



MOTION NO. M2017-47

**Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to Reimburse Sound Transit for Review Services**

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	4/13/2017	Recommend to Board	Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director
Board	4/27/2017	Final Action	<b>Mark Johnson, Project Director – Sunder</b> <b>Jodi Mitchell, Project Manager</b>

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to reimburse Sound Transit for review services and coordination for WSDOT’s I-5 Mounts Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- WSDOT’s I-5 Mounts Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements are a series of freeway and road access improvements in south Pierce County, in the area of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- Under the proposed agreement, WSDOT will reimburse Sound Transit for direct costs for coordination and review of WSDOT’s designs, permits, reports, and other documents related to corridor improvements that are anticipated to be constructed in or over Sound Transit-owned rail right-of-way.
- Sound Transit will provide these services to WSDOT through a series of task orders to be executed under this agreement.
- Indirect costs are waived under the Reciprocal Overhead Waiver Agreement, as amended, between WSDOT and Sound Transit.
- The initial term is through June 30, 2021, and may be extended by amendment.

BACKGROUND

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- Vehicle lane and non-motorized shared use paths from Gravelly Lake Drive to Thorne Lane, and Berkeley Street to Steilacoom-DuPont Road.
- An additional lane in each direction of I-5 between Mounts Road and Thorne Lane.
- Removal of at-grade interchanges at Thorne Lane, Berkeley Street, and Steilacoom-DuPont Road, and construction of grade-separated roadways over Sound Transit railroad right-of-way.

This agreement authorizes reimbursement of Sound Transit’s costs for design review services and other coordination efforts to assess the impacts of these improvements on Sound Transit’s railroad right of way, Sounder commuter rail and Amtrak service, Tacoma Rail, and BNSF freight service.

After environmental review is completed, construction of these improvements by WSDOT is anticipated to begin in 2018.

## FISCAL INFORMATION

The proposed action provides for reimbursement for services rendered for design reviews conducted by Sound Transit staff. This work has no financial impact on the agency's operating budget and will increase third-party revenue.

## SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION, APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION, AND TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

Not applicable to this action.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

## TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

JI 4/6/2017

## LEGAL REVIEW

JW 4/7/2017

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 27, 2017.

  
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Marilyn Strickland  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator