

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT
MOTION NO. M2001-100**

**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for
the Bellevue Transit Center**

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	9/20/01	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval Action	Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express Gloria Overgaard, Deputy Director Regional Express	(206) 398-5037
Board	9/27/01			(206) 689-4909

OBJECTIVE OF ACTION

Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for shared use of the new Bellevue Transit Center (BTC).

ACTION

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute a thirty (30) year Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for shared use and cost sharing of maintenance and operations costs for the new BTC upon obtaining the necessary FTA approval. Sound Transit's share, including a 10% contingency, through 2006 is estimated to be \$448,436.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Action:

- The Agreement permits Sound Transit to demolish the current King County Metro BTC and construct a portion of the new BTC improvements on King County Metro property.
- The Agreement provides for shared maintenance and operating costs of the BTC and adjacent street shelters.
- The Agreement is for thirty (30) years with a provision that both parties may chose to extend the Agreement for another 30 years.
- Sound Transit owns the BTC improvements and a portion of the property.
- King County Metro owns a portion of the property on which the new BTC is built.
- The City of Bellevue retains the public right of way on which the balance of the BTC improvements are built.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The budget for this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement is available from the 10% reserves of the bus budget for the East King County subarea. This funding mechanism for all the facilities to be owned or operated by ST Express was approved by the Board on May 10, 2001 (Resolution No. R2001-04) as part of the approval of the 2001 Service Implementation Plan. In 2002, the budget will be for seven (7) months. Committing these funds will not endanger any other project elements that are to be funded out of the respective elements of the budget. The following table represents the available budget as it relates to expenditures and the impact of this action.

Total EKC Budget¹	Relevant Budget² (A)	Expenditures/ Commitments To Date³ (B)	Total Amount Requested⁴ (D)	Budget Available (A-(B+C))
\$211,697	\$1,340	\$0	\$448	\$892

All figures shown are in year of expenditure (YOE\$) in thousands.

- (1) Total ten-year budget for East King County bus routes project as shown in the 2001 Adopted Budget (reference page 227).
- (2) The amount shown is the total ten-year budget for the facilities maintenance for East King County subarea for the stations that will be owned or operated by ST Express.
- (3) Life-to-date expenditures through July 31, 2001.
- (4) The estimated costs to Sound Transit under this Agreement for the five year period beginning June 01, 2002 and ending December 31, 2006. The estimate includes a 10% contingency and a forecasted CPI of 3% annually.

HISTORY OF PROJECT

Following is a listing of the prior actions taken by the Board or Committees relating to this project.

Motion/Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
R98-18	MOA – City of Bellevue/ST/KCM	05/14/98
M98-39	PE/ED Contract	05/07/98
M99-87	Final Design Contract Award	12/02/99
M2001-69	Final Design Contract Increase	07/19/01
Pending	Construction Management Contract Award	09/20/01
Pending	Construction Contract for BTC Award	09/20/01

In 1998, Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, and Sound Transit developed the Good Neighbor Policy to provide a shared approach to funding the ongoing costs of facilities. This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement follows the principles outlined in the policy which states that for replacement/expansion facilities such as the BTC, the partner agency will “cover ongoing facility costs at the previous level” and Sound Transit will “cover additional ongoing facility costs above those currently being paid.”

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ACTION

In 1998, Sound Transit and King County Metro began a redesign of the BTC to provide additional space for buses and customer amenities to better accommodate the projected growth of eastside transit service using the BTC.

The culmination of those discussions is the three motions before the Finance Committee today, one of which is this proposed Agreement. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement being considered today:

- Allows Sound Transit to demolish the current King County Metro BTC
- Allows Sound Transit to construct a portion of the new BTC on property owned by King County Metro
- Shares the maintenance and operating costs of the BTC as per the Good Neighbor Policy so that King County Metro continues to pay its current costs and Sound Transit pays the incremental additional costs
- Provides for costs paid by each agency to be increased by a percentage established on an annual basis by the Consumer Price Index
- Allows for additional mutually agreed upon services to be provided by King County Metro

Since the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded a portion of the current BTC built by King County Metro in the mid-1980s, FTA concurrence is necessary to remove the existing BTC improvements before Sound Transit can construct the new and improved BTC. King County Metro and Sound Transit are working with the FTA to ensure that Sound Transit has FTA concurrence before Sound Transit executes the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and begins demolition of the current BTC.

The Sound Transit Board and the King County Council must approve this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement before demolition of the current BTC can begin. Completion of the new BTC is scheduled for the June 2002 service change. Demolition and reconstruction must be underway as soon as possible to meet this schedule.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

If Sound Transit is unable to begin demolition of the current BTC in early October 2001, the schedule for completing the new BTC by the June 2002 Service Change will be compressed and may result in a schedule delay. Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and King County Metro are making every effort to complete the new BTC so that new services and the facility are in place prior to the start of the construction in 2002 of the I-405 Direct Access Improvements which will be occurring on NE 8th and NE 4th. The coordination of the projects to reduce the inconvenience to customers and eastside residents is critical.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

The new BTC is being developed in partnership with the City of Bellevue and King County Metro. Extensive coordination has been ongoing since 1998 including a Memorandum of Agreement that outlined the responsibilities of each agency during the planning and implementation of the new BTC. The Washington State Department of Transportation, City of Bellevue and Sound Transit have additional partnership agreements to fund and construct the HOV Direct Access project which will connect the BTC directly to the freeway by 2004. King County Metro and Sound Transit have established a team to manage the 2001 September service change occurring on September 29th and to keep customers informed as the demolition begins and service is rerouted until construction is completed.

Extensive outreach to the customers and general public started with planning and design improvements information. Currently, the outreach is continuing with the publication of brochures, information to employers, and signage at the BTC and related shelters, information on Sound Transit, City of Bellevue, and King County Metro websites and community events. In addition, street teams will be on site to assist customers as service is rerouted when the BTC island is being reconstructed starting with the September 2001 Service Change.

LEGAL REVIEW

JB 9-6-01 and MLB 9-6-01

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a thirty (30) year Agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for shared use and sharing of maintenance and operating costs of the new Bellevue Transit Center (BTC).

Background:

Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and King County Metro have worked in partnership on designing the new BTC to better accommodate the projected growth of eastside transit bus service using the center. On May 14, 1998, the Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement outlining the responsibilities of each agency during the planning and implementation of the new BTC.

This thirty (30) year Agreement reflects a partnership between Sound Transit and King County Metro to jointly use, maintain, and share maintenance and operating costs for the new BTC. Sound Transit funds the incremental additional costs of the new BTC while King County Metro pays their current costs. Sound Transit's projected budget through 2006 is approximately \$371,000 including a 10% contingency and an annual CPI of 3%. The Agreement allows Sound Transit to demolish the current BTC owned by King County Metro and construct a portion of the new and improved BTC on property owned by King County Metro. A provision for an additional 30 year extension is included in the Agreement. Since the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded a portion of the current BTC built by King County Metro in the mid-1980s, FTA concurrence is necessary to remove the existing BTC improvements. King County Metro and Sound Transit are working with the FTA to ensure that the appropriate concurrence is in effect before Sound Transit begins the demolition. This Agreement must be approved by the Sound Transit Board and the King County Council in order for demolition to begin in early October.

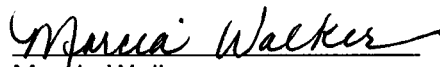
Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute the thirty (30) year Agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for the shared use and sharing of maintenance and operating costs of the new Bellevue Transit Center upon obtaining the necessary FTA approval.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of September, 2001.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator