MOTION NO. M2018-145
Construction Funding Agreement with King County for the Sounder South Expanded Service 55th Avenue South Fish Passage Culvert Replacement Project

**MEETING:** Capital Committee  
**DATE:** 11/08/2018  
**TYPE OF ACTION:** Final Action  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Ron Lewis, Acting DECM Executive Director  
Jodi Mitchell, Sr. Project Manager

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County for the county to administer construction and construction management services for the 55th Avenue South Fish Passage Culvert Replacement project on behalf of Sound Transit as part of the Sounder South Expanded Service project in the estimated amount of $1,707,494, with a 15% contingency of $256,124, for a total of $1,963,618.

**KEY FEATURES SUMMARY**

- Sound Transit is required under the US Army Corps of Engineers permit to compensate for the perpetuation of a fish passage barrier under the BNSF rail line by constructing, correcting, or funding the construction of another fish passage culvert.
- King County owns a culvert requiring correction under 55th Avenue South that is within the County's right-of-way. Correction of this culvert fulfills the requirement of the permit condition.
- Sound Transit will provide King County Roads Division the design plans and specifications, and the necessary environmental permits.
- Sound Transit will reimburse the County for the costs it incurs in constructing the project, including contractor and County staff time expenses estimated to be $1,963,618. The final reimbursement amount will be based on actual expenditures.
- King County Roads Division will construct the Project as designed by Sound Transit and approved by the County.
- The County will acquire all temporary construction easements needed to construct the Project.

**BACKGROUND**

The Sounder South Expanded Service project included purchase of four additional commuter rail easements from BNSF to increase Sounder service along the BNSF corridor between Seattle and Tacoma. One of the four easements required environmental mitigation of a fish passage improvement as a condition of BNSF’s Corps of Engineers permit.

After an exhaustive search, it was determined that there was not a suitable location under the BNSF tracks to make these improvements and an alternative location would need to be identified. An existing culvert owned by King County located on Bingamon Creek in the Auburn area was identified as a suitable site, and has received concurrence from King County, the Muckleshoot Tribe, and environmental agencies.

In 2017, Sound Transit, through its consultant, ESA and Associates completed a feasibility study that recommended replacing the existing culvert with a larger box culvert structure.
FISCAL INFORMATION

The authorized project allocation to date for Sounder South Expanded Service is $205,567,592. Within that amount, $12,053,925 has been allocated to the construction phase. This proposed action will commit an additional $1,963,618 to this line, leaving a budget shortfall of -$749,648 in the construction phase.

While this action executes this agreement, no funds will be spent until the construction of the culvert is completed during 2019. The 2019 Proposed Budget reflects a change in the phase project allocation from third party phase to the construction phase of $790,000 resulting in an uncommitted budget balance of $40,352 in the construction phase.

Upon approval of the 2019 Proposed Budget, this action is within the authorized project allocation and sufficient monies remain after the approval of this action to fund the remaining work in the construction phase as contained in the current cost estimate.

Sounder South Expanded Service
(in thousands)

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Budget Shortfall Funding

- 2019 phase adjustment: third party to construction phase
- Adjusted Phase Budget

Notes:
Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure $000s.
Board Approvals = Committed To-Date + Contingency as of Sep 2018, and includes pending Board actions.
For detailed project information, see page 46 of the Adopted 2018 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP).

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

Not applicable to this action.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

King County Roads Division would like to advertise the project for construction in December 2018 to allow sufficient time for the procurement process; including the contractor’s procurement of the necessary box culvert.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 11/1/18

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 11/2/18
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APPROVED by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 8, 2018.

Claudia Balducci
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator