

MOTION NO. M2015-117
2016 State Legislative Program

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Executive Committee	12/03/2015	Recommend to Board	Ann McNeil, Director Government & Community Relations
Board	12/17/2015	Final Action	Melanie Smith, State Government Relations Manager

PROPOSED ACTION

Adopting the Sound Transit 2016 State Legislative Program and directing staff to evaluate and engage in issues that impact the agency as it continues to successfully implement the regional high-capacity transit system.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

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FISCAL INFORMATION

This action does not have a budget or financial impact to the agency or any of its programs. 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. Advocacy of the State Legislative Program is fully funded through the Executive Department budget.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Sound Transit's interests are better served at the State Legislature if the Board of Directors adopts a State Legislative Program in advance of the 2016 legislative session that begins January 11, 2016. Delaying adoption until after the start of the session could minimize effective advocacy.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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LEGAL REVIEW

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the Sound Transit 2016 State Legislative Program and directing staff to evaluate and engage in issues that impact the agency as it continues to successfully implement the regional high capacity transit system.

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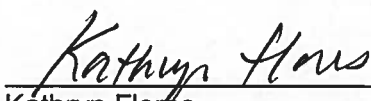
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Sound Transit 2016 State Legislative Program is adopted and staff is directed to evaluate and engage in issues that impact the agency as it continues to successfully implement the regional high capacity transit system.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 17, 2015.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator