



## Motion No. M2020-40

### Amend ST Express Agreement with Community Transit for Operations and Maintenance Services

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	07/02/2020	Recommend to Board	Paul Denison, Acting Executive Director of Operations
Board	07/23/2020	Final action	<b>Robin Braziel, Director, Commuter Rail, Bus and Paratransit</b> <b>Dave Turissini, ST Express Program Manager</b>

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to extend the ST Express Service Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Community Transit for six months through June 30, 2021.

### Key features summary

- The current agreement with Community Transit expires on December 31, 2020. Staff from both agencies are currently actively negotiating a new agreement; however, more time is needed to address the following issues:
  - Understanding near and long-term ridership impacts of the COVID-19 crisis
  - Developing long term service plans that respond to changing ridership demand, capital expansion realignment and fiscal constraints
- Both parties have agreed that this six month extension is necessary to finalize a more informed agreement
- Community Transit is expected to approve this extension in August.

### Background

Sound Transit and Community Transit entered into a service operations and maintenance agreement, on June 29, 2015. The agreement term was extended to December 31, 2019 after two one-year options were exercised. The agreement was extended by an additional year to December 31, 2020 through Motion No. M2019-84 which was approved by the Sound Transit Board on July 25, 2019.

Both parties are currently engaged in productive negotiations. However, due to demands on staff time to address COVID-19 issues and the need for a better understanding of the near and long-term service and ridership effects on ST Express services, both parties have agreed that additional time would be beneficial in arriving at a more informed agreement.

## **Fiscal information**

Funding for 2020 for this agreement is included in the Purchased Transportation category within the Operations department's annual operating budget. The Purchased Transportation category budget is \$203,425,480, of which \$20,782,475 is budgeted for Community Transit.

Funding for 2021 for this agreement will be included in the annual budget development process based on negotiated estimated costs as provided by Community Transit in conformance with the proposed agreement and the service assumptions provided in the Service Implementation Plan for that year.

## **Disadvantaged and small business participation**

Not applicable to this action.

## **Public involvement**

Not applicable to this action

## **Time constraints**

A one month delay would not negatively affect this project.

## **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Motion No. M2019-84: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to extend the ST Express Service Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Community Transit and Sound Transit for one year through December 31, 2020.

Motion No. M2015-53: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with Community Transit to provide ST Express bus operations and maintenance services for the period of July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017, with two additional one-year options to extend.

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**Environmental review** – KH 6/25/20

**Legal review** – JW 6/25/20

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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 execute an amendment to extend the ST Express Service Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Community Transit for six months through June 30, 2021.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 23, 2020.

  
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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator