

**SOUND TRANSIT  
STAFF REPORT**

**MOTION NO. M2008-60**

**L Street Layover Expansion Project Construction Agreement**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action:</b>	<b>Staff Contact:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Finance Committee	7/3/08	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	Jim Edwards, Capital Projects Director	(206) 398-5436
Board	7/10/08	Action	<b>Melissa Saxe, Project Development Coordinator</b>	(206) 689-4968

<b>Contract/Agreement Type:</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>Requested Action:</b>	<b>✓</b>
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	✓
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)	✓	Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

**PROJECT NAME**

Layover Project

**PROPOSED ACTION**

This proposed action authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma to permit Sound Transit to construct track and signal improvements at the L Street Layover facility on Tacoma Rail's right of way to increase track capacity to store a fourth Sounder train.

**KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION**

- The purpose of this action is for the Board to authorize staff to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma to design and construct the track and signal improvements at the interim L Street Layover facility. The scope of the improvements will increase train storage capacity for the next four years.
- Sound Transit shall be solely responsible for design and construction of the project and will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits.
- The project improvements will be used as a layover track for Sound Transit's commuter rail service. The terms of such use shall be in accordance with the terms of the operating agreement between the two agencies.

## **BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY**

Current Project Phase: Final Design  
Projected Completion Date: 2009

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

## **BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION**

The Adopted 2008 Capital Budget for the project is \$24,423,735. Within that budget, \$21,686,045 has been budgeted in the construction phase with \$15,771,853 committed through April 30, 2008.

The proposed action is consistent with the current board-adopted budget, and is affordable within the agency's long-term financial plan and subarea financial capacity.

## **BUDGET TABLE**

Summary for Board Action (Year of Expenditure \$000)

Project: 3X140 - Layover

	2008 Board Adopted Budget <sup>1</sup> (A)	Committed To Date <sup>2</sup> (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1 Agency Administration	\$ 808	\$ 808	\$ -	\$ 808	\$ -
2 Preliminary Engineering	\$ 340	\$ 280	\$ -	\$ 280	\$ 60
3 Final Design	\$ 503	\$ 460	\$ -	\$ 460	\$ 44
4 Right of Way	\$ 1,061	\$ 624	\$ -	\$ 624	\$ 437
5 Construction	\$ 21,686	\$ 15,772	\$ -	\$ 15,772	\$ 5,914
6 Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7 Contingency	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25
8 Total Current Budget	\$ 24,424	\$ 17,943	\$ -	\$ 17,943	\$ 6,480

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Project budget is located on page 119 of the Adopted 2008 Budget book. The 2008 Budget was adopted by the Board on November 29, 2007. Amounts shown reflect the combined Layover budget for Snohomish, South King and Pierce counties.

<sup>2</sup> Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through April 30, 2008. Amounts shown reflect the combined Layover commitments for Snohomish, South King and Pierce counties.

## **SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Not applicable for this Board action.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION**

On December 13, 2007 the Sound Transit Board of Directors adopted a preferred alternative to build a grade separated track alignment for the D-to-M Street Track and Signal Project. This consequently delays the opening of the permanent layover facility in Lakewood. The Sounder Lakewood-to-Tacoma extension is scheduled to be open for service in 2012.

Sound Transit currently operates six Sounder roundtrip trains during the weekday along the Tacoma-to-Seattle rail corridor and will begin two additional roundtrip trains in fall of 2008. The BNSF Railway is expected to complete their Phase II track and signal project for the Tacoma-to-Seattle rail segment in fall of 2008. Once this construction project is completed, Sound Transit will be permitted to operate nine Sounder commuter roundtrip trains for the Tacoma-Seattle rail corridor.

Sound Transit had originally anticipated storing the five Sounder train sets at the permanent Lakewood Layover Facility by 2008. Sound Transit currently stores three train sets at the interim L Street Layover and Operations and Maintenance at Tacoma Dome Station in Tacoma. The project will expand the interim layover to accommodate an additional train set. Once the additional track storage space becomes available, Sound Transit will be able to offer a ninth round trip in mid 2009.

The scope of the L Street Layover Expansion Project includes the following:

- Permit Sound Transit to construct the following track & signal improvements to increase storage track capacity to accommodate four seven-car Sounder train sets
  - Provide three #9 turn-outs located on the Tacoma Rail mainline providing movement from Main Track 1 to Main Track 2 and then to Storage Track 1 and Storage Track 2
  - Relocate current to protect Main Track 1 from conflicts with the Storage Tracks
  - Relocate yard lighting to the north side of the yard
  - Relocate signals
  - Add wayside power

The contract for construction of this project will be a future Board action scheduled to be brought forward for consideration in mid-July 2008.

Sound Transit received environmental approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to proceed with these improvements for the L. Street layover in a letter dated April 14, 2008.

Once Sound Transit's Lakewood-to-Tacoma commuter rail extension is open for service in 2012, the Lakewood Layover Facility will be open for Sound Transit to store the Sounder train sets.

### **Prior Board/Committee Actions**

<b>Motion/Resolution Number and Date</b>	<b>Summary of Action</b>
M2007-126 12/13/07	Board of Directors selects Alternative 3 – Grade Separated Option to be built for the D-to-M Street Track & Signal Project.
M2007-94 8/23/07	Identification of a preferred alternative for purposes for environmental documentation for the D-to-M Street Track & Signal Project.

### **CONSEQUENCES of DELAY**

Staff will be presenting a follow-up action to the Finance Committee in mid-July 2008 to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the L Street Layover Expansion construction project. A delay in executing an agreement with the City of Tacoma may also delay the action and the approval to award a construction contract.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Not applicable to this action.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

SSK 6-04-08

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 6/23/08

## **SOUND TRANSIT**

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma to permit Sound Transit to construct track and signal improvements at the L Street Layover facility on Tacoma Rail's right of way to increase track capacity to store a fourth Sounder train.

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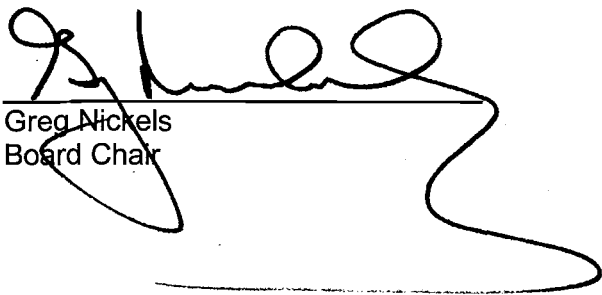
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**Motion:**

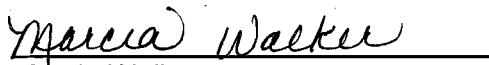
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma to permit Sound Transit to construct track and signal improvements at the L Street Layover facility on Tacoma Rail's right of way to increase track capacity to store a fourth Sounder train.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 10, 2008.



Greg Nickels  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator