



## Motion No. M2020-78

### Partnering Agreement with the City of Shoreline for SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	12/10/2020 12/17/2020	Recommend to Board Final action	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD Kathy Leotta, SR. Project Manager, PEPD <b>Paul Cornish, Project Director, PEPD</b>

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with City of Shoreline for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

### Key features summary

- The SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is anticipated to traverse the City of Shoreline along SR 523 (N 145th St.) and SR 522.
- Building on the SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project's multi-agency Concurrence Document signed in November 2017, the Partnering Agreement is a key step in the Sound Transit partnering process, consistent with the System Expansion Implementation Plan (SEIP).
- The intent of the Partnering Agreement is to establish a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project.
- This action would authorize the execution of a Partnering Agreement with the City of Shoreline. The Shoreline City Council approved the execution of this agreement on November 9, 2020.
- Future agreements are expected as the project advances through subsequent development and delivery phases.

### Background

The SR 522/NE 145th BRT project is a voter-approved project under the ST3 Plan. In Shoreline, the representative project includes BRT services along SR 523 (145<sup>th</sup>), two BRT station pairs, a new westbound Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane, and station access improvements.

The SEIP acknowledges that engaging with jurisdictional partners who have land use, permitting, oversight, or regulatory authority is central to maintaining project schedules. The Partnering Agreement is intended to provide greater clarity and predictability for each agency and to foster mutual accountability for meeting key milestones.

Depending on the project to be built, the City may have permitting authority for a variety of project components, and in future agreements the City may lead project implementation for certain project components (such as roadway improvements). The Partnering Agreement follows SEIP guidance and establishes a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project, including commitment to:

Designated Representatives

Establish each agency’s single point of contact to identify and resolve issues early.

Scope, Schedule, Budget

Work together to complete the project with ST3 schedule and budget. If there are requests to increase scope, collaborate to identify scope reductions elsewhere/local contributions.

Project Definition

Start with ST3 representative project as basis to investigate other reasonable alternatives to be evaluated. Collaborate early on evaluation of reasonable alternatives that meet intent of ST3 plan. Continue the collaborative design effort during Conceptual Engineering.

Community Engagement

Collaborate on development of a Community Engagement and Communications Plan.

Station Planning Activities

Develop a process to coordinate station planning activities.

Permit Streamlining

Identify and implement actions to streamline permit review and develop a Preliminary\_Permitting Plan.

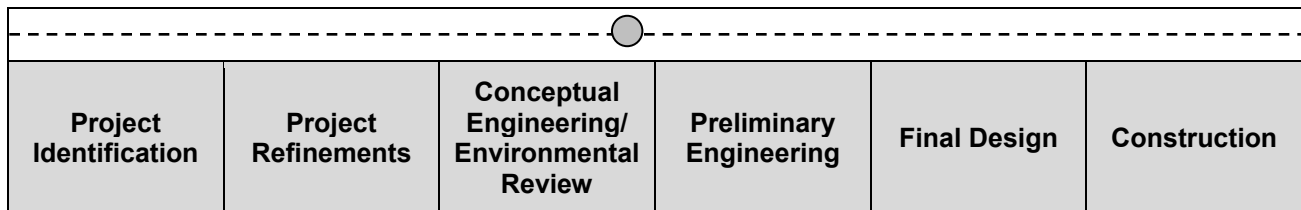
Environmental Review

Sound Transit will serve as the SEPA Lead Agency for the project and the city will participate actively in the environmental review process. The city will use and rely upon environmental documents prepared by Sound Transit for required project development approvals and permitting decisions.

Coordination on Planned Projects

Coordinate on planned projects within the Project area and resolve conflicts as early as possible.

**Project status**



Projected completion date for Preliminary Engineering: 2Q 2020

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 180 of the September 2020 Agency Progress Report.

**Fiscal information**

Although there is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action, the approval of the Partnering Agreement does establish conditions for which fiscal actions may be taken.

**Disadvantaged and small business participation**

Not applicable to this action.

## **Public involvement**

Sound Transit will continue to actively seek public feedback at all project stages for the SR 522/NE 145th BRT with the goal of fostering public trust through transparent communication, meaningful involvement, and being responsive to concerns and issues.

The Partnering Agreement includes a commitment to collaborate with the city in this action on development of a Community Engagement & Communications plan.

## **Time constraints**

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

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**Environmental review** – KH 12/2/20

**Legal review** – MT 12/4/20



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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 a Partnering Agreement with City of Shoreline for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 17, 2020.

  
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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator