

SOUND TRANSIT

RESOLUTION NO. R98-37

Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Edmonds for the Commuter Rail Project BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	7/17/98	Recommend Board Approval	Paul W. Price	(206) 689-4760
Board Meeting	7/23/98	Approval	David Phillip Beal	(206) 684-1883

ACTION:

The Executive Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Edmonds for the commuter rail project.

BACKGROUND:

Sound Transit has made a commitment to develop *Sounder* commuter rail service and facilities consistent with the regional service goals within the budget and schedule adopted in *Sound Move*. In addition, *Sound Move* includes public involvement principles committed to "work with local public transportation agencies, local jurisdictions and agencies to create an open public involvement process with ample opportunities to inform and involve the community." As a component of the implementation of *Sounder*, Sound Transit is endeavoring to give local jurisdictions an active role in the project development process. This action is consistent with and subject to the requirements of the state High Capacity Transit Legislation, as well as the commitments made in *Sound Move*.

Sounder staff is working with the staff of each of the cities to be served by commuter rail to establish agreements addressing the design, construction and implementation of the commuter rail stations. Currently, there is an environmental study underway to evaluate the site alternatives identified earlier in this year in our Everett-to-Seattle commuter rail corridor environmental scoping.

Sound Transit staff and City of Edmonds staff have worked together to draft an agreement which will guide the process for designing, developing and implementing the commuter rail station in Edmonds. The agreement addresses the need for cooperation between the City of Edmonds and the Sound Transit in order to achieve shared goals on schedule and within budget. The City of Edmonds' Community Services Director has reviewed the agreement.

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ◆ *Sound Move* (Adopted May 31, 1996)
- ◆ Implementation Guide, adopted June 12, 1997 (Motion No. 32)

- ◆ Commuter Rail Action Plan, presented at Board Meeting July 24, 1997
- ◆ Commuter Rail Design Station Criteria, presented at Board Meeting, October 23, 1997
- ◆ Transit Oriented Development Task Force Mission Statement and Principles, November 13, 1997 (Motion No. 45)

KEY FEATURES:

The agreement establishes that the City of Edmonds and Sound Transit have common goals in achieving the completion of a commuter rail station on schedule in accordance with the Implementation Guide and within the established budget for the Sound Transit. The agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the respective agencies and establishes a process for the Technical Advisory Committee, which will be involved in the station design process.

FUNDING:

The adopted budget for the Tacoma-to-Seattle Commuter Rail project and the Edmonds Commuter Rail Station includes all the elements addressed in the government agreement with City of Edmonds. This agreement does not call for the exchange of any funds between the two agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Sound Transit Board could choose not to have an agreement with the local jurisdictions that will have a station and be granting development permits. Sound Transit could also choose to negotiate a different agreement with the cities.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:

The *Souder* Commuter Rail schedule may not be attainable without agreements with the permitting authorities in the jurisdictions in which we plan to build commuter rail facilities. Adequate community and jurisdiction involvement would be difficult such without an agreement in place.

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute an intergovernmental agreement with City of Edmonds, for planning, coordination and cooperation in the development and implementation of a commuter rail station in the City of Edmonds.

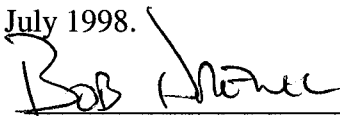
WHEREAS, a regional transit authority ("Sound Transit") has been created for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, Central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for Sound Move, the ten-year plan for regional high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit desires to formalize its relationship with City of Edmonds to achieve mutual goals in the planning and development of a commuter rail station in the City of Edmonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Edmonds for planning, coordination and cooperation in the development and implementation of a commuter rail station in the City of Edmonds.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of July 1998.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator