

MOTION NO. M2013-36**Transferring Operation and Maintenance of ST Express Route 560 to Pierce Transit**

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations and Administration Committee	06/06/13	Recommendation to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations	206-398-5367
Board	06/27/13	Final Action	Dave Turissini, ST Express Bus Manager	206-398-5035

PROPOSED ACTION

Transfers the operation and maintenance of ST Express bus route 560 from King County Metro to Pierce Transit, effective September 28, 2013.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The proposed action transfers the operation and maintenance of Route 560 (West Seattle to Bellevue via Seatac) from King County Metro to Pierce Transit.
- The proposed action does not adversely impact service quality or delivery.
- The transfer will save Sound Transit an estimated \$694,000 annually based on the projected operating cost per hour differences between the partner agencies in 2014. This cost saving opportunity was identified as part of the agency's overall cost containment effort.
- The transfer can be accommodated within the existing intergovernmental agreements between Sound Transit, King County and Pierce Transit without an amendment.
- One-time expenses for training and bus preparation in 2013 can be accommodated without a budget amendment.
- The proposed change will not adversely impact King County Metro operations.

BACKGROUND

King County Metro has operated ST Express Route 560 since its inception. Reassigning Route 560 from King County Metro to Pierce Transit will result in savings by lowering the cost per hour to operate and through scheduling efficiencies with Route 574, requiring one less bus to operate the service.

Motion No. M99-04 allocated Sound Move bus routes to local transit agencies and established criteria for making those decisions. Route 560 did not exist when the Board adopted the Motion. This action is consistent with the criteria for route allocation decisions.

FISCAL IMPACT

Savings in 2013 are estimated to net \$129,000 after deducting \$73,000 in start-up costs. The Proposed 2014 ST Express Operations Budget will reflect \$694,000 savings.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

This action is timed to coincide with the September 2013 service change to ensure a smooth transition. A delay in Board action may result in rescheduling the transition to a future service change date.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M99-04: Allocated the ST Express bus routes to the local transit agencies based on route allocation criteria.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

JI 5/17/2013

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 5/30/2013

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the transfer of operation and maintenance of ST Express route 560 from King County Metro to Pierce Transit, effective September 28, 2013.

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MOTION:

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority hereby authorizing the transfer of the operation and maintenance of ST Express route 560 from King County Metro to Pierce Transit, effective September 28, 2013.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 27, 2013.


Julia Patterson
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator