

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2001-07

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to provide direction on the approach for completing the analysis of the three build alternatives for the I-90 Two-Way Transit Operations Project.

Background:

Since the project was initiated in 1998, many roadway configurations have been evaluated extensively and reviewed by the Steering Committee and the public. The most feasible alternatives include:

- R-2B – conversion of the center roadway to two-way for transit and carpools.
- R-5 – transit-only use of the outer roadway shoulders in the peak periods, eastbound in the morning and westbound in the evening.
- R-8A – narrowing of the outer roadway lanes to add a transit/carpool lane in each direction.

Both the Cities of Bellevue and Mercer Island have taken action in support of Alternative R-8A as the preliminary preferred alternative. While WSDOT, King County, and Seattle representatives on the Steering Committee have not indicated their support for Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative at this time, they all support moving forward with additional analysis of the options so that the tradeoffs between alternatives can be fully identified. In addition, Seattle staff has requested that traffic effects on Seattle streets be evaluated. FHWA has expressed concerns about safety on I-90, including lane and shoulder widths and projected accident data.

To address these concerns, Sound Transit proposes a project report be prepared on the three build alternatives which will be compared with one another and the no-build alternative. Analysis of safety issues raised by FHWA will also be completed during this time period.

Sound Transit proposes to present the project report, including the initial environmental analysis and the analysis of I-90 safety issues, to the Board in May 2001 for their review and direction.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Sound Transit is directed to prepare a project report documenting the environmental analysis of the three build alternatives for I-90 and complete an analysis of safety issues on I-90.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of January 2001.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator