



## Resolution No. R2024-13

### East Link Extension Phase Budget Transfer

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	05/09/2024	Recommend to Board	Terri Mestas, DCEO, Chief Mega Capital Programs Officer
Board	05/23/2024	Final action	Ron Lewis, DECM Executive Director Tracy Reed, DECM Deputy Executive Director <b>Jon Lebo, Executive Project Director</b>

### Proposed action

Amends the adopted 2024 Budget to transfer \$3,600,000 from the project administration phase to the final design phase for the East Link Extension project, while maintaining the baseline budget of \$3,677,150,000.

### Key features summary

- This action seeks Board approval to transfer \$3,600,000 from the project administration phase to the final design phase of the East Link Extension project. There is no change to the project baseline budget of \$3,677,150,000 or the annual project budget authorization total.
- The current project budget includes a total project Administration amount of \$179,700,000. After this action, a total of \$176,100,000 will remain within the project administration phase.
- This budget transfer will provide the funding needed for Motion No. M2024-24, to execute a contract modification with WSP USA (formerly Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc.) to increase the design services during construction contract contingency needed to complete the International District / Chinatown Station to the South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension project.

### Background

East Link extends light rail 14 miles, with 10 stations from Seattle's International District to Judkins Park, across I-90 to Mercer Island and South Bellevue, through downtown Bellevue and the Bel-Red area to Redmond Technology Station. Revenue service for the East Link Extension is anticipated to begin in 2025, and revenue service for the East Link Starter Line is planned for Spring 2024.

In October 2012, the Board authorized a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. (now WSP USA, Inc.) for final design services for civil and architectural elements necessary to construct the International District Station to South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension. Work began in November 2012 and the design was completed in February 2017 with production of Issued for Construction Plans and Specifications.

The I-90 to South Bellevue construction contract has not progressed as planned, due to the ongoing contractor quality issues with resultant construction delays. In addition, WSP has been requested to provide added design support for late third-party and owner-directed changes and investigations of the

contractor defective work, such as rebar and post-tensioned strikes in the elevated structures which have further depleted contingency.

Due to the ongoing construction challenges and extended durations on the I-90 segment (E130 contract), WSP’s authorized budget is projected to be depleted by September 2024. Additional funding is necessary to provide the remaining DSDC support for the E130 contract through project closeout at the end of 2025.

## Project status

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering/ Draft EIS	Preliminary Engineering/ Final EIS	Final Design	Construction
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Projected revenue service: 2025

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 33 of the February 2024 Agency Progress Report.

## Fiscal information

This action is within the baseline budget and sufficient monies remain after approval of this action to fund the remaining work in the Final Design phase. The current project budget is included in the existing Long Range Financial Plan.

The baseline budget for the East Link project is \$3,677,150,000. The proposed action would shift \$3,600,000 from the agency administration phase to the final design phase to fund the remaining design support during construction (DSDC) for the E130 contract through project closeout within the final design phase.

There will be no increase to the annual project budget or the project baseline budget of \$3,677,150,000.

### East Link Extension

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Annual Project Budget			Authorized Project Allocation to Date		
	Adopted 2024 Annual Project Budget	Budget Revision	Revised 2024 Annual Project Budget	Authorized Project Allocation to Date	Allocation Change	Authorized Project Allocation to Date (New)
Administration	\$14,361	(3,600)	\$10,761	\$179,700	(3,600)	\$176,100
Preliminary Engineering			-	54,776		54,776
Final Design	3,434	3,600	7,034	260,868	3,600	264,468
Third Parties	1,195		1,195	46,650		46,650
Right of Way	700		700	283,516		283,516
Construction	158,235		158,235	2,557,942		2,557,942
Construction Services	28,317		28,317	293,697		293,697
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>\$206,241</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$206,241</b>	<b>\$3,677,150</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$3,677,150</b>

#### Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

For detailed project information, see page 115 of 224 of the 2024 Financial Plan & Adopted Budget.

\* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 3/31/2024.

## Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

## **Public involvement**

Not applicable to this action.

## **Time constraints**

Approval of this action and the related contract modification (Motion No. M2024-24) for design services during construction will allow the project to continue to progress design and construction activities for the I-90 segment (contract E130) for the East Link Extension project to complete the work. A one-month delay would not have a significant impact.

## **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Resolution 2023-40: Adopted an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2024, and adopts the 2024 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP).

Resolution 2015-14: (1) Adopted the East Link Extension baseline schedule and budget, which constitutes Board approval of Gate 5 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process by (a) amending the project Lifetime Budget from \$798,346,894 to \$3,677,150,000, and (b) amending the project 2015 Annual Budget from \$142,944,766 to \$165,636,000; (2) approved Gate 6 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process to allow the project to proceed to construction; (3) confirmed that the alignment selected by the Board in 2013 includes a 120th Avenue Station in a retained cut; (4) incorporated the Overlake Village Bridge project into the East Link Extension by (a) amending the Lifetime budget from \$5,185,585 to \$0 and (b) amending the annual budget from \$1,163,000 to \$0 to reflect the transfer of budget to the East Link Extension; and (5) established a project revenue service date of June 2023.

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**Environmental review** – KH 4/22/24

**Legal review** – JEN 05/02/24



## Resolution No. R2024-13

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the adopted 2024 Budget to transfer \$3,600,000 from the project administration phase to the final design phase for the East Link Extension project, while maintaining the baseline budget of \$3,677,150,000.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under chapters 81.104 and 81.112 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 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 Sound Transit district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008, and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, the Board approved Resolution No. R2015-14, adopting the baseline budget for the East Link Extension project; and

WHEREAS, \$179,700,000 is currently allocated to the project’s Administration phase; and

WHEREAS, a Phase Budget Transfer is needed to allocate the funds to increase the contract contingency with WSP USA, Inc for design services during construction; and

WHEREAS, the design services during construction is allocated from the Final Design phase of the project budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the adopted 2024 Budget be amended to transfer \$3,600,000 from the project administration phase to the final design phase for the East Link Extension project, while maintaining the baseline budget of \$3,677,150,000.

ADOPTED by a supermajority of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator