

MOTION NO. M2011-31
Agreement with King County for Receipt of Federal Funds in Exchange for Increased Transit Service on SR 520

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations and Administration Committee	04/21/11	Recommendation to Board	Brian McCartan, Executive Director Finance and Information Technology	206-398-5100
Board	04/28/11	Final Action	Monica Overby, Grants Administrator	206-689-4979

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County for the receipt of \$8,515,000 in federal grant funds to partially cover the cost of eleven new hybrid diesel-electric buses to support increased transit service in the SR 520 corridor.

KEY FEATURES

- In 2009, King County, the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Puget Sound Regional Council entered into a \$139 million Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) with the Federal Government to enhance mobility in the SR 520 corridor.
- This agreement allows King County to meet its obligations under the UPA through Sound Transit's contribution of forty-eight additional one-way peak period trips in the SR 520 corridor on Route 542. Under this agreement, Sound Transit is obligated to provide the forty-eight one-way peak period trips and to continue 121 current one-way peak period trips in the corridor through June 30, 2012.
- Under this agreement, King County agrees to reimburse Sound Transit \$8,515,000 in federal grant funds for the cost of eleven new hybrid diesel-electric buses needed for providing the additional service in the corridor.
- The additional service on the SR 520 corridor is a part of the agency's ST2 Plan and is included in the Board adopted 2010 Service Implementation Plan (SIP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

King County, PSRC and WSDOT entered into an agreement in September 2009 titled "The Lake Washington Urban Partnership Agreement," to apply for funding from the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration. The Urban Partnership Agreement was tied to the urgent need for replacement of the SR 520 Lake Washington floating bridge.

The partnership proposed improving traffic flow by rigorously pursuing congestion reduction strategies across Lake Washington including the 4Ts: tolling (congestion pricing), transit, telecommuting/transportation demand management, and technology. A key element of the UPA is to provide enhanced transit service in the SR 520/Trans-Lake Washington corridor to supplement the other traffic flow improvement elements and reduce congestion. Under the UPA, transit service is to expand along SR 520 by adding 90 one-way peak period trips on core and other supporting bus routes. Sound Transit will provide 48 of those trips and King County will provide the remainder of those trips.

The Urban Partnership proposal was successful and the project was awarded \$139 million in federal funds. \$41 million of the award was specifically allocated for transit capital improvements in the corridor.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The grant funds will be applied to the procurement of buses which have already been purchased and delivered.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

BACKGROUND

The \$8,515,000 to be passed through to Sound Transit is a portion of the \$41 million allocated for transit capital improvements in the corridor to be used for the procurement of eleven hybrid diesel-electric buses needed to support increased transit service in the SR 520 corridor as required under the UPA. This agreement obligates Sound Transit to make specified service level commitments for the SR 520 corridor that, together with the County's increased service level commitments, are necessary for the County to fulfill the requirements of the UPA agreement. As part of the agreement, King County will reimburse Sound Transit with federal grant funds for eligible costs incurred to acquire the additional buses. The buses were procured for \$10.6 million following Board approval through Motion No. M2010-01 and were delivered between April and July 2010.

ST2 includes the new Route 542 (Redmond-University District) to address peak overcrowding on existing ST Express Route 545 (Redmond-Seattle) and help address construction-related traffic impacts when work begins on replacing the SR 520 bridge. The forty-eight one-way peak trips will be provided through this route. Route 542 will also accommodate expected increases in ridership when vehicle tolls are implemented on the bridge in spring 2011. Route 542 was implemented in October 2010 to coincide with WSDOT's originally anticipated tolling start date. The route was coordinated with King County Metro to avoid duplication and overcapacity.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 3-30-11

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not create a significant impact to the execution of this agreement.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 4/14/11

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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 King County for the receipt of \$8,515,000 in federal grant funds to partially cover the cost of eleven new hybrid diesel-electric buses to support increased transit service in the SR 520 corridor.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 28, 2011.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator