



Motion No. M2019-35

Agreement with the City of Lake Forest Park for Partnering on the SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee Board	4/19/2019 4/25/2019	Recommend to Board Final action	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD Kathy Leotta, Project Manager, PEPD Paul Cornish, BRT Project Director, PEPD

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Lake Forest Park for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

Key features summary

- The SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is anticipated to traverse the City of Lake Forest Park along SR 522.
- Building on the SR 522/NE 145th 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 Lake Forest Park. The Lake Forest Park City Council is anticipated to approve the execution of this agreement on April 25, 2019.
- Future agreements are expected as the project advances through subsequent development and delivery phases.

Background

The SR 522/NE 145th BRT project is a voter-approved project under the ST3 Plan. In Lake Forest Park, the representative project includes BRT services along ST 522, two BRT station pairs, a parking facility, a new Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane, and station access improvements.

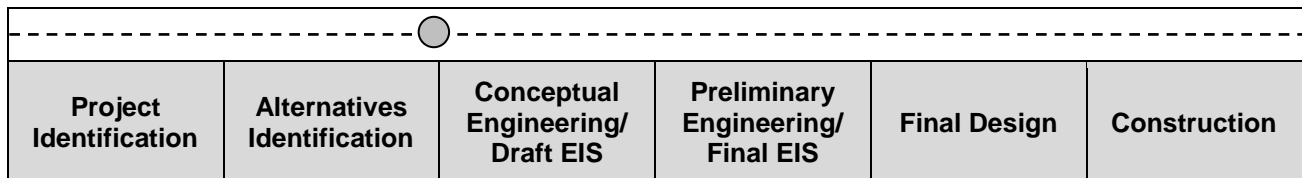
The SEIP acknowledges that engaging with jurisdictional partners who have land use, permitting, oversight, or regulatory authority is central to maintaining project schedules. The Partnering Agreement is intended to provide greater clarity and predictability for each agency and to foster mutual accountability 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 the project with 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.
- Environmental Review
 - Sound Transit will serve as the SEPA Lead Agency for the project and the city will participate actively in the environmental review process. The city will use and rely upon environmental documents prepared by Sound Transit for required project development approvals and permitting decisions.
- Coordination on Planned Projects
 - Coordinate on planned projects within the Project area and resolve conflicts as early as possible.

Project status



Projected completion date for conceptual engineering and environmental review: 1Q 2020

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 176 of the December 2018 Agency 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 arise.

In the Partnering Agreement, neither party makes any specific financial commitment. The Partnering Agreements include commitment by both parties to negotiate funding agreements in good faith for certain technical services and products (e.g. permit streamlining activities) that would support completion of the project on schedule and within budget. Sound Transit could then commit to provide reimbursement to the city for the costs of these services and products.

Small business and Disadvantaged business enterprise participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Sound Transit will continue to actively seek public feedback at all project stages for the SR 522/NE 145th BRT 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

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

Environmental review – KH 4/5/19

Legal review – MT 4/5/19

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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 Lake Forest Park for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

John Marchione
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator