

Motion No. M2025-29

Contract Modification with David Evans & Associates for the Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program's King Street Station Platform Area Improvements

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	6/12/2025	Final action	Terri Mestas, Deputy CEO, Capital Delivery John Martin, CDD Executive Director Jon Mihkels, CDD Director Zac Eskenazi, Development Manager

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with David Evans & Associates to exercise a contract option for consultant services for the King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project Phase 3 Preliminary Engineering within the Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program in the amount of \$6,199,326 with a 10 percent contingency of \$619,933, totaling \$6,819,259, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$26,812,897.

Key features summary

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- The King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project recently completed Phase 2 – Conceptual Engineering. Environmental review will be completed during Phase 3 – Preliminary Engineering.
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- This contract modification would exercise the option to have DEA provide consultant services to complete Phase 3 – Preliminary Engineering and complete the environmental review. Following the completion of this phase, the Board will be asked to select a set of improvements to be built.

Background

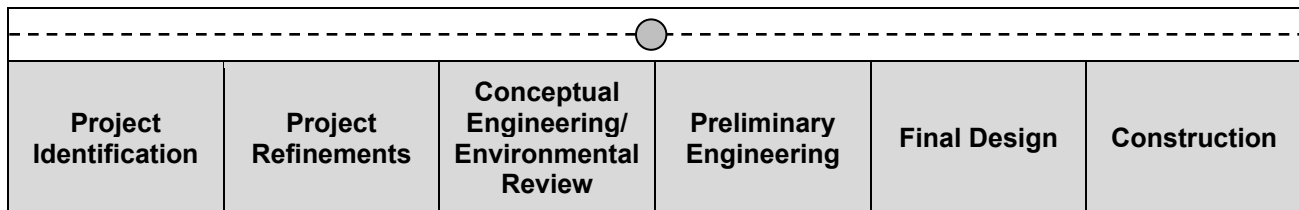
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During these phases, the project team collaborated closely with the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension projects to ensure coordination and consistency with the proposed station areas in the Chinatown International District. None of the proposed improvements under the King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project are contingent on any future Chinatown International District light rail station location but could provide enhanced connection to the station locations currently being considered. In Phase 2, Conceptual Engineering of the King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project, this consultant initiated the NEPA environmental review and completed conceptual engineering.

This action seeks a modification to the David Evans & Associates contract to provide consultant services to complete the Phase 3 preliminary engineering and environmental review for the Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program King Street Station Platform Area Improvements Project.

Project status



Projected completion date for Phase 3, Preliminary Engineering: 2Q 2027

Current project status, performance metrics, and additional information are located on page 16 of the April 2025 System Expansion Monthly Status Report.

Procurement information

This Sounder Planning & Preliminary Engineering consultant contract for engineering services was procured in accordance with requirements for Architecture/Engineering procurements. Sound Transit evaluated all proposals submitted in accordance with the evaluation criteria included in the solicitation. Price was not a factor. David Evans and Associates, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified firm, and after successful negotiations, Sound Transit entered into Contract RTA/AE 0145-17 with David Evans and Associates, Inc. on November 30, 2018. The scope of work in the contract contains options for the completion of Sounder projects for planning and project development. This is a cost-plus fixed fee contract.

The Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program's King Street Station Platform Area Improvement Project is within the scope of the contract. The project has completed Phase 1 – Alternative Analysis and Phase 2 – Conceptual Engineering.

Sound Transit Procurement, in conjunction with project team and independent estimators, has determined that the contract not to exceed price for Phase 3 – Preliminary Engineering for the project is fair and reasonable. For this new Phase 3, the proposed price was compared with the independent cost estimate and a cost analysis was performed.

Fiscal information

The current cost estimate for the SSCE project is \$1,432,054,962 in 2025\$ with an assumed in service date of 2036. As the project is pre-baselined, both the authorized project budget for project development work and a forecasted cost estimate for remaining project delivery and construction work are reasonably assumed in the existing Long Range Financial Plan.

The authorized allocation for the SSCE project is \$43,518,600. Within the \$26,367,600 preliminary engineering phase, \$6,819,259 has been allocated to the David Evans and Associates, Inc. – PE/Environmental Review (Phase 3) line item. This action would commit \$6,819,259 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$619,933) to this line item and leave a phase budget balance of \$5,699,877.

Sounder South Capacity Expansion

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Authorized Allocation	Board Approvals*	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$11,674	\$5,357	\$	\$5,357	\$6,317
Preliminary Engineering	26,368	13,848	6,819	20,668	\$5,700
Final Design	-	-	-	-	-
Third Party	2,328	866	-	866	1,462
Right of Way	3,149	327	-	327	2,822
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Construction Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$43,519	\$20,398	\$6,819	\$27,217	\$16,301

Phase Detail - Preliminary Engineering

David Evans & Associates - PE/FEIS (Phase 3)	\$6,819	\$	\$6,819	\$6,819	\$
Other PE	19,548	13,848	-	13,848	5,700
Total Phase	\$26,368	\$13,848	\$6,819	\$20,668	\$5,700

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

For detailed project information, see page 128 of the 2025 Adopted Budget & Financial Plan.

* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 4/30/2025.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Participation by small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs)

For the original contract, Sound Transit determined the all-inclusive contract DBE/Small Business goals and the successful Proposer (DEA) Committed to the following DBE/Small Business participation:

Small business and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals (ORIGINAL)	
Sound Transit small business goal: 10%	Small business commitment: Based on individual change order
DBE goal: 4%	DBE commitment: Based on individual change order

DEA made the following DBE/Small Business commitments and had the following DBE/Small Business participation for the SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvements Project: Phase 1 – Alternatives Analysis scope of work:

SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvement Project Phase 1	
Small business commitment: 21.90%	Small business achievement: 38.575%
DBE commitment: 19.80%	DBE achievement: 37.715%

DEA made the following DBE/Small Business commitments and had the following DBE/Small Business participation for the SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvements Project: Phase 2 – Conceptual Engineering and Environmental Review scope of work:

SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvement Project Phase 2	
Small business commitment: 23.70%	Small business achievement: 38.575%
DBE commitment: 21.0%	DBE achievement: 37.715%

DEA made the following DBE/Small Business commitments for the SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvements Project for the Phase 3 – Preliminary Engineering scope of work.

SSCE King Street Station Platform Area Improvement Project Phase 3	
Small business commitment: 28.2%	Small business participation: TBD
DBE commitment: 28.2%	DBE participation: TBD

Public involvement

Sound Transit conducted community outreach about the King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project in summer of 2024 through an online open house and in-person outreach at the station. Staff also coordinated with the Ballard Link Extension team and the City of Seattle South Downtown Hub team to notify community stakeholders.

Staff shared early design concepts of the potential improvements including: a longer platform, adding more stairs and elevators, and a concourse above the platform. The online open house was open from July 12 – September 30 and available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese, and drew over 1,950 visitors. During the online open house period, we reached Sounder riders through email updates, social media posts, and a tabling event at King Street Station on August 8, 2024.

The online survey was completed by over 150 people and most feedback was neutral, showing no strong support or opposition to the proposed pedestrian connections. Common themes included support for improved access to the station, support for enhanced pedestrian safety at existing and proposed crossings, and desire for direct connections to nearby transit. Sound Transit will use this feedback to inform future refinements.

Staff published an engagement summary on the Sound Transit website in December 2024 and linked to the summary in a project email list.

Sound Transit also coordinated with WSDOT and Amtrak, BNSF Railway, City of Seattle, and Federal Transit Administration during the development of the conceptual design and to gather additional input from these key stakeholders.

Time constraints

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

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2023-37: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with David Evans & Associates, Inc. to exercise contract options for conceptual engineering and environmental assessment for the Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program for updating the Sounder South Strategic Plan and for the DuPont Sounder Extension Project double track & signal projects in the amount of \$8,864,646, with a 10 percent contingency of \$886,464 totaling \$9,751,110, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$22,277,031.

Motion No. M2022-76: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with David Evans & Associates to exercise a contract option for consultant services for Phase 2 Conceptual Engineering and Environmental for the King Street Station Platform Area Improvements project in the amount of \$2,850,970 with a 10 percent contingency of \$285,097, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,525,919.

Motion No. M2022-19: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with David Evans & Associates to exercise a contract option for consultant services for the South Tacoma Access Improvements Project and Lakewood Access Improvements Project in the amount of \$4,759,995 with a 10 percent contingency, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,389,853.

Motion No. M2020-68: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute contract modifications with David Evans and Associates Inc. for Phase 1 Alternatives Analysis for the Lakewood Station Access Improvements project and the South Tacoma Access Improvements project in an amount of \$1,448,853 with a 10 percent contingency of \$144,885 totaling \$1,593,738, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,312,627, contingent upon Board approval of Resolution No. R2020-19 and Resolution No. R2020-20.

Motion No. M2018-120: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a Sounder Planning and Preliminary Engineering consultant contract with David Evans & Associates to provide planning and engineering consultant services for the Sounder South Capacity Expansion program in the amount of \$1,562,626, with a 10% contingency of \$156,263, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,718,889 plus applicable taxes, and contingent on Board approval of Resolution No. R2018-36 authorizing the Sounder South Capacity Expansion program and establishing program allocation and a 2018 annual budget.

Environmental review – KH 5/27/25

Legal review – JSA 6/6/25

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APPROVED by the System Expansion Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator