Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Transit Administration, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Implementing Section 106 the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Seattle Link Extension Project, Seattle, King County, Washington

Quarterly Report No. 02-2025

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Attached please find the Quarterly Report (2025Q3) for the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Transit Administration, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Implementing Section 106 the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Seattle Link Extension Project, Seattle, King County, Washington (Programmatic Agreement), which was executed on February 11, 2025.*

This Quarterly Report was prepared per Stipulation XXVII.A of the Programmatic Agreement.

As the project progresses, each Quarterly Report will include a summary of updates on the implementation status of mitigation measures outlined in the Programmatic Agreement in this cover letter, as well as a detailed accounting of the status of the Programmatic Agreement commitments and opportunities for engagement in the attached Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Commitment Tracking Matrix.

General Updates

Sound Transit is developing a schedule for deliverables included in the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement commitments. This schedule is anticipated to be shared by the end of 2025 with DAHP, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties for awareness and workload planning.

Programmatic Agreement Commitment Updates

Below Sound Transit provides updates on Stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement that are currently in progress. Each of these commitments will require coordination with DAHP, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties.





Stipulation XVI: Identification and Evaluation of Archaeological Properties

The Archaeological Treatment Plan has been finalized and distributed to Consulting Tribes and SHPO. Archaeological investigations implementing the Treatment plan are anticipated to start in late 2025. Tribes and SHPO will be notified of this work per the Treatment plan.

Stipulation XIX: Historic Context Study of the Industrial Development of West Seattle and the Duwamish Waterway vicinity.

DAHP, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties approved the outline developed for this historic context. Sound Transit is collaborating with local historians and preservation organizations and is making progress on the research and writing of this context.

Stipulation XXI(A): Mitigation for Adverse Effects to Cettolin House, 4022 32nd Avenue Southwest (WISAARD ID 721984).

DAHP, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties approved the outline developed for this historic context. Sound Transit is collaborating with local historians and preservation organizations and is making progress on the research and writing of this context.

Stipulation XXII: Historic Database Infrastructure Support

This stipulation identifies that Sound Transit will provide monetary assistance in an amount not to exceed a total of \$500,000.00 between DAHP and the City of Seattle to enhance the functionality of their historic resources database(s). Sound Transit is currently developing a task order for the distribution of funds.

Stipulation XXVI: Cultural Resources Orientation

Sound Transit has completed a draft cultural resources orientation to ensure that all construction-related commitments as identified in the Programmatic Agreement are properly tracked and executed. This draft will be distributed to DAHP, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties for comment and review by the end of August 2025.

Design and Construction Progress Updates

The Early Design Services (EDS) contract was <u>approved by the Sound Transit board on April 24, 2025</u>, and Notice to Proceed was issued on July 14, 2025. This design contract will advance design on the project from what is included in the project Final Environmental Impact Statement.





Next Steps

Sound Transit will continue to implement Section 106 mitigation commitments concurrent with the expected impacts of construction to historic properties as described in the Programmatic Agreement.

The next Quarterly Report will be available in November 2025. Sound Transit will also aim to transmit the fourth Quarterly Report by the end of 2025 in order to start 2026 on a quarterly reporting schedule that matches the quarters of the calendar year.

These quarterly reports will also be publicly available on Sound Transit's website for the project here: Environmental documents | Sound Transit

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