

Motion No. M2021-20

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute ancillary agreements and task orders within the authority delegated under the Board's Procurement, Agreements and Delegated Authority Policy that are necessary to implement the near-term actions approved by the Board in Motion No. M2020-55 so long as they are included in the Board-adopted budget and the total cost of the work does not limit the Board's ability to realign the capital program.

Background

The Sound Transit Board is undertaking a realignment process in response to the financial effects of COVID-19 and higher project cost estimates. Through a realignment process, the Sound Transit Board will determine which affordable voter-approved projects best achieve the overall objectives of the ST 2 and ST-3 Plans.

In June 2020, Sound Transit developed the Path Forward for the Capital Program Realignment. The Path Forward established July 2021 as the target for completing the realignment process and provided a framework "to make measured progress on near-term actions while not over-committing resources or over-correcting the program before the ramifications of the recession and possible government responses come into clearer focus."

In September 2020, the Board identified specific near-term actions that required board approval to advance while the Board continues capital program realignment work. These near-term actions support progress on the system expansion program and will help staff provide the Board with better information to inform realignment decisions.

To implement the actions identified in Section 1 of Motion M2020-55, additional ancillary work must be performed by other local governments, utilities, WSDOT, and affected third-parties. This work principally consists of engineering design/plan review to ensure regulatory compliance and compatibility with existing or future improvements regulated, owned or operated by local governments or third-parties. Through July 2021, the total cost of the work is estimated to cost less than \$1.5 million and each action is within the CEO's delegated authority to approve under the Board's Procurement, Agreements and Delegated Authority Policy.

This additional work should be authorized, as long as the cost of the work is funded in the Board-adopted 2021 budget, and the total cost of the additional work does not limit the Board's ability to realign the capital program.

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 ancillary agreements and task orders within the authority delegated under the Board's Procurement, Agreements and Delegated Authority Policy that are necessary to implement the near-term actions approved by the Board in Motion No. M2020-55 so long as they are included in the Board-adopted 2021 budget, and the total cost of the work does not limit the Board's ability to realign the capital program.

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

Kent Keel

Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores Board Administrator