

Motion No. M2020-36

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting realignment criteria to help inform the Board on how to best achieve the objectives of the Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 plans when making upcoming realignment decisions.

Background

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sound Transit has experienced reductions in actual and forecasted revenues needed to build and operate regional transit. The Board has begun discussing potential changes to the way Sound Transit delivers the service and capital improvements adopted by voters under Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3.

When the Sound Transit 3 plan was developed, the Board identified five core principles to guide Board decisions on the projects to include in the plan. These principles included completing the spine, connecting regional centers, ridership potential, socio-economic equity, and advancing logically beyond the spine.

At the June 3, 2020 Board Workshop, the Board also discussed the importance of additional criteria to help the Board make difficult realignment decisions. These additional criteria include project tenure, outside funding, and phasing compatibility.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the following realignment criteria be adopted to help inform the Board on how to best achieve the objectives of the Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 plans when making upcoming realignment decisions:

Ridership Potential – How many daily riders is the project projected to serve?

Socio-Economic Equity – How well does the project expand mobility for transit-dependent, low-income, and/or diverse populations?

Connecting Centers – Does the project connect designated regional centers?

Project Tenure – How long have voters been waiting for the project?

Outside Funding – Are other funding sources available or secured?

Completing the HCT Spine – Does the project advance development of the regional HCT spine?

Advancing Logically Beyond the Spine – Is the project a 'logical next step' beyond the spine and within financial capacity?

Phasing Compatibility – Can the project be constructed and opened for service in increments?

Staff are directed to use these criteria to develop and present to the Board realignment scenarios that would be affordable even in the severe recession forecast discussed at the June 3, 2020 Board workshop.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 25, 2020.



Kent Keel
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator