

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2010-33

SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing Funding and Use Agreement

| Meeting: | Date: | Type of Action: | Staff Contact: | Phone: |
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| Capital Committee | 3/11/10 | Discussion/Possible Action | Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director Jim Edwards, Deputy Executive Director Jodi Mitchell, Project Manager | (206) 398-5389 (206) 398-5436 (206) 398-5080 |

| 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

Issaquah Transit Center/SR-900

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Issaquah to provide a capped contribution in the amount of \$400,000 for the construction of the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- The proposed agreement would provide \$400,000 from the Issaquah Transit Center budget to the City of Issaquah to partially fund the overcrossing. The City has secured the remaining funds to complete the project, expected to cost approximately \$5.38 million. Staff advised the Board during the discussions of the Proposed 2010 Budget that the Board would be asked to approve a funding agreement with the City of Issaquah for the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing.
- The overcrossing includes a trail and separated non-motorized bridge crossing I-90 and the I-90 westbound on-ramps. The trail and bridge are part of an important regional link in the non-motorized transportation network interconnecting the regional bike and pedestrian trails in central Issaquah while providing a safe and direct bike and pedestrian connection to and from the Issaquah Transit Center.
- The City of Issaquah will be solely responsible for managing all design and construction activities; including design, permitting and environmental documentation, bidding, and contract administration. The overcrossing trail will be owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Issaquah or WSDOT. Sound Transit will not have any operational or financial responsibility outside of the capped \$400,000 contribution.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

Current Project Phase: Transit Center in Service 2008
Projected Completion Date: Trail to be completed by December 2010

There is no action required outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no project 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 2010 Budget for the Issaquah Transit Center/SR-900 project is \$29,482,069, with a construction phase budget of \$23,371,165. The proposed action is to execute an agreement that establishes a capped contribution of \$400,000 to provide partial funding to the City of Issaquah for the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing. This action would leave a construction phase balance of \$150,182 and a remaining project balance of \$476,315.

There are sufficient funds to complete this action within the project's budget. Committing these funds will not endanger any other project elements that are to be funded out of the overall project.

BUDGET TABLE

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

Project: 326 - Issaquah Transit Center/SR900

| | 2010 Adopted Budget ¹ (A) | Committed To Date ² (B) | This Action (C) | Total Committed & Action (D) | Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E) |
|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Agency Administration | \$ 1,812 | \$ 1,812 | \$ - | \$ 1,812 | \$ - |
| Preliminary Engineering | \$ 848 | \$ 848 | \$ - | \$ 848 | \$ - |
| Final Design | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ 0 |
| Right of Way | \$ 1,125 | \$ 1,125 | \$ - | \$ 1,125 | \$ 0 |
| Construction | \$ 23,371 | \$ 22,821 | \$ 400 | \$ 23,221 | \$ 150 |
| Contingency | \$ 326 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 326 |
| Total Current Budget | \$ 29,482 | \$ 28,606 | \$ 400 | \$ 29,006 | \$ 476 |

Phase Budget Detail

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Construction | \$ 20,484 | \$ 20,484 | \$ - | \$ 20,484 | \$ - |
| Misc. Activity | \$ 2,887 | \$ 2,337 | \$ 400 | \$ 2,737 | \$ 150 |
| Total Phase | \$ 23,371 | \$ 22,821 | \$ 400 | \$ 23,221 | \$ 150 |

| Contract Budget | Current Approved Contract Value (F) | Spent to Date (G) | Proposed Action (H) | Proposed Total Contract Value (I) |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| City of Issaquah | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 400 | \$ 400 |
| Contingency | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 400 | \$ 400 |
| Percent Contingency | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

Notes:

¹ Project budget is located on page 106 of the Proposed 2010 Transit Improvement Plan budget book. The 2010 Budget was adopted by the Board on December 10, 2009.

² Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through November 30, 2009.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

Sound Transit completed the Issaquah Transit Center project in May 2008, creating an important link in the regional transit system. One of the planning partners on the project, the City of Issaquah, approached Sound Transit about a potential partnership for construction of the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing.

The overcrossing consists of approximately 1,200 feet of non-motorized trail and a separated non-motorized bridge crossing I-90 and the I-90 westbound on-ramps. It will provide a safe and direct bike and pedestrian connection between the Issaquah Transit Center and the regional trail system in central Issaquah.

Under the proposed agreement, Sound Transit would make a capped contribution of \$400,000 towards construction of the overcrossing at the time the city gives notice to proceed. The total project cost is approximately \$5.38 million. The City of Issaquah has secured the remaining funds through other sources, such as grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council and WSDOT from their Federal Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) programs. Upon completion of construction, the overcrossing will be owned, operated, and maintained by either the City or WSDOT.

The City is scheduled to complete the overcrossing by December 2010. However, if the City is unable to complete construction within three years of executing this agreement, the City is obligated to refund Sound Transit's contribution.

The proposed action is consistent with Motion No. M2009-36, which encourages safe and easy pedestrian and bicycle access to Sound Transit facilities, as well as pursuing and supporting partnerships with other agencies and organizations to leverage funding to improve bicycle access. The action also is consistent with previous pedestrian and bike facilities funded by Sound Transit in Issaquah as part of the SR-900 Park and Ride Arterial Improvements and by the Issaquah Transit Center projects which constructed sidewalks and boardwalks providing non-motorized access to the regional transit center services.

The City of Issaquah has completed environmental compliance under SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) for the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing. A SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) was issued by the City of Issaquah on November 11, 2009 and the SEPA comment period ended on November 25, 2009. An appeal of the SEPA DNS was denied by the City Hearing Examiner in January 2010. A NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) was approved by WSDOT and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) in February 2010.

Prior Board/Committee Actions

Not applicable to this action.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

A short delay on this action will not affect the schedule.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 3/2/10

LEGAL REVIEW

BN 11/24/09

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A motion of the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Issaquah to provide a capped contribution in the amount of \$400,000 for the construction of the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing.

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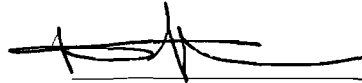
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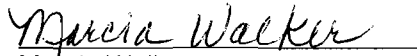
It is hereby moved by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Issaquah to provide a capped contribution in the amount of \$400,000 for the construction of the SR-900 Regional Trail I-90 Overcrossing.

APPROVED by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 11, 2010.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator