

## Resolution No. R2020-20

### Budget Amendment for the South Tacoma Station Access Improvements Project

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	11/12/2020 11/19/2020	Recommend to Board Final action	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD <b>Melissa Flores Saxe, Sounder South Development Director, PEPD</b> <b>Zac Eskenazi, Sounder South Development Manager, PEPD</b>

### Proposed action

Amends the Adopted 2020 Budget to create the South Tacoma Access Improvements project by (a) establishing an authorized project allocation in the amount of \$1,534,000 and (b) establishing a 2020 annual project budget of \$189,000.

### Key features summary

- The goal of the project is to provide access improvements to the South Tacoma Sounder Station from the surrounding community to accommodate future demand for ridership.
- The scope of the project will focus on making improvements to non-motorized and transit transportation modes. Parking improvements at the existing parking lot are under consideration but a new parking structure is not envisioned to be part of the access improvements. The cost of structured parking is not affordable within the ST2 plan estimate and the amount included in Sound Transit's Transit Improvement Plan.
- Phase 1 - Alternatives Analysis Phase is estimated to take 9 months and is divided into five tasks: Administration, Baseline Study, Stakeholder Involvement, Alternatives Development, and Alternatives Refinement.
- At the end of Phase 1 – Alternatives Analysis, the Sound Transit Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the next phase of the project, conceptual engineering and environmental review, for preferred station access improvements, pending capital program realignment decisions.

### Background

The South Tacoma Access Improvements Project was part of the voter approved ST2 initiative. In 2019, the Sounder South program conducted a strategic development and implementation plan process for the Sounder South service. The South Tacoma Access Improvements Project was identified as a project to initiate in 2020.

The South Tacoma Access Improvements Project was originally to begin the alternative analysis phase in Spring 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this project action was put on pause. At the September 2020 Board meeting, the Board identified and approved which project actions should be considered to advance. This project was included in that Board decision (M2020-55). With the approval of this action, the project team will begin the alternative analysis phase.

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- Strategies for achieving these improvements could include:
  - Pedestrian improvements within one-quarter mile of the South Tacoma Station,
  - Additional bus/transfer facilities at South Tacoma Station,
  - Bicycle improvements within one-half mile,
  - Transit speed and reliability improvements on routes connecting the facility,
  - Expanded or new kiss-&-ride areas at South Tacoma station

## Project status

<b>Project Identification</b>	<b>Alternatives Identification</b>	<b>Conceptual Engineering/ Draft EIS</b>	<b>Preliminary Engineering/ Final EIS</b>	<b>Final Design</b>	<b>Construction</b>
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Projected completion of Alternatives Analysis: Q4 2021

Projected completion date for Conceptual Engineering/Environmental: Q4 2022

## Fiscal information

The proposed action establishes the South Tacoma Access Improvement project with an authorized project allocation in the amount of \$1,534,000 and a 2020 annual project budget in the amount of

### South Tacoma Access Improvement

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Annual Project Budget			Authorized Project Allocation		
	Adopted 2020 Annual Project Budget	Budget Revision	Revised 2020 Annual Project Budget	Authorized Project Allocation (Current)	Allocation Change	Authorized Project Allocation (New)
Agency Administration	\$	\$32	\$32	\$	\$510	\$510
Preliminary Engineering		157	157		1,019	1,019
Final Design						
Third Party Agreements						
Right of Way					5	5
Construction						
Construction Services						
Vehicles						
Contingency						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$189</b>	<b>\$189</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$1,534</b>	<b>\$1,534</b>

**Notes:**

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure.

\$189,000.

### **Disadvantaged and small business participation**

Not applicable to this action.

### **Public involvement**

During the Alternative Analysis phase a detailed Community Engagement Plan will be developed to help guide the community engagement efforts for the project.

### **Time constraints**

A one-month delay will not have an impact on the project schedule's opening date.

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

Motion No. M2020-55: A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority identifying paused projects to advance through near-term actions in 2020.

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**Environmental review** – KH 11/2/20

**Legal review** – AJP 11/6/20

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2020 Budget to create the South Tacoma Access Improvements project by (a) establishing an authorized project allocation in the amount of \$1,534,000 and (b) establishing a 2020 annual project budget of \$189,000.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under chapters 81.104 and 81.112 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Sound Transit district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008, and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, ST2, the plan for expanding high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound includes funding for providing access improvements to non-motorized and transit transportation modes at South Tacoma Sounder Station; and

WHEREAS, after the Alternatives Analysis Phase of the project is complete the Board will identify a package of preferred improvements to advance for further study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Adopted 2020 Budget is amended to create the South Tacoma Access Improvement Project (a) establishing an authorized project allocation in the amount of \$1,534,000 and (b) establishing a 2020 annual project budget of \$189,000.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 19, 2020.

  
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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator