

RESOLUTION NO. R2015-33
Budget Amendment for Tacoma Link Expansion Project

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	12/10/2015	Recommend to Board	Ric Ilgenfritz, PEPD Executive Director Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director
Board	12/17/2015	Final Action	Sue Comis, Tacoma Link Project Development Manager Madeleine Greathouse, Project Director – Tacoma Link

PROPOSED ACTION

(1) Amends the Adopted 2015 Budget by (a) increasing the lifetime capital budget for the Tacoma Link Expansion project by \$25,216,229 from \$7,785,771 to \$33,002,000 and (b) increasing the 2015 Annual Budget by \$478,257 from \$3,225,500 to \$3,703,757; and (2) authorizes the project to advance through Gate 4 within Sound Transit’s Phase Gate Process.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- This action increases the Tacoma Link Expansion project lifetime capital budget by \$25,216,229 for Agency Administration, Final Design, Third Party, Vehicles, and Right-of-Way, and increases the 2015 Annual Budget by \$478,257 to adjust the annual budget level for the Agency Administration, Preliminary Engineering, and Right-of-Way phases..
- This action authorizes the project to advance through Gate 4: Enter Final Design, within Sound Transit’s Phase Gate process to allow the project to enter the Final Design and Right-of-Way phases. Final design is scheduled to begin in 2016 and be completed in early 2018.

BACKGROUND

The Tacoma Link Expansion project is a 2.4-mile extension of the existing Tacoma Link system from the Theater District in downtown Tacoma to the Hilltop neighborhood in the City of Tacoma. The extension will travel at-grade along Stadium Way, North 1st Street, Division Avenue, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The project includes six new stations and relocates the Theater District Station. It also includes an expansion of the existing Tacoma Link Operations and Maintenance Facility and additional vehicles.

The project completed environmental review in compliance with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act). The Federal Transit Administration approved a NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) for the Tacoma Link Expansion project on June 25, 2015. Sound Transit issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on July 13, 2015. The Sound Transit Board selected the project to be built on November 19, 2015.

Preliminary engineering has been completed on the project. The Tacoma Link Expansion will be delivered as a design-bid-build project. Sound Transit will begin procurement of a final design consultant in early 2016 and begin final design in 3rd Quarter 2016. The Phase Gate action will allow the project to move to the Final Design and Right-of-Way phases and amends the project lifetime budget.

Future Board actions will baseline the project budget and schedule at approximately the mid-point of final design (Phase Gate 5), authorize property acquisition, and authorize construction at the completion of final design (Phase Gate 6).

PROJECT STATUS

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	Final Design	Construction
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Project Completion Date for Final Design Phase: Q1 2018

Project scope, schedule and budget summary located on page 83 of the September 2015 Agency Progress Report.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Capital projects are implemented in phases through Sound Transit’s Phase Gate process. The Board acts to fund a phase when a project moves from one phase to the next. The Board acts to amend the project’s lifetime budget when a project moves to the next phase.

This action amends the Tacoma Link Extension project lifetime budget to (a) increase the Project Lifetime Budget by \$25,216,229 to fund the Agency Administration, Final Design, Third Party, Vehicles, and Right-of-Way Acquisition phases; and (b) increase the 2015 Annual Budget by \$478,257 to fund the Agency Administration, Preliminary Engineering, and Right-of-Way Acquisition phases.

The Proposed 2016 Budget and Proposed 2016 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP) have been presented to the Board for consideration. The 2016 annual budget for the Tacoma Link Expansion project will be presented as an amendment to the 2016 TIP as part of the budget process in December.

The preliminary engineering cost estimate is approximately \$175 million in Year of Expenditure (YOES).

Tacoma Link Expansion

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Phase	2015 Annual Budget			Lifetime Budget		
	2015 Project Budget	Budget Transfer	Revised Project Budget	2015 Project Budget	Budget Transfer	Revised Project Budget
Agency Administration	628	116	744	1,831	8,769	10,600
Preliminary Engineering	2,577	319	2,896	5,872	0	5,872
Final Design	0	0	0	0	10,830	10,830
Right of Way	20	44	64	83	3,117	3,200
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Third Party Agreements	0	0	0	0	500	500
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,225	478	3,704	7,786	25,216	33,002

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

Project Budget is located on page 31 of the 2015 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP).

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation, which also includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Small Business and DBE goals are based upon an

examination of subcontracting opportunities contained in the work and the number of Small Businesses/DBEs available to perform such subcontracting work. During the final design phase, goals will be established prior to initiating contract procurements, unless such goals are deemed infeasible.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sound Transit has conducted extensive public outreach for the Tacoma Link Expansion. Prior to alignment selection and through preliminary design, the public has been engaged with the project. To date, public involvement has included email notifications, open houses, online surveys, stakeholder roundtables, community, and Tacoma City Council briefings.

Outreach efforts include:

- 23 open houses and drop-in events with 950+ attendees
- 11 stakeholder roundtable meetings
- 1188 documented public comments
- 16 fairs and festivals with more than 1,468 engagements
- Online surveys
- Mailings to 54,300 addresses (businesses and residences)
- Door-to-door outreach to 800+ businesses and residences along alignment
- Posters displayed at businesses and multi-family residences
- Business district briefings
- 70+ media articles or posts
- Online and print ads in seven publications
- Outreach to 20+ Community and social service organizations
- Briefings to City Council Committees: Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability; Planning; and Transportation
- Online Open House with 244 visits

TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Resolution No. R2015-22: Selected the route, stations, and operation and maintenance facility expansion site for the Tacoma Link Expansion.

Motion No. M2014-11: Identified the Tacoma Link Expansion light rail alignment to advance into environmental review.

Motion No. M2013-31: (1) Selected E1 – North Downtown Central as the corridor and LRT as the mode for detailed study in the Tacoma Link light rail expansion environmental review, and (2) approved Gate 2 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

Resolution R2008-10: Adopted a revised Sound Transit 2 Regional Transit System Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Jl 11/13/2015

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 12/03/2015

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) amending the Adopted 2015 Budget by (a) increasing the lifetime capital budget for the Tacoma Link Expansion project by \$25,216,229 from \$7,785,771 to \$33,002,000 and (b) increasing the 2015 Annual Budget by \$478,257 from \$3,225,500 to \$3,703,757; and (2) authorizing the project to advance through Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate Process.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under RCW Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996, and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Link Expansion project was included in the voter approved Sound Transit 2 plan; and

WHEREAS, The FTA approved a NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion on June 25, 2015, and Sound Transit issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance on July 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Motion No. M2013-31 authorized the project to Enter Gate 2 – Identify Alternatives and Motion No. M2015-05 authorized the project to enter Gate 3 – Identify Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, The Sound Transit Board selected the project route, profile and stations on November 19, 2015, through Resolution No. R2015-22; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sound Transit's Phase Gate process, all requirements necessary to pass through Gate 4: Enter Final Design, have been met.

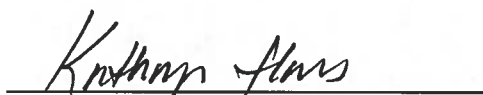
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that (1) the Adopted 2015 Lifetime Budget for the Tacoma Link Expansion project is amended by \$25,216,229 from \$7,785,771 to \$33,002,000; and (2) the project is authorized to advance through Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate Process.

ADOPTED 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:

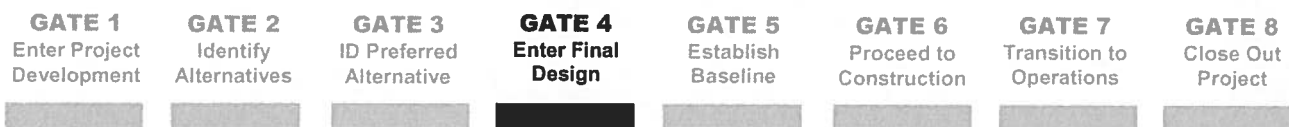


Katie Flores
Board Administrator



PHASE/GATE ACTION
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ACTION REQUESTED

Resolution No. R2015-33 authorizes the Tacoma Link Expansion Project to advance through Gate 4.

PROJECT BUDGET

Adopted Project Budget: \$33,002,000 YOES\$
Estimated Final Project Cost: \$152M (2015\$)

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Schedule to complete Final Design: 2018
Estimated Project Completion: 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

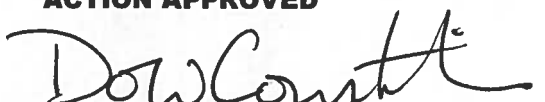
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ACTION APPROVED


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12-17-15
Date