

MOTION NO. M2018-61

Agreement with the City of Bothell for Partnering on the SR 522 BRT and I-405 BRT Projects

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	05/10/2018	Cancelled	Kamuron Gurol, North Corridor Development Director
Board	05/24/2018	Final Action	Bernard van de Kamp, East Corridor Development Director Paul Cornish, BRT Project Director, PEPD Lacy Bell, BRT Operations Corridor Director John Sleavin, Acting BRT Corridor Director, DECM

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Bothell on the SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit and I-405 Bus Rapid Transit projects.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and I-405 BRT projects are anticipated to traverse the City of Bothell both north/south along I-405 and east/west along SR 522 and NE 185th.
- Building on the SR 522 BRT Project’s multi-agency Concurrence Document signed in November 2017, the Partnering Agreement is a key step in the Sound Transit partnering process, consistent with the System Expansion Implementation Plan (SEIP).
- The intent of the Partnering Agreement is to establish a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project.
- This action would authorize the execution of a Partnering Agreement with the City of Bothell. The Bothell City Council is anticipated to approve the execution of this agreement on May 8, 2018.
- Future agreements, including a near-term agreement related to the City’s construction of a portion of the SR 522 Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes (the City of Bothell’s SR 522 Stage 3 project), are expected as the project advances through subsequent development and delivery phases. The Stage 3 project-related agreements will be presented to the Board for consideration at a later date.

BACKGROUND

The SR 522 BRT and I-405 BRT projects are voter-approved projects under the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Plan. The projects include the following representative elements:

SR 522 BRT Project

The representative project includes BRT service through the City, construction of the City’s Stage 3 project, a westbound BAT lane extension on SR 522, two BRT station pairs, a parking facility, arterial intersection improvements, and an expanded transit center.

I-405 BRT Project

The representative project includes BRT service on I-405 through the City with the existing flyer stops at Canyon Park and the 195th ramps of I-405 upgraded to BRT station standards.

Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility Project

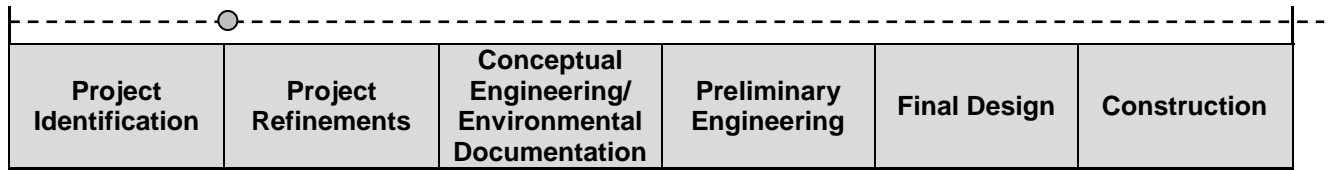
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The SEIP acknowledges that engaging with jurisdictional partners who have land use, permitting, oversight, or regulatory authority is central to maintaining project schedules. The Partnering Agreement is intended to provide greater clarity and predictability for local governments and to foster mutual accountability for meeting key milestones.

Depending on the project to be built, the City may have permitting authority for a variety of project components, and in future agreements the City may lead project implementation for certain project components (such as roadway improvements). The Partnering Agreement follows SEIP guidance and establishes a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project, including commitment to:

- Designated Representatives
 - Establish each agency's single point of contact to identify and resolve issues early.
- Scope, Schedule, Budget
 - Work together to complete project within ST3 schedule and budget. If there are requests to increase scope, collaborate to identify scope reductions elsewhere/local contributions.
- Project Definition
 - Start with ST3 representative project as basis to investigate other reasonable alternatives to be evaluated. Collaborate early on evaluation of reasonable alternatives that meet intent of ST3 Plan.
- Community Engagement
 - Collaborate on development of a Community Engagement and Communications Plan.
- Station Planning Activities
 - Develop a process to coordinate station planning activities.
- Permit Streamlining
 - Identify and implement actions to streamline permit review and develop a Preliminary Permitting Plan.
- SEPA/NEPA
 - Participate actively in the environmental review process. Develop environmental documents that both parties can use for required project development approvals and permitting decisions.
- Coordination on Planned Projects
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PROJECT STATUS



Projected Completion Date for Project Refinements: 1Q 2019

FISCAL INFORMATION

Although there is no direct or immediate fiscal action associated with the proposed action, there may be fiscal impacts as the project progresses. Those impacts will be addressed during future actions as they are presented.

In the Partnering Agreements, no party including Sound Transit makes any specific financial commitment. The Partnering Agreements include commitment by both parties to negotiate in good faith funding agreements for certain technical services and products (e.g. permit streamlining activities) that would support completion of the Project on schedule and within budget and to which Sound Transit could then commit to provide reimbursement to the city for the costs of these services and products.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sound Transit will actively seek public feedback at all project stages for the SR 522 BRT, I-405 BRT, and Operations and Maintenance Facility projects with the goal of fostering public trust through transparent communication, meaningful involvement, and being responsive to concerns and issues.

The Partnering Agreement includes a commitment to collaborate with the City in this action on development of a Community Engagement & Communications Plan.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Approving the agreement in May will allow sound transit to begin working with the city as project development activities take place for the SR 522 and I-405 BRT projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 5/1/2018

LEGAL REVIEW

SS 5/2/2018

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MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Bothell on the SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit and I-405 Bus Rapid Transit projects.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 24, 2018.



Ron Lucas
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator