

Memo

September 18, 2026

To:	Sound Transit Board of Directors
From:	Taylor Carroll, Lynnwood Link Extension Deputy Executive Project Director
Subject:	Accounting of contingency applied under authority granted in Motion No. M2025-19

Under the provisions of Motion No. M2025-19, the Lynnwood Link Extension (LLE) staff committed to provide the Board with “... a full accounting of contingency [not to exceed \$30,000,000] used and the reconciliation of any contracts and agreements to which these [contingency] funds were applied”.

LLE Staff were able to manage much of the work needed to achieve the timely opening of the project and support closeout activities within approved contract and agreement not-to-exceed amounts including the authorization granted in Motion No. M2025-19 in April 2025. Of the \$30,000,000 cumulative contingency increase authorized by the Board, the project has used \$27,384,994 in contingency funds to support extended requirements for the closeout phase. See the summary table below of the LLE contracts and agreements that the funds were applied to.

Contract/Item	Additional Contract Authorization M2024-16 & M2025-19	Prior NTE	New NTE
Amount Authorized M2024-16	\$ 15,000,000		
Amount Authorized M2025-19	\$ 15,000,000		
Civil FD/DSDC - HNTB	\$ 6,147,885	\$ 160,543,308	\$ 166,691,193
L300 GC/CM - Skanska	\$ 9,511,952	\$ 915,688,048	\$ 925,200,000
L300 GC/CM - Skanska	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 925,200,000	\$ 926,200,000
L300 GC/CM - Skanska	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 926,200,000	\$ 927,200,000
Wheel Flat Detection - IEM	\$ 981,750	\$ 12,106,554	\$ 13,088,304
Civil CMC - PGH Wong	\$ 1,708,841	\$ 116,989,971	\$ 118,698,812
Civil CMC - PGH Wong	\$ 1,463,629	\$ 118,698,812	\$ 120,162,441
City of Seattle CSA	\$ 1,740,543	\$ 14,692,207	\$ 16,432,750
L300 GC/CM - Skanska	\$ 351,904	\$ 927,200,000	\$ 927,551,904
Civil FD/DSDC - HNTB	\$ 2,016,392	\$ 170,621,041	\$ 172,637,433
Civil CMC - PGH Wong	\$ 876,264	\$ 121,852,579	\$ 122,728,843
Civil CMC - PGH Wong	\$ 585,834	\$ 124,107,475	\$ 124,693,309
Total authorized	\$ 27,384,994		
Remaining Authorization	\$ 2,615,006		

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As the LLE project works to complete closeout responsibilities which can span several years after the beginning of Revenue Service, staff will be requesting additional contingency authorization as part of an upcoming board action. Future updates can be provided upon request.

A copy of Motion No. M2025-19 is attached for your reference.

Please contact project staff with any questions.

Best Regards,

Taylor Carroll

Deputy Executive Project Director – Lynnwood Link Extension and Pinehurst Infill Station projects
Capital Delivery Department

Motion No. M2025-19

Increase Contingency Funds to Lynnwood Link Extension Agreements and/or Contracts

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	04/10/2025 04/24/2025	Recommend to Board Final Action	Terri Mestas, Deputy CEO, Capital Delivery Michael Morgan, Executive Director, Capital Delivery Josh Pategas, Executive Project Director, Lynnwood Link Extension

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to increase the cumulative contingency amount authorized to increase certain Lynnwood Link Extension contract and/or agreement amounts as necessary, by an amount of \$15,000,000 for a new total authorized cumulative contingency expenditure not to exceed \$30,000,000, all within the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget.

Key features summary

- This action would authorize the additional use of Board-approved baseline budget funds not to exceed an additional total of \$15,000,000, as needed, to add contingencies to and increase the authorized amounts of certain active contracts and intergovernmental agreements to fund work necessary to successfully complete and closeout the Lynnwood Link Extension.
- This action augments previous authority authorized by Motion No. M2024-16, to allow additional funds within the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget to be available to be allocated to individual contracts or agreements such that amounts used will not exceed \$30,000,000 in cumulative increases.
- This authorization will be applied to contracts and agreements within the final design, construction services, third party, and construction phases of the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget.
- Work will be within the approved scope of the contracts or agreements and may include but not be limited to safety certification, agency requested changes, and changes required by Authorities Having Jurisdiction.
- Sound Transit's experience with this project as well as with the Initial Segment, University Link Extension, and Northgate Link Extension projects indicates that opening a new light rail line can require significant unanticipated work and the agency must be in a state of readiness to meet jurisdictional and operational requirements that arise during the final stages of the project and through closeout.
- Staff will report to the Board no later than the third quarter of 2026 to provide a full accounting of contingency used and the reconciliation of any contracts and any agreements to which these funds were applied.

Background

The Lynnwood Link Extension (LLE) is an 8.5-mile light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood with service to the Cities of Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood. The extension travels primarily along I-5 and includes four stations: Shoreline South / 148th Street, Shoreline North / 185th Street, Mountlake Terrace Transit Center, and Lynnwood City Center. Revenue service was achieved in August 2024. The Lynnwood City Center Station will be an interim terminus for Link light rail service until the Everett Link Extension is operational, currently scheduled for 2037.

Closing out the ST2 alignments has become a priority of the agency, and contracts with our LLE Construction Management Consultants (CMC) and Design Support During Construction (DSDC) teams are being extended to support the activities required for this process. The contingency authorization may also involve increases to the various task orders and other agreements that need to be funded to maintain the level of effort required to close out an 8.5-mile project through multiple jurisdictions including WSDOT.

A previous Board action (Motion No. M2024-16) authorized \$15,000,000 of available LLE baseline budget for these purposes. The additional amount requested would increase the total authorized to \$30,000,000, which is available within the LLE baseline budget. This action would authorize the additional use of funds not to exceed a total of \$15,000,000, as needed, to increase the authorized amounts and add contingencies to certain active contracts and intergovernmental agreements related to the LLE project, including the following:

Within the Final Design phase:

- Civil facilities and architectural final design services by HNTB-Jacobs Trusted Design Partners (H-J)
- Systems engineering final design services by Hatch (formerly LTK Engineering) for systems elements (communications, signals, track work, and traction power)

Within the Third Party Agreements phase:

- Construction Services Task Order with the Washington State Department of Transportation
- First responder training agreements with fire and police departments in the Lynnwood Link extension

Within the Construction phase:

- Northgate Station to NE 200th Street Heavy Civil General Contractor/Construction Management contract by Stacy & Witbeck – Kiewit – Hoffman, a Joint Venture
- NE 200th Street to Lynnwood Transit Center Heavy Civil General Contractor/Construction Management contract by Skanska Constructors L300 Joint Venture
- Systems Construction Heavy Civil General Contractor/Construction Management contract by Mass Electric Construction Company
- Construction Services and Permit Review Agreements with the Cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood

Within the Construction Services phase:

- Civil construction management consultant, PGH Wong Engineering, supporting Sound Transit's construction management team to manage all elements of civil facilities construction.
- Systems construction management consultant, Northwest Transit Systems Partners, supporting Sound Transit's construction management team to manage all elements of systems construction.

To ensure timely completion and efficient closeout of the extension, this action will authorize the chief executive officer to allocate funds within the project budget to intergovernmental agreements, construction contracts, design contracts, and construction management consultant contracts, increasing contract and agreement contingencies and authorized amounts as necessary, within the cumulative total increase of \$30,000,000.

Project status

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering/ Draft EIS	Preliminary Engineering/ Final EIS	Final Design	Construction

Projected completion date for Construction: 3Q 2024

Current project status, performance metrics, and additional information are located on page 20 of the February 2025 System Expansion Monthly Status Report.

Fiscal information

The baseline budget for the Lynnwood Link Extension project is \$2,771,622,000. The proposed action does not commit any new funds but will allow for contract contingency and agreement amounts to be increased as necessary, using funds from existing budgetary line items, of up to \$15,000,000.

Lynnwood Link Extension
(in thousands)

Project Phase	Baseline Budget	Board Approvals*	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$91,538	\$83,744	\$0	\$83,744	\$7,794
Preliminary Engineering	39,053	39,053	-	39,053	-
Final Design	166,862	165,347	1,000	166,347	515
Third Party	17,957	17,407	500	17,907	50
Right of Way	203,591	198,282	-	198,282	5,309
Construction	2,110,993	2,053,784	11,000	2,064,784	46,209
Construction Services	141,628	137,872	2,500	140,372	1,256
Total	\$2,771,622	\$2,695,489	\$15,000	\$2,710,489	\$61,133

Notes:
Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.
For detailed project information, see page 127 of the 2025 Proposed Budget & Financial Plan.
* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 2/28/2025.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Participation by small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs)

Below is the current DBE and Small Business performance on the associated contracts:

RTA/CN 0079-15C			
DBE Goal: 4%		Small Business Goal: 12%	
DBE Commitment: 5.15%		Small Business Commitment: 12.04	
Current DBE Attainment: 9.22%		Current Small Business Attainment: 16.94%	

RTA/CN 0010-16C			
DBE Goal: 5%		Small Business Goal: 12%	
DBE Commitment: 5%		Small Business Commitment: 12%	
Current DBE Attainment: 7.06%		Current Small Business Attainment: 13.28%	

RTA/CN 0115-14C			
DBE Goal: 3%		Small Business Goal: 6%	
DBE Commitment: 3%		Small Business Commitment: 6%	
Current DBE Attainment: 5.49%		Current Small Business Attainment: 7.19%	

AE 0039-15			
DBE Goal: 7.1%		Small Business Goal: 14.1%	
DBE Commitment: 7.1%		Small Business Commitment: 14.1%	
Current DBE Attainment: 18.15%		Current Small Business Attainment: 24.53%	

AE 0010-15			
DBE Goal: 7%		Small Business Goal: 14%	
DBE Commitment: 10%		Small Business Commitment: 16.5%	
Current DBE Attainment: 10.58%		Current Small Business Attainment: 18.51%	

AE 0040-15B			
DBE Goal: 4.5%		Small Business Goal: 9.5%	
DBE Commitment: 6%		Small Business Commitment: 11%	
Current DBE Attainment: 12.16%		Current Small Business Attainment: 19.73%	

AE 0003-15			
DBE Goal: 2%		Small Business Goal: 6%	
DBE Commitment: 28.74%		Small Business Commitment: 30.59%	
Current DBE Attainment: 29.73%		Current Small Business Attainment: 31.32%	

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

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

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2024-16: Authorizes the chief executive officer to increase certain Lynnwood Link Extension contract contingencies and existing intergovernmental agreement amounts as necessary using contingency available within the Lynnwood Link Extension Baseline budget, for a total authorized cumulative contingency expenditure not to exceed \$15,000,000.

Motion No. M2023-39: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Regional Fire Authority for Sound Transit to pay an agreed amount of \$601,575 with a 10 percent contingency of \$60,158 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$661,733 for emergency responder training and equipment needed for the startup and operation of the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Motion No. M2023-20: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Expedited Permitting, Reimbursement, and Construction Services Agreement with the City of Shoreline to support the design review, permitting, and approval of permit conditions for the Lynnwood Link Extension, adding scope and increasing the agreement amount by \$1,775,321, with a 10 percent contingency of \$177,532, totaling \$1,952,853, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$8,052,568, all within the Board approved project budget.

Motion No. M2022-77: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to Task Order B-13 under Agreement GCA 3361 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide construction administration and construction oversight services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$2,260,120, with a contingency of \$226,012 totaling \$2,486,132, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$5,440,352.

Motion No. M2022-55: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with Skanska Constructors L300, a Joint Venture between Skanska USA Civil West California District, Inc., and Skanska USA Building, Inc., for the NE 200th Street to Lynnwood Transit Center project to provide construction services for transit and traffic circulation improvements along the 200th Street SW corridor within the City of Lynnwood and to resolve disputes related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the concrete delivery strike, in the amount of \$37,800,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$915,688,048.

Motion No. M2022-23: Authorized the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency for the Lynnwood Link Extension project with HNTB Jacobs Trusted Design Partners (a Joint Venture of HNTB Corporation and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.), HNTB Corporation, and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for civil design services during construction in the amount of \$13,374,239, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$154,243,967, all within the previously-approved baseline budget of \$2,771,622,000 for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Motion No. M2022-22: Authorized the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency for the Lynnwood Link Extension project with PGH Wong Engineering, Inc. to provide construction management services for the construction phase in the amount of \$19,934,226, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$104,755,361, all within the previously-approved baseline budget of \$2,771,622,000 for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Motion No. M2021-17: Authorized the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency for the Northgate Station to NE 200th Street construction contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. / Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. / Hoffman Construction Company of Washington, a Joint Venture to allow for the implementation of a betterment with the City of Shoreline, in the amount of \$649,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$890,200,003.

Motion No. M2020-58: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to provide construction assistance and construction services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$5,529,279 with a 10% contingency of \$552,928, totaling \$6,082,207 for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$37,509,266.

Motion No. M2020-43: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with Northwest Transit Systems Partners Joint Venture, Mott MacDonald, LLC, and STV Incorporated, to exercise an option to provide systems construction management services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$18,462,307 with a 7 percent contingency of \$1,292,362 totaling \$19,754,669, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$63,861,124.

Motion No. M2020-42: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with Mass Electric Construction Company to exercise an option provide heavy civil general contractor/construction manager services for the Lynnwood Link Extension systems construction in the amount of \$148,000,000 with a 7 percent contingency of \$10,360,000 totaling \$158,360,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$536,810,000.

Motion No. M2019-46: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with LTK Engineering Services, LLC to provide systems design support during construction services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$4,310,560 with a 10% contingency of \$431,060 totaling \$4,741,620, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$14,685,862.

Motion No. M2018-165: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Permit and Project Review Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Lynnwood to add construction support services in the amount of \$2,344,655, with a 7% contingency of \$164,126, totaling \$2,508,781, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$4,006,903.

Motion No. M2018-152: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Permitting and Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Mountlake Terrace to add continued design review and construction support services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$2,131,287, with a 7% contingency of \$139,400, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$3,125,232.

Environmental review – KH 3/24/25

Legal review – JSA 4/4/25

Motion No. M2025-19

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the cumulative contingency amount authorized to increase certain Lynnwood Link Extension contract and/or agreement amounts as necessary, by an amount of \$15,000,000 for a new total authorized cumulative contingency expenditure not to exceed \$30,000,000, all within the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget.

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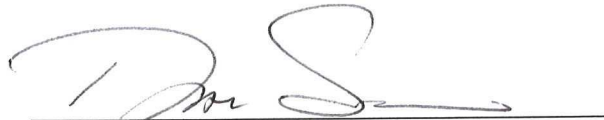
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Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to increase the cumulative contingency amount authorized to increase certain Lynnwood Link Extension contract and/or agreement amounts as necessary, by an amount of \$15,000,000 for a new total authorized cumulative contingency expenditure not to exceed \$30,000,000, all within the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 24, 2025.


Dave Somers
Board Chair

Attest:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator