

STAFF REPORT

SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000-69

Agreement with City of Bellevue

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	8/3/00	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express	(206)398-5037
Board	8/10/00	Action	Linda Smith, Project Manager, Regional Express	(206)689-4922

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of Motion No. M2000-69 authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue (City) for the Bellevue Transportation Center Project. This agreement gives the City certain project responsibilities for permitting, bid advertisement, contract award, construction, construction management, and other construction related activities for the first phase of construction of the Project. Sound Transit will reimburse the City for costs incurred for an amount not to exceed \$2,521,640 (YOES\$).

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- ◆ The motion authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City for the first stage of construction of the Bellevue Transportation Center Project. This includes intersection, street widening, and bus stop improvements required enabling the second stage of construction for the rebuilding of the Bellevue Transit Center to proceed.
- ◆ City of Bellevue Responsibilities: The City will be responsible for permitting, will manage the advertisement, selection and contract administration for construction of several elements needed to maintain and improve access to the Bellevue Transit Center during and after construction activities expanding the facility. They will assist Sound Transit in completing right-of-way related actions. The City will pay for construction administration/management costs.
- ◆ Sound Transit Responsibilities: Sound Transit will work with consultants and the City to complete construction contract documents, and reimburse the City for construction costs to widen NE 6th Street from 112th Avenue to 110th Avenue, for intersection improvements at NE 6th Street and 110th Avenue, for straightening the south curb on NE 6th adjacent to the Transit Center for widening the roadway for the eventual lengthening of the transit center platform, for roadway, bus stop, and corner turn radius improvements on 106th Avenue and for installing signage and passenger amenities.

- ◆ Budget: Sound Transit will provide funding for construction-related project costs not to exceed \$2,521,640 (YOES). The budget is based on a 70% level design cost estimate prepared by Entranco Engineers, and includes a 10% contingency of \$229,240 which will be used at the discretion of Sound Transit if additional construction needs are identified in the field.
- ◆ Payment: Sound Transit will reimburse the City of Bellevue for project related costs establishing a payment schedule prior to bid advertisement.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The first phase of ST Express bus service began September 19, 1999 using the existing Bellevue Transit Center. Sound Transit in partnership with the City of Bellevue and King County Metro is expanding and improving the existing transit center and completing other street side improvements in downtown Bellevue to support transit services. These combined improvements are commonly known as the Bellevue Transportation Center Project or BTC. These improvements are intended to be in place before new services begins in the fall of 2001 and construction starts on another Sound Transit project, the Bellevue Direct Access HOV Project. This project will connect to the new transit center from I-405 via NE 6th Street, immediately east of this project. The subject of this action is the initial stage of the transit center related improvements, which are to be constructed between the fall of 2000, and the spring of 2001. The second phase of construction dealing with the expansion of the actual transit center platform will be undertaken in 2001. This second stage of construction will require a separate construction contract to be authorized by a separate action in 2001.

The overall BTC project will provide an expanded transportation center on NE 6th Street between 108th Avenue NE and 110th Avenue NE, add bus stops on 106th and 108th Avenue NE, and provide other improvements in downtown Bellevue to support ST Express, King County Metro, and Community Transit. Sound Transit is providing \$18.6 million, and King County Metro is providing an additional \$1.2 million to these improvements to support their services. In May 1998, a contract was awarded to Entranco Engineers for preliminary engineering, public involvement, and environmental review. Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue prepared a SEPA checklist, and a DNS was issued in November 1999. In February 2000 the Federal Transit Administration confirmed the project's compliance with NEPA requirements, and approved the documented categorical exclusion prepared by Sound Transit on the projects.

Entranco is currently under contract with Sound Transit to complete final design of the BTC project. Entranco and Parsons Brinkerhoff are now in the final stages of the design work for the first stage of construction. This agreement will enable Sound Transit to complete the construction of the required improvements to enable the next stage of construction, rebuilding of the actual transit center platform and temporary rerouting of service, to proceed on schedule during the summer of 2001. The engineer's cost estimate for the proposed construction work is \$2,292,400. A 10% contingency of \$229,240 is also being requested to enable Sound Transit and the City to address additional construction needs that may be identified as construction progress in the field.

This proposed agreement addresses responsibilities of both parties in completing this first stage of construction, allocating to the City of Bellevue lead responsibility for construction related activities. The Agreement lays out roles and responsibilities for both Sound Transit and the City, as well as budget, payment, and schedule. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the improvements

constructed under this agreement will be the subject of another agreement between Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and King County Metro. This is currently being discussed and will address ownership and maintenance of these improvements as well as the balance of the improvements to be constructed in the second stage of construction in 2001.

The City of Bellevue will apply applicable public works contracting standards in advertising and awarding a construction contract to complete required work. In accordance with Resolution 99-21, which extends apprenticeship programs to all projects funded by Sound Transit in excess of \$1 million, we will be incorporating a construction apprenticeship component in the construction project. The project will have a small amount of federal funding, to which DBE requirements apply. Accordingly, we are currently working with the City of Bellevue to incorporate a DBE component to the contract.

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Motion M98-18 authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and King County Metro (May 14, 1998)
- Motion M98-39 approving the contract with Entranco for preliminary engineering and environmental review (May 7, 1998)
- Resolution No. R98-32, an agreement with WSDOT for preparation of the design file of the Bellevue Direct Access Project, acquisition of right-of-way for extension of NE 2nd Street and the preparation of design and contract specifications for NE 2nd Street (August 18, 1998)
- Motion M99-74 (October 28, 1999), approving the cost sharing agreement with the City of Bellevue for extending NE 2nd Street from 112th Avenue NE to 114th Avenue NE.
- Motion M99-87 authorizing a contract amendment with Entranco Engineers for final design services for the Bellevue Transportation Center project. (December 2, 1999)
- Adoption of 2000 Budget (November 18, 1999)
- Resolution R00-05 authorizing acquisition of Real Property interest of the Bellevue Transportation Center and Distributed Service Facilities Project (April 27, 2000)

BUDGET

The Adopted 2000 Budget and Capital plan included a total of \$18,636,000 for the Bellevue Transit Center, including \$9,632,000 for construction. The total amount that would be authorized by this agreement would be \$2,521,640 based on the engineer's estimate (70% design), which includes a 10% (\$229,240) contingency for unanticipated work that may be required as construction progresses. The following table summarizes project costs expended and committed as well as the project budget information from the Adopted 2000 Budget. All amounts shown are YOE dollars.

Total Budget for Bellevue Transit Center Project	Budget for this Action (Construction) (A)	Expenditures to Date for Construction (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Construction Budget Remaining (A-[B+C])
\$18,636,000	\$9,632,000	\$0	\$2,521,640	\$7,110,360

ALTERNATIVES

1. Sound Transit could administer the construction contract.
2. Sound Transit could retain a construction management firm to administer the construction contract.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

The Bellevue Transit Center is a service hub for five of Sound Transit's eastside routes, as well as most of King County Metro's Bellevue service. The current facility is undersized and can not meet existing Metro, Community Transit or new Sound Transit Services scheduled to begin in the fall of 2001. Improvements adjacent to the existing center and on 106th Avenue and 108th Avenue enabled by this action must be completed prior to June 2001 so the existing transit center can be rebuilt between June and September 2001 while service is temporarily rerouted. Any delay in the completion of this first stage of construction will delay rebuilding of the Transit Center and may extend the time that ST Express bus service will operate without the benefits of subsequent improvements associated with direct access to I-405.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

The development, design, funding, staging, permitting, and construction of this initial phase of the project have been the subject of extensive discussion and work by the partners to this project, Sound Transit, King County Metro, the City of Bellevue, WSDOT, private property owners, and developers in the surrounding area. This initial construction contract reflects the consensus of all of the parties working public transportation projects in the Bellevue area.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Extensive public involvement efforts that were initiated back in 1996 have resulted in the recommendation to develop the Bellevue Transportation Center/Distributed Service and Facility alternative. Public involvement on this project has included advisory committees made up of businesses, employers, transit users, and public officials, as well as a Design Charette with community leaders, designers, and nearby property owners. In addition Sound Transit has conducted open houses and numerous meetings in the community with the Bellevue Downtown Association, the Chamber, the Bellevue Transportation Commission, the Public Library, and elected officials, as well as ongoing meetings with adjacent property owners. Several newsletters have been mailed to the community at large and project information is carried on the Sound Transit and City of Bellevue web site. In January 2000 the Bellevue City Council formalized their support for the proposed alternative through a Council Resolution supporting the project as proposed by the partners.

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 7/20/00

BOARD ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

MW 8/5/00

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2000-69

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue for the Bellevue Transportation Center Project allocating to the City certain project responsibilities and providing funding not to exceed \$2,521,640 (YOES).

Background:

The first phase of ST Express bus service began September 19, 1999, using the existing Bellevue Transit Center. Sound Transit in partnership with the City of Bellevue and King County Metro is expanding and improving the existing transit center and completing other street side improvements in downtown Bellevue to support transit services. These combined improvements are commonly known as the Bellevue Transportation Center Project or BTC. These improvements are intended to be in place before new services begin in the fall of 2001 and construction starts on another Sound Transit project, the Bellevue Direct Access HOV Project. This project will connect to the new transit center from I-405 via NE 6th Street, immediately east of this project. The initial stage of Transit Center related improvements to be constructed between the fall of 2000 and the spring of 2001 are the subject of this action and agreement, and second phase of construction dealing with the expansion of the actual transit center platform will be undertaken in 2001. This second stage of construction will require a separate construction contract to be authorized by a separate action in 2001.

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Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director be authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue as related to the Bellevue Transportation Center Project, allocating right-of-way, permitting, bid advertisement, construction contract award, construction management, and construction activities. Sound Transit shall provide funding to the City for project costs not to exceed \$2,521,640, including a 10% contingency of \$229,240, for this first stage of work.

Approved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof on the 10th day of August, 2000.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator