

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2010-24

Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	2/4/10	Discussion/Possible Action	Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director Jim Edwards, Director Vicki Youngs, Deputy Director - Property, Facilities, & Equipment Hank Howard, Project Manager	(206) 398-5389 (206) 398-5436 (206) 398-5024 (206) 398-5078

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
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

Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Kirkland for operation and maintenance of the Totem Lake Freeway Station.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- Since the Totem Lake Freeway Station opened, Sound Transit has been maintaining the transit-related improvements including the passenger walkways and amenities and the transit stops. The City of Kirkland has been maintaining the improvements located in its right-of-way. This agreement would formalize the operation and maintenance responsibilities of each agency; it does not increase Sound Transit's or the City of Kirkland's maintenance responsibilities for the project.
- This agreement establishes rights, obligations and liabilities for Sound Transit and the City of Kirkland with respect to the ownership and maintenance of improvements associated with the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th Project.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

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

Sound Transit's maintenance costs for Totem Lake Freeway Station are estimated at \$21,087 and are included in the ST Express transit operations budget in the maintenance of stations line item of the 2010 Adopted budget.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable for this action.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the Totem Lake Freeway Station and Totem Lake Transit Center projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA was issued in May 2002 and the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on November 13, 2002. The EA and FONSI were adopted under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the Determination of Nonsignificant was issued on November 13, 2002. There are no changes in the project requiring further environmental documentation.

Prior Board/Committee Actions

Not applicable for this action.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

A two-week delay in Board action would not have a significant impact.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 1-20-10

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 1/28/10

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A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Kirkland for operation and maintenance of the Totem Lake Freeway Station.

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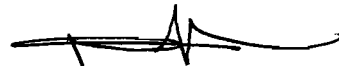
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Motion:


It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Kirkland for operation and maintenance of the Totem Lake Freeway Station.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 4, 2010.



Fred Butler
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator