

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-31

Establishing the RapidRide C and D Improvements Project and Budget

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	08/17/2018	Cancelled	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD Cathal Ridge, Executive Corridor Director
Capital Committee	09/13/2018	Recommend to Board	Chris Rule, Project Manager
Board of Directors	09/27/2018	Final Action	

PROPOSED ACTION

Amends the Adopted 2018 Budget to establish one of the early ST3 deliverable projects by (a) establishing the project and project name as RapidRide C and D Improvements, (b) establishing the project allocation to date through the completion of the preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$2,350,000, and (c) establishing a 2018 Annual Budget in the amount of \$350,000.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The RapidRide C and D Improvements project is a voter-approved capped contribution under the ST3 Plan, identified within the Early Deliverables for the Central Corridor.
- Establishing the Preliminary Engineering budget allows staff to perform initial technical evaluation of improvements likely to increase the speed and reliability of the RapidRide C and D Lines from West Seattle to Downtown and Ballard to Downtown, respectively.
- These RapidRide lines overlap with and serve station areas along the future West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (WSBLE).
- The WSBLE project team intends to use an initial study to ensure consistency with the Sound Transit 3 Plan and inform planning for light rail from Ballard and West Seattle to Downtown.
- The proposed budget would fully fund preliminary engineering for potential capital improvements. This phase includes identification of potential improvement projects that can be delivered by 2024. Funding for the study of improvements would be deducted from the capped contribution identified in the ST3 Plan.
- The Board is assumed to make a subsequent determination regarding future project phases. Improvements may ultimately be delivered by King County Metro and/or the City of Seattle via third party agreement(s).
- The administration phase of the proposed project includes sufficient budget to support the staff activity required for this work for the life of the project.
- The amendment to an existing consultant contract for preliminary engineering services will be presented for consideration by the Board in a separate motion.

BACKGROUND

Within the Early Deliverables for the Central Corridor, Sound Transit 3 includes funding for capital improvements for interim express bus service to improve bus speed and reliability. This includes capped funding for capital investments for traffic signal and bus priority improvements on facilities used by King County Metro's RapidRide C and D lines to move more people more efficiently through the heavily congested Ballard and West Seattle corridors prior to light rail construction.

The RapidRide C and D Lines have the third and second highest bus ridership in the region, respectively. In the future these routes are likely to change as light rail comes to these corridors. Sound Transit will evaluate improvements to these corridors that improve the passenger experience by reducing travel times. This project will be managed in close collaboration with the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project because of the overlapping study area.

Following an initial study, staff may seek Board approval for entering third party agreements with the City of Seattle and King County Metro. Sound Transit will engage these partner agencies throughout the life of the project. These partners will provide data on bus operations and existing conditions, and may be best positioned to construct and implement the resulting improvements.

A separate action will address the procurement of consultant services to perform an evaluation of potential improvements.

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: 3Q 2019

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action establishes the RapidRide C and D Improvements project and its authorized project allocation to date for the project to perform initial technical evaluation of improvements likely to increase the speed and reliability of the RapidRide C and D Lines.

The proposed action establishes the authorized project allocation to date in amount of \$2,350,000 and establishes the 2018 annual budget in the amount of \$350,000.

RapidRide C&D Improvements

(in thousands)

Phase	Annual Project Budget			Authorized Project Allocation to Date		
	Adopted 2018 Annual Project Budget	Budget Revision	Revised 2018 Annual Project Budget	Authorized Project Allocation to Date (Current)	Allocation Change	Authorized Project Allocation to Date (New)
Agency Administration	\$	\$50	\$50		\$750	\$750
Preliminary Engineering		300	300		1,600	1,600
Final Design						
Third Party Agreements						
Right of Way						
Construction						
Construction Services						
Vehicles						
Contingency						
Total	\$	\$350	\$350	\$	\$2,350	\$2,350

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sound Transit is committed to actively seeking public feedback on the RapidRide C and D Improvements project. Sound Transit will seek opportunities for synergy with the robust community engagement process and activities currently underway for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project with the overarching goal of fostering public trust through transparent communication, meaningful involvement and being responsive to concerns and issues.

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project team may participate in planning and executing public engagement throughout the overlapping study area for these improvements. The project is reaching out to communities, businesses, stakeholders and agencies to shape the project by asking questions, holding conversations and seeking out ideas and comments.

A report assumed in the current project scope will inform outreach in 2019 to gather feedback on improvements likely to increase customer satisfaction. The comments gathered at public sessions will support the decision-making process for the project.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 8/1/18

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 8/10/18

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2018 Budget to establish one of the early ST3 deliverable projects by (a) establishing the project and project name as RapidRide C and D Improvements, (b) establishing the project allocation to date through the completion of the preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$2,350,000, and (c) establishing a 2018 Annual Budget in the amount of \$350,000.

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 December 2017, the Board approved Resolution No. R2017-42, adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2018, and adopting the 2018 Transit Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the voter-approved plan includes capped funding for capital investments for traffic signal and bus priority improvements on facilities used by Metro's RapidRide C and D lines under the Sound Transit 3 Early Deliverables for the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS the Sound Transit 3 Plan includes RapidRide C and D Improvements to move more people more efficiently through the heavily congested Ballard and West Seattle corridors while light rail is under design and construction. The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project team intends to use an initial study to ensure consistency with the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Plan and inform planning for light rail from Ballard and West Seattle to Downtown; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit intends to deduct funding for the study of improvements from the capped contribution identified in the ST3 Plan; and

WHEREAS, this budget allocation is requested to fully fund the preliminary engineering phase, which includes identification of potential improvement projects that can be delivered by 2024, and evaluation and identification of improvements to increase the speed and reliability of the RapidRide C and D Lines; and

WHEREAS, staff will return to the Board for subsequent project phases and determinations, and ultimately improvements may be delivered by King County Metro or the City of Seattle via third party agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, administrative funds have been included in this action to fund the current activities as explained in the action; and


WHEREAS, a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire membership of the Sound Transit Board is required to revise the adopted 2018 annual operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the adopted 2018 Budget be amended to:

Section 1: Create the RapidRide C and D Improvements projects by (a) establishing the project and project name as RapidRide C and D Improvements and (b) establishing the project allocation to date through the completion of the preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$2,350,000.

Section 2: Establish the 2018 Annual Budget in the amount of \$350,000.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 27, 2018.



Dave Somers
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator