

MOTION NO. M2013-09**Agreement with the City of Redmond for the Design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project**

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Capital Committee	02/14/2013	Recommendation to the Board	Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director	206-398-5389
Board	03/28/2013	Final Action	Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director Don Billen, East Link Deputy Project Director	206-689-4905 206-398-5052

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Redmond for the design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The proposed action authorizes an agreement with the City of Redmond ("City") to pay Sound Transit's design costs necessary to complete the engineering and design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project. Payment shall be made from a combination of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funds awarded to the City and the City's matching funds which together total \$1,822,585. Sound Transit will fund project administration at an estimated cost of \$75,000.
- The East Link Final Environmental Impact Statement identified and evaluated as a potential project enhancement the construction of a pedestrian-bicycle bridge over SR 520 between the planned Overlake Village station and the SR 520 regional trail. The bridge will benefit Sound Transit by increasing access to the Overlake Village station.
- Sound Transit is not obligated to build the bridge unless a future agreement to fund construction and provide for ongoing maintenance is negotiated with the City of Redmond.

BACKGROUND

East Link extends light rail to east King county via I-90 from downtown Seattle to Mercer Island, Bellevue, and the Overlake area of Redmond, with stations serving Rainier Avenue/I-90, Mercer Island, south Bellevue, downtown Bellevue, the Overlake Hospital, the Bel-Red Corridor, Overlake Village, and the Overlake Transit Center. The project route, profiles, and station locations, including the tunnel route in downtown Bellevue, were selected by the Sound Transit Board on July 28, 2011. Revenue service between Seattle and the Overlake Transit Center is forecast for 2023.

The City has engaged in extensive planning efforts with consideration of light rail, including Transportation 2040, Vision 2040, the City of Redmond Comprehensive Plan, the Overlake Neighborhood Plan, 152nd Avenue Northeast Corridor Study and the Overlake Village Street Design Guidelines. These studies show the Overlake Village Bridge Project would enhance the Overlake neighborhood and increase access to East Link.

The City of Redmond is funding the design, will participate in the design process and will be given the formal opportunity to review the design deliverable at key design phases. The City will notify Sound Transit within 30 days as to whether the City approves the design deliverables and authorizes Sound Transit to proceed with the next design phase. The bridge design will be delivered to the City along with construction cost estimates at 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% of the design phase.

Either party may terminate the funding agreement in the event that the other fails to fulfill its obligations under the agreement in a timely manner. The City may also terminate the agreement if it decides not to proceed to the next phase of the design. Sound Transit may terminate the agreement if it is determined the Overlake Village Bridge project prevents or significantly impairs Sound Transit's ability to complete portions of the East Link Extension Project located within the City of Redmond.

Once the City authorizes Sound Transit to proceed with the 60% design phase, Sound Transit and the City will begin negotiation of a funding agreement for right-of-way acquisition and construction of the Overlake Village Bridge Project as well as an operation and maintenance agreement. Assuming that construction funding is identified, the intent of the parties is for the Overlake Village Bridge Project to be built under a construction contract administered by Sound Transit. The agreement states the intent of the Parties is for the City to own and maintain the Overlake Village Bridge upon completion of construction, although Sound Transit may perform maintenance activities as determined in the operation and maintenance agreement.

The East Link Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued on July 15, 2011, included evaluation of the Overlake Village Bridge Project as a potential project enhancement providing environmental compliance pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act. The Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision on November 16, 2011 and November 17, 2011, respectively, completing the National Environmental Policy Act process.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City received a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant in the amount of \$1,606,585 for engineering and design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project. The CMAQ grant requires a local match of \$216,000 for total design funding of \$1,822,585. The funding agreement designates the City of Redmond as providing the matching funds for the Grant. Sound Transit will fund project administration which is estimated at \$75,000.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The City of Redmond has conducted public outreach for the Overlake Village Bridge Project as a part of their Overlake planning. The City's outreach included stakeholder briefings, design workshops, and public meetings. Sound Transit and the City will conduct additional outreach as the design advances and in coordination with East Link Extension outreach.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No: M2011-81: Implemented the East Link light rail project.

Resolution No: R2011-10: Selected the route, profiles, and station locations for the East Link Light Rail Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

JI 2/8/2013

LEGAL REVIEW

JV 2/8/2013

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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 Redmond for the design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 28, 2013.


Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator