

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2003-120

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority directing staff to immediately negotiate an agreement with the parties to the 1976, I-90 Corridor Agreement to define the ultimate configuration for I-90, consistent with appropriate planning activities and environmental studies, and to work with regional partners to accelerate planning for future High Capacity Transit (HCT) investments in the I-90 corridor by analyzing various HCT alternatives consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the update of the Regional Transit Long-Range Vision.

Background:

The members of the I-90 Steering Committee, including the Mayor of the City of Seattle, the Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, the Mayor of the City of Bellevue, and the King County Executive, have recommended the development of an agreement regarding future planning, construction, and operation of I-90 and High Capacity Transit on the facility.

Sound Transit will be a signatory to a revised agreement among the parties regarding I-90 and its future operation. The Sound Transit Board wishes to provide guidance and direction to staff regarding the scope and content of the negotiations regarding the I-90 agreement and planning for future HCT use of the roadway.


Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Sound Transit staff is directed to immediately negotiate an agreement with the parties to the 1976, I-90 Corridor Agreement to define the ultimate configuration for I-90, consistent with appropriate planning activities and environmental studies. In defining the ultimate configuration, staff is directed to consider the recommendations contained in correspondence from King County and the cities of Seattle, Bellevue and Mercer Island dated July 15, 2003, namely:

- R8-A with HCT deployed in the center lanes is the ultimate configuration for I-90;
- Construction of R8-A should occur as soon as possible as a first step to the ultimate configuration;
- Upon adoption of R8-A, move as quickly as possible to implement HCT in the center lanes;
- Commit to the earliest possible conversion of center roadway to two-way HCT operation based on outcome of studies and funding approvals.


Further, Sound Transit staff is directed to work with regional partners to accelerate planning for future High Capacity Transit (HCT) investments in the I-90 corridor by analyzing various HCT alternatives consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the update of the Regional Transit Long-Range Vision.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 13, 2003.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator