

Motion No. M2025-35

Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	07/03/2025	Recommend to Board	Marie Olson, Acting Service Delivery Deputy CEO
Board	07/24/2025	Final action	Brian de Place, Acting Security and Fare Engagement Deputy Executive Director Sue Kuwahara, Security and Fare Engagement Deputy Director

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$355,409.

Key features summary

- This action would authorize a one-year enhanced Law Enforcement Services agreement to be executed with the City of Lynnwood for an amount not to exceed \$355,409. The agreement includes two annual options to extend, subject to Board approval.
- With the expansion of Link light rail into Snohomish County, Lynnwood City Center station experiences similar challenges to existing terminus stations, requiring enhanced Law Enforcement Services.
- Under the agreement, Lynnwood Police will handle emergency and non-emergency calls on Sound Transit property, conduct patrols, engage with customers, maintain a presence on platforms and trains, and investigate felony, misdemeanor, and infraction incidents as needed.
- This agreement allows the City to be reimbursed by Sound Transit for Police costs not to exceed \$355,409 per year. This temporary arrangement will provide time for Sound Transit to establish a law enforcement strategy in all counties in its service area.
- The City of Lynnwood, in coordination with Sound Transit, calculated the \$355,409 cost based on 40 hours per week at their fully burdened rate of \$170.87 per hour. The amount requested will cover the initial one-year term. Staff will return to request additional funds to fund the one-year options to extend, if necessary.
- The Lynnwood City Council authorized this Police Services Agreement on May 12, 2025.

Background

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Sound Transit is seeking a temporary agreement with the City of Lynnwood for supplemental law enforcement services in Lynnwood while exploring long-term solutions to provide enhanced law enforcement coverage in its entire service area.

As part of this broader effort, Sound Transit is actively working to establish a comprehensive law enforcement strategy across its service area in Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties. This approach will ensure consistency, coordination, and effectiveness in responding to safety and security concerns throughout the transit network.

Fiscal information

This action for \$355,409 will be funded from Safety department's annual operating budget. Within the Services category, the security service budget is \$57,959,248, of which \$355,409 is estimated to be spent from this action in the remainder of 2025 and is currently within the agency's budget authority. After this action's approval, sufficient budget remains to cover remaining annual expenditures; funding for the additional years of the contract will be included in future annual budget requests.

This action does not impact the affordability of the agency's Financial Plan, as the services are already incorporated in the annual operating plan.

Safety

(in thousands)

Budget Cost Category	2025 Annual Operating Budget ¹	YTD Actuals ²	Contract Spend Forecast Remainder of 2025	YTD Plus Action (Current Year Only)	Remaining Annual Operating Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$16,417	\$6,345	\$	\$6,345	\$10,072
Services	80,868	37,639	355	37,994	42,874
Materials and Supplies	497	306		306	190
Utilities	20				20
Insurance					
Taxes					
Purchased Transportation Services					
Miscellaneous	419	77		77	341
Leases and Rentals					
Total Annual Operating Budget	\$98,221	\$44,367	\$355	\$44,723	\$53,498
Services Category Detail					
Security Services	57,959	25,733	355	26,089	31,870

Contract Spending Plan	Contract Spend to Date ³	Spend Forecast Remainder of 2025	Future Spending	Total
City of Lynnwood	\$	\$355	\$	\$355
Contract Detail				
		Board Approved Contract Value	Proposed Action	Proposed Revised Contract Value
City of Lynnwood			\$355	\$355
Contingency				
Contract Total		\$	\$355	\$355
Estimated Taxes				
Total (with estimated taxes)		\$	\$355	\$355
Percent Contingency		0%	0%	0%

Notes:

¹2025 Annual Operating Budget is located on page 75 of the 2025 Adopted Budget book.

²YTD Actuals as of May, 2025.

³Spending to Date as of May, 2025.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

Environmental review – KH 6/18/25

Legal review – DLM 6/27/2025

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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 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$355,409

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

Dave Somers
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator