

Motion No. M2019-104

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority recommending additional alternatives for study in the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Background

On May 23, 2019, the Sound Transit Board identified a range of preferred and other alternatives for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS in Motion No. M2019-51. The Board also directed staff to conduct initial assessments of potential new alternatives suggested during the EIS scoping period to establish whether further detailed study in the Draft EIS is appropriate.

The Board requested that the assessment and recommendations for further study be brought back to the Sound Transit Board for review and potential action. Briefings on the results of the initial assessment of potential alternatives were provided to the System Expansion Committee on September 12, 2019, and to the Sound Transit Board on September 26, 2019. Results of the initial assessment were also posted online for public comment between September 13 and October 4, 2019 to help inform a potential Board Action on October 24, 2019.

Any additional alternatives identified for study will undergo conceptual engineering to support the EIS analyses. During the design and environmental review of the alternatives, Sound Transit will engage affected communities in the project development process and receive feedback on the alignment, profile and station design. Sound Transit will also seek to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts of the project as design progresses.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that, based on the Board's review of the findings from initial assessment, public and agency comments, input from FTA, and other information developed to date, the following alternatives suggested during the EIS scoping period shall be studied in the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS:

- Yancy/Andover Elevated – An elevated alignment along the Yancy/Andover corridor in West Seattle with a Delridge Station serving Youngstown. Connects to previously-identified EIS alternatives serving Avalon and Alaska Junction areas.
- SODO Partial Elevated (refinement) – A refinement of the alternative suggested during the EIS scoping period. Elevate new SODO station and retain existing SODO station at-grade. Retain Lander Street at-grade and construct new Holgate Street overcrossing.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 24, 2019.



John Marchione
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator