



## Motion No. M2021-18

### Easement with the City of Seattle for the Northgate Pedestrian Bridge as part of the Northgate Link Extension

| Meeting:                   | Date:      | Type of action:    | Staff contact:   |
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| System Expansion Committee | 03/11/2021 | Recommend to Board | Ron Lewis, DECM Executive Director   |
| Board                      | 03/25/2021 | Final action       | Don Davis, Executive Project Director – Northgate Link Extension<br><b>Kristin Hoffman, Light Rail Development Manager</b> |

### Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an easement benefiting the City of Seattle for the City of Seattle's Northgate pedestrian bridge as part of the Northgate Link Extension at no cost to the City.

### Key features summary

- Resolution No. R2018-40 requires all permanent easements (excluding standard utility easements that service Sound Transit) be approved by the Board.
- This action will grant a permanent easement to the City of Seattle comprising air rights and both surface and subsurface rights on property located at 10200 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, WA. The surface rights are 344 square feet.
- The easement is necessary for the City of Seattle pedestrian bridge to tie directly into the Northgate Station mezzanine level.
- Sound Transit and the City of Seattle agree that providing public access to Northgate Station is of mutual benefit to both parties and that, therefore, no monetary consideration need be exchanged in connection with the easement rights.
- The City of Seattle shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, inspection and repair of the pedestrian bridge and all appurtenances.
- Granting the easement to the City of Seattle will not impact Sound Transit's planned use of the property.

### Background

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### **Fiscal information**

As explained in the key features, Sound Transit and the City of Seattle agree that providing public access to Northgate Station is of mutual benefit to both parties and that, therefore, no monetary consideration need be exchanged in connection with the easement rights.

Accordingly there is no fiscal action associated with granting this easement.

### **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 create a significant impact to the project schedule. The City of Seattle pedestrian bridge is scheduled to be completed in August 2021.

### **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Resolution No. R2018-40: Updated the existing delegated authority and policy for the procurement of contracts, materials, services, and work; for the acquisition, use and disposal of real and personal property; for the execution of agreement with other public entities; and superseded Resolution No. 78-2, 42, 58, and 98-7 and Motion Nos. M2004-111 and M99-2.

Resolution No. 2012-18: Authorized the chief executive officer to acquire, lease or dispose of certain real property interests for the Northgate Link Extension, including acquisition by condemnation and pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and necessary for the construction and operation of the Northgate Link Light Rail.

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**Environmental review** – KH 2/25/21

**Legal review** – PM 3/8/21

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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 easement benefiting the City of Seattle for the City of Seattle's Northgate pedestrian bridge as part of the Northgate Link Extension at no cost to the City.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 25, 2021.

  
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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

### Attest:

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator