

Motion No. M2026-33

Contract Modification with Tube Art Displays, Inc. for the Signage Program: Owner Provided Assets

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:
System Expansion Committee	08/13/2026	Final Action

Staff name:	Staff title:
Ed Cobean	Deputy CEO, Chief Transit Operations Officer
Shankar Rajaram	Executive Director – Infrastructure & Asset Management
Michelle Walker	Deputy Executive Director – Facilities Management
Candace Toth	Deputy Director – Wayfinding & Signage

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with Tube Art Displays, Inc. for permanent signage fabrication and installation services for the East Link Extension project in the amount of \$1,226,735 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$15,609,023.

Key features summary

- This action will commit funds planned for East Link Extension (ELE) signage work to complete the ELE signage scope and replace temporary signage materials with the originally planned permanent materials.
- Affordable temporary materials (vinyl, acrylic) were deployed to update system signage and keep pace with expansion. This contract scope includes installing permanent materials (porcelain, metal, photopolymer etc.) once iterative changes to the system are completed.
- Due to changing revenue service dates and changes to the sequence of expansion project openings, a larger volume of system updates for stations and light rail vehicles was required than originally planned, so this modification will ensure sufficient funds to complete the work.
- This modification utilizes planned funds within the ELE budget and, as a result, will not amend the ELE budget. This modification will commit \$1,226,735 of uncommitted East Link passenger signage funds within the project's baseline budget to this contract.
- This modification utilizes current sign types and unit prices within the Price sheet of the contract.
- Permanent signage materials have significantly longer life spans, warranties and vandal resistance. Utilizing the existing signage vendor for this work was the original intent and is in the best interest of the agency. It will eliminate re-work/unplanned maintenance of lower quality temporary signage material.

Background

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This action seeks approval to modify the contract by raising the contract's not to exceed amount to incorporate \$1,226,735 for East Link station porcelain sign face fabrication and zinc/photopolymer tactile sign fabrication.

This modification will provide permanent sign types originally in this contract's scope and original cost estimate; and replace existing temporary signage materials that were provided due to revised system expansion schedules and sequencing for opening extensions. Temporary signage materials (vinyl sign faces and acrylic tactile signage) was installed to keep pace with expansion and provide cost efficiency for signage requiring repeated update due to changing end-of-line destinations as the system grew over the last few years. Due to changes in the dates and sequence of when extensions within the contract scope opened, additional unanticipated updates of both system-wide station signage and vehicle fleet signage were needed, increasing overall project cost. Signage was completed on-time and on-budget to support expansion using temporary materials, however these have a short lifespan (approximately 3 years or less) and are easily vandalized. Now that ST2 Link expansion has completed, these temporary materials must be replaced with the originally planned permanent signage materials, per the contract scope. These permanent materials have significantly longer warranties and are extremely vandal resistant. Utilizing the existing signage vendor for this work was the original intent and is in the best interest of the agency. It will eliminate re-work/unplanned maintenance, minimize staff time, and provide uninterrupted vendor support.

Procurement information

Sound Transit advertised Request for Proposals No. RTA/RP 0186-19 on September 23, 2019. Two firms submitted proposals and the proposals were evaluated based on the advertised evaluation criteria including experience and history of firm and key individuals; capacity, organization and project approach; price; commitment to and compliance with equal opportunity employment law and outreach efforts and commitment to small business.

Sound Transit awarded this contract (No. RTA/RP 0186-19) to Tube Art Displays, Inc, on December 6, 2019 based upon the determination that Tube Art's negotiated proposal best met the evaluation criteria, offered the best value, and the agency's determination that the contract award was in the best interest of Sound Transit.

This modification is based on East Link Station as-built construction drawings and the current unit prices within the Price sheet of the contract. The cost has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

This modification is within the original scope of the contract, which is federally funded. Sound Transit recommends this contract modification with Tube Art Displays based upon the determination that services provided by Tube Art Displays have been satisfactory, the negotiated price is fair and reasonable, and this contract modification is in the best interest to Sound Transit to address the needs of the Capital Signage Program.

Fiscal information

This action is funded by the current approved project authorized allocations, and there is sufficient budget projected to fund the remaining work. The current project authorized allocations are included in the existing Long Range Financial Plan.

The authorized allocation for the East Link Extension project is \$3,813,469,000. Within the \$2,645,261,014 Construction phase, \$6,064,000 has been allocated to the budget line item for Passenger Signage. This action would commit an additional \$1,226,735 to this line item and leave a phase budget balance of \$59,594,592.

East Link Extension

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Authorized Allocation	Board Approvals*	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$189,480	\$180,798	\$	\$180,798	\$8,682
Preliminary Engineering	54,776	54,776	-	54,776	-
Final Design	271,068	269,345	-	269,345	1,723
Third Party	45,725	39,991	-	39,991	5,734
Right of Way	281,536	281,361	-	281,361	175
Construction	2,645,261	2,584,440	1,227	2,585,666	59,595
Construction Services	325,622	320,510	-	320,510	5,113
Total	\$3,813,469	\$3,731,220	\$1,227	\$3,732,446	\$81,023

Phase Detail - Construction

Passenger Signage	\$6,064	\$4,837	\$1,227	\$6,064	\$
Other Construction	2,639,197	2,579,602	-	2,579,602	59,595
Total Phase	\$2,645,261	\$2,584,440	\$1,227	\$2,585,666	\$59,595

Notes:

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

For detailed project information, see page 142 of the 2026 Adopted Budget & Financial Plan.

* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 5/31/2026.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation. Small business goals are based upon an examination of subcontracting opportunities contained in the work of this contract and the number of small businesses available to perform such subcontracting work.

For this specific contract, the following goals were set and the successful Bidder/Proposer has committed to the following small business participation:

Sound Transit small business goal: 10%

Small business commitment: 13.8%

Current Small business attainment: 3.4%

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

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

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2024-79: Authorized a contract modification with Tube Art Displays, Inc. to revise the term of the contract through project completion and incorporate NE 130th St Infill Station (Pinehurst) signage

fabrication and installation services in the amount of \$550,000, with a 10 percent contingency of \$55,000 totaling \$605,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$14,382,288.

Motion No. M2019-109: Authorized a six year contract with Tube Art Displays, Inc. to provide fabrication and installations services for the capital signage program in the amount of \$12,524,807, with a 10 percent contingency of \$1,252,481, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$13,777,288.

Environmental review – KH 7/17/26

Legal review – DLM 8/7/2026

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

Angela Birney
System Expansion Committee Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator