by Community Transit.

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

BACKGROUND

The Edmonds Station project is a Sound Move project to provide permanent station improvements for Sounder service and a bus transfer facility in Edmonds. On January 31, 2011, a three-party interlocal agreement was executed between Sound Transit, Community Transit, and the City of Edmonds which details ownership, operation, and maintenance rights of each party. In this interlocal agreement, Sound Transit (1) assigned to Community Transit the rights, duties and obligations of the transit center elements of the Edmonds Station project as described in previous agreements between Sound Transit and City of Edmonds, (2) Community Transit assumed those rights, duties and obligations, including the long term ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities, and (3) the City consented to the assignment. Sound Transit intends to transfer all title and interest in the transit center elements of the project to Community Transit upon completion of construction pursuant to a transfer agreement. Sound Transit will retain operating rights at the transit center for Sounder Commuter Rail service disruptions and in the event there is future Regional Express service provided to this location.

Construction of the Edmonds Station project began in July 2010. Construction of the bus transit center elements including bus platform, two weather-protected bus shelters, one bus layover area, lighting, landscaping, and informational signage began in April 2011.

Upon completion of the Edmonds Station project in July 2011, Community Transit will begin operating service to the bus transit center. Sound Transit does not currently operate service to this facility nor are there any near term plans to do so.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Environmental documentation and compliance under NEPA and SEPA was completed through the Everett to Seattle Commuter Rail Project Final EIS (December 1999) and the FTA issued the Record of Decision in February 2000. Sound Transit issued a SEPA Addendum in October 2008 to address the effects of providing temporary replacement parking during commuter rail station construction.

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PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2011-06 - Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edmonds and Community Transit for the ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities of the transit center elements of the Sounder Edmonds Station project.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule. However, in July, if ownership and maintenance rights have not been transferred to Community Transit, Sound Transit will begin incurring costs for utility and any maintenance costs that may arise.

LEGAL REVIEW

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