

RESOLUTION NO. R2011-05

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) accelerating the South Link – Airport to South 200th Street Project and establishing a project completion schedule milestone of September 2016; (2) approving Gates 4 and 5 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate system; (3) amending the Project Lifetime Budget to increase it by \$341,849,600, from \$41,391,400 to \$383,241,000; and (4) amending the Adopted 2011 Annual Project Budget to increase it by \$500,829, from \$11,338,347 to \$11,839,175.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996 and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region, which includes extension of Link light rail to South 200th Street; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1999, Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 1999, the Sound Transit Board approved Resolution No. R99-34, which selected the Central Link Light Rail Project alignment from the University District in the City of Seattle to South 200th Street in the City of SeaTac; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2005, Sound Transit and the FTA issued an Environmental Assessment/SEPA Addendum for the Airport Link Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2005, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2005-16, which selected the final route, profile, and station locations for the Airport Link Light Rail Project from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station to South 200th Street; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2005, the FTA issued a Record of Decision for the Airport Link Project; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2008, the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-04, amending the Adopted 2008 Budget to (a) revise the Airport Link lifetime budget to \$269.1 million; (b) add a project for the light rail segment from South 176th to South 200th with a budget of \$3.767 million; and (c) treat as property for resale and record separately from the Airport Link project budget the previously authorized \$4.1 million acquisition costs for the “kiss-and-ride” facility at the Airport Link Station; and

WHEREAS, the ST2 Plan included extension of the Central Link light rail system to South 200th Street and Highline Community College by 2020, and to Redondo/Star Lake by 2023; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to optimize the implementation of the ST2 capital program, Sound Transit’s CEO directed staff to explore the potential of accelerating the construction and operation of the Link light rail extension from SeaTac/Airport Station to South 200th Street, based upon the advanced state of readiness of the project (preliminary engineering complete and Record of Decision issued), and its potential to: increase ridership, create a fully functional multimodal interim terminus, provide additional parking on the system concurrent with the opening of the University Link project, and, benefit from a favorable bidding climate; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2010, the Board approved execution of a contract with Huitt-Zollars to provide design services for the South Link – Airport to South 200th Street project, and the design refinement effort is now complete; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2011, a NEPA re-evaluation of the changes proposed from the design refinement work was issued; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2011, a SEPA addendum was issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the following actions be approved:

Section 1: Accelerate the South Link – Airport to South 200th Street Project and establish a project completion schedule milestone of September 2016.

Section 2: Approve Gates 4 and 5 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate system.

Section 3: Amend the 2011 South Link Lifetime Budget to increase it by \$341,849,600, from \$41,391,400 to \$383,241,000.

Section 4: Amend the Adopted 2011 Annual Budget for the South Link Project to increase it by \$500,829 from \$11,338,347 to \$11,839,175.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 28, 2011.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator