

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-37

Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a Cooperative Relationship for Regional Transportation Planning and Coordination

| MEETING: | DATE: | TYPE OF ACTION: | STAFF CONTACT: |
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| Board | 10/26/2017 | Action Postponed | Ann McNeil, Government and Community Relations Director |
| Board | 11/16/2017 | Final Action | Trinity Parker, Regional Government & Community Relations Manager |

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a cooperative relationship for regional transportation planning and coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (Community Transit), City of Everett, Transportation Services (Everett Transit), King County Marine Division, King County Metro, Kitsap Public Transportation Benefit Area (Kitsap Transit), Pierce County Public Works (Pierce County Ferry System), Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area (Pierce Transit), and City of Seattle.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- In 1994, 1998, and 2009, Sound Transit entered into agreements with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to emphasize cooperation and coordination with other service providers in the region and emphasizes the importance of regionally integrated transportation planning.
- This action authorizes Sound Transit to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the agencies noted above pertaining to how the agencies will coordinate and cooperate on regional transportation planning and programming.
- The MOU builds upon and broadens previous agreements between PSRC, Sound Transit, and other regional partners. The MOU:
 - Adds language to increase cooperation on performance-based planning and programming, including the sharing of data and the selection and reporting of performance targets;
 - Outlines participation on PSRC Transportation Policy Board and Committees; and
 - Incorporates federal transportation law updates that were published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The MOU provides a framework for cooperative transportation planning among and between the region’s transit agencies and with the regional transportation planning organization to support growth management policies and objectives as required by federal regulations (23 CFR 450.314) and state law (Chapter 47.80 RCW). The framework includes:

Transportation Planning – Under the MOU, Sound Transit and local transit agencies will consult with PSRC in the development and modifications of each respective agency’s transit system and financing plan to ensure consistency with PSRC’s development, refinement, and maintenance of its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Transportation planning includes; emphasis on multimodal comprehensive system planning, cooperation on regionally significant projects, cooperation on transportation management systems, regional data coordination, cooperation on

performance-based planning and programming and cooperation on coordinated public transit-human services plan.

Programming – PSRC, in cooperation with Sound Transit, local transit agencies, WSDOT, and local general purpose governments, is responsible for developing, adopting, and maintaining an approved multi-year regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of all prioritized projects that have been approved and programmed by PSRC for federal funding, after having been found consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and applicable state and federal planning and air quality requirements.

Sound Transit and the local transit agencies can submit applications to PSRC (annually or as PSRC's TIP schedule may require) for public transportation planning and system implementation projects for consideration for funding and inclusion in the regionally prioritized TIP.

Policy Development & Planning Coordination – PSRC, Sound Transit, and the local transit agencies intend to cooperate closely in the development of their respective policies, plans, and programs and to actively seek cooperative consultation on issues of major public importance.

FISCAL INFORMATION

There are no budget impacts associated with this interlocal agreement. However, Sound Transit does pay annual membership dues to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). These dues are included in the 2017 budget and will be considered as part of future annual budget development processes.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay in the approval of the MOU would not create a significant impact.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Resolution No. 98-5: Authorized execution of an interlocal agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation; City of Everett Transportation Services; King County Department of Transportation; Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority and Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority for planning, coordination and cooperation.

Resolution No. 34: Authorized execution of an interlocal agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 10/19/17

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 10/19/17



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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a cooperative relationship for regional transportation planning and coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (Community Transit), City of Everett, Transportation Services (Everett Transit), King County Marine Division, King County Metro, Kitsap Public Transportation Benefit Area (Kitsap Transit), Pierce County Public Works (Pierce County Ferry System), Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area (Pierce Transit), and City of Seattle.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under chapters 81.104 and 81.112 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 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 Sound Transit district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008, and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, 1998, and 2009, Sound Transit entered into agreements with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to emphasize cooperation and coordination with other service providers in the region and emphasizes the importance of regionally integrated transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, this action authorizes Sound Transit to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the agencies noted above pertaining to how the agencies will coordinate and cooperate on regional transportation planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, the MOU builds upon and broadens previous agreements between PSRC, Sound Transit, and other regional partners; and

WHEREAS, the MOU adds language to increase cooperation on performance-based planning and programming, including the sharing of data and the selection and reporting of performance targets; outlines participation on PSRC Transportation Policy Board and Committees; and incorporates updates to federal transportation law that were published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the MOU satisfies federal regulations that require an agreement specifying cooperative procedures for conducting transportation planning and programming between the Puget Sound Regional Council, in its role as the region's metropolitan planning organization, and the region's local and regional public transit agencies (23 CFR 450.314) and satisfies state requirements relating to regional transportation planning (Chapter 47.80 RCW);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a cooperative relationship for regional transportation planning and coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (Community Transit), City of Everett, Transportation Services (Everett Transit), King County Marine Division, King County Metro, Kitsap Public Transportation Benefit Area (Kitsap Transit), Pierce County Public Works (Pierce County Ferry System), Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area (Pierce Transit), and City of Seattle.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2017.



Fred Butler
Board Chair Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator