

MOTION NO. M2018-62
Agreement with the City of Federal Way for Partnering on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	05/10/2018	Cancelled	Don Billen, PEPD Executive Director Karen Kitsis, South Corridor Development Director
Board	05/24/2018	Final Action	Curvie Hawkins, Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project Director, PEPD Sue Comis, HCT Development Manager, PEPD

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an Agreement with the City of Federal Way for Partnering on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The Tacoma Dome Link Extension project is anticipated to traverse the Cities of Milton, Fife, Federal Way, Tacoma and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation.
- The Partnering Agreements are the first step in the Sound Transit partnering process with these key partners, consistent with the System Expansion Implementation Plan (SEIP).
- The intent of the Partnering Agreements is to establish 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 Federal Way. The Federal Way Land Use & Transportation Council Committee is anticipated to make a recommendation on their agreement on May 7, 2018, and their Council is anticipated to act on the agreement on May 15, 2018.
- Future agreements are expected as the project advances through subsequent development and delivery phases.

BACKGROUND

The Tacoma Dome Link Extension is a voter approved project under the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Plan. The Project includes the following representative projects:

Federal Way to Tacoma Dome Light Rail

This representative light rail project would extend light rail from the Federal Way Transit Center in the City of Federal Way to the Tacoma Dome area in the City of Tacoma, a total distance of approximately 9.7 miles generally along or near I-5 with three elevated stations at South Federal Way, Fife, and East Tacoma (in the vicinity of Portland Avenue) and one at-grade/retained cut station at the Tacoma Dome. The representative ST3 Plan project includes four grade-separated stations and two parking garages.

Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility – South

This project would construct one new light rail operations and maintenance facility. The specific location will be determined as part of light rail project development. While it is being completed as part of this light rail extension, the facility will need to be appropriately sized to support operation of the Sound Transit Link light rail system as a whole. It was assumed in the ST3 plan that the Operations and Maintenance Facility – South would accommodate over 100 light rail vehicles, and would be a full service facility which includes all heavy maintenance equipment.

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

The City of Federal Way has the authority to permit light rail construction and operation within their city consistent with the project’s status as an essential public facility. The Partnering Agreement follows SEIP guidance and establish common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project, including commitment to:

- Designated Representatives
 - Establish 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 Community Engagement and Communications Plan.
- Station Planning Activities
 - Develop process to coordinate station planning activities.
- Permit Streamlining
 - Identify and implement actions to streamline permit review. Develop Preliminary Permitting Plan.
- SEPA/NEPA
 - Participate actively in the environmental review process.
- Coordination on Planned Projects
 - Coordinate on planned projects within the project area and resolve conflicts as early as possible.
- Staffing
 - Sound Transit may reimburse City’s costs for certain services and this agreement allows for development of funding agreements.

PROJECT STATUS

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering/ Draft EIS	Preliminary Engineering/ Final EIS	Final Design	Construction
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Projected Completion Date for Alternatives Identification: 2Q 2019.
Project scope, schedule, and budget summary located on page 83 of the Link Light Rail Program Progress Report.

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 Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project 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 in the corridor.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 5/1/2018

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 5/7/2018

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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 an Agreement with the City of Federal Way for Partnering on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project.

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