



Motion No. M2019-97

System Access Fund 2019 Awards

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Executive Committee Board	09/05/2019 09/26/2019	Recommend to Board Final action	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD Alex Krieg, Senior Manager – Planning & Integration

Proposed action

Awards the first round of System Access Funds to the local governments identified the not to exceed amounts determined by the Board and authorizes the chief executive officer to execute funding agreements consistent with these awards and in compliance with the System Access Fund program guidelines.

Key features summary

- The Sound Transit 3 (ST3) System Plan included a \$100M System Access Program, which included the System Access Fund that is “allocated equally among Sound Transit’s five subareas to fund such projects as safe sidewalks and protected bike lanes, shared use paths, improved bus-rail integration, and new pick-up and drop-off areas that provide convenient access so that more people can use Sound Transit services.”
- In November 2018, the Executive Committee of the Sound Transit Board directed staff to conduct a call for projects in 2019 that would be open to local governments and would make up to \$10M per subarea available between 2019 and 2025. The Executive Committee also established the evaluation criteria Sound Transit staff would use, which were divided between policy factors (customer experience, equity, connectivity, and safety and human health) and technical factors (funding plan and delivery plan).
- On February 19, 2019, Sound Transit opened the System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects. On April 12, 2019, the call for projects closed and Sound Transit received 53 applications from 33 local governments requesting more than \$86M.
- Between mid-April and early July, Sound Transit evaluated the 53 applications against the evaluation criteria identified by the Executive Committee. This included a review of the application materials provided as well as follow-up discussions with each applicant about every project submitted.
- On July 25, 2019, staff briefed the Board of Directors on the applications received in the System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects and the preliminary evaluation results.
- On July 26, 2019, Sound Transit opened a public comment period and launched online open house to receive rider and resident feedback on the 53 applications submitted. Sound Transit received 55 letters of support and a total of 4,063 survey responses, including 409 open-ended comments, during the public comment period and online open house. The public comment period and online open house closed on Friday, August 23, 2019.

- The action authorizes the CEO to enter into funding agreements with the local governments identified and at not to exceed amounts determined by the Board.
- All projects will be implemented by the local government identified, including the planning, environmental review, design, and construction. All completed projects will be owned, operated, and maintained by the local government.
- Sound Transit will enter into funding agreements closer to when local governments are able to advance projects and will closely monitor implementation once agreements are executed. Staff will only return to the Board should there be material changes to the project scope identified in the associated application, including requests for increased funding.
- Sound Transit staff will provide an annual report to the Executive Committee on the status of implementation of projects receiving an award in the System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects.

Background

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Fiscal information

The authorized project allocation to date for the Transit System Access Program is \$142,139,000. Within that amount, \$124,385,000 has been allocated to the third party phase. As the amount of the awards and the subarea distribution will be determined by the Board, the table below is provided for context.

Transit System Access Program

(in thousands)	Authorized Project Allocation to Date	Board Approvals	This Action	Board Approved Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$10,000	\$1,815	\$	\$1,814,996	\$8,185
Preliminary Engineering	2,000	114		113,965	\$1,886
Final Design					\$
Third Parties	124,385		0	0	124,385
Right of Way					\$
Construction	5,754				\$5,754
Construction Services					\$
Vehicles					\$
Total Current Budget	\$142,139	\$1,929	\$	\$1,929	\$140,210

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.

* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 8/27/19.

For detailed project information, see page 218 of the 2019 Financial Plan & Adopted Budget.

Public involvement

Following the completion of the policy and technical evaluation conducted by staff, Sound Transit launched a public comment period and online open house to seek rider and resident feedback on the 53 applications received and the initial evaluation results. The public comment and online open house period lasted between July 26, 2019 and August 23, 2019. In addition, Sound Transit received 55 comments letters and letters of support. An executive summary of the online open house results and a compilation of comment letters and letters of support are included as supplement to the staff report.

Time constraints

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule, but may have minor impacts for entering into agreements with local governments seeking funds in 2019.

Environmental review – KH 8/27/19

Legal review – AJP 8/29/19

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority awarding the first round of System Access Funds to the local governments identified for the not to exceed amounts determined by the Board and authorizing the chief executive officer to execute funding agreements consistent with these awards and in compliance with the System Access Fund program guidelines.

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the first round of System Access Funds is awarded to the local governments identified for the not to exceed amounts determined by the Board and the chief executive officer is authorized to execute funding agreements consistent with these awards and in compliance with the System Access Fund program guidelines.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 26, 2019.



John Marchione
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

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This attachment identifies by subarea the jurisdictions, projects, amounts, and phases to be funded via the System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects.

Snohomish Subarea

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount	Phase(s)
City of Edmonds	Citywide Bicycle Improvements	\$1,850,000	Design, Construction
City of Everett	Everett Station Nonmotorized Access Improvements	\$1,900,000	Construction
City of Lynnwood	Scriber Creek Trail Redevelopment	\$2,500,000	Construction
City of Mountlake Terrace	Veteran's Memorial Park Light Rail Connector	\$500,000	Construction
City of Mukilteo	5th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$764,000	Design
Snohomish County	Ash Way Corridor Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements (partial award)	\$1,000,000 [†]	Design

North King Subarea

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount	Phase(s)
King County Metro	Secure Bicycle Parking Expansion and Related Improvements	\$100,000	Construction
City of Seattle	Judkins Park Station Access (for sidewalk upgrades, Hiawatha Place S staircase, and trail lighting)	\$2,400,000 [*]	Design, Construction
City of Seattle	Southeast Seattle High Priority Sidewalks and Walkways (for S Henderson Street staircase)	\$900,000 [*]	Design, Construction
City of Shoreline	148th Street Nonmotorized Bridge	\$3,700,000	Design, Construction

East King Subarea

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount	Phase(s)
City of Bellevue	Eastgate Nonmotorized Access to Transit Improvements (partial award)	\$1,000,000 [†]	Construction
City of Bothell	Downtown Bothell Nonmotorized Access Improvements (for 102nd Avenue NE improvements)	\$825,000 [*]	Design, Construction
City of Kenmore	Juanita Drive NE Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements	\$1,500,000	Construction
King County Parks	Eastrail: NE 8th Street Crossing (partial award)	\$3,000,000 [†]	Construction
King County Metro	Secure Bicycle Parking Expansion and Related Improvements	\$250,000	Construction
City of Redmond	156th Avenue Cycle Track	\$1,165,242	Construction
City of Renton	S 7th Street Corridor Improvements (for multi-use trail)	\$1,000,000 [*]	Design, Construction

South King Subarea

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount	Phase(s)
City of Auburn	Regional Growth Center Access Improvements	\$1,625,000	Design, Construction
City of Des Moines	Barnes Creek Trail South Segment	\$1,985,000	Construction
City of Federal Way	21st Avenue S/S 320th Street Signalization and Pedestrian Improvements	\$730,000	Construction
City of Kent	W James Street at 2nd Avenue N Pedestrian Crossing	\$273,683	Design, Construction
King County Metro	Secure Bicycle Parking Expansion and Related Improvements	\$50,000	Construction
City of SeaTac	Station Intersection Pedestrian Safety Improvements (for SeaTac/Airport Station only; for pedestrian improvements connecting east)	\$500,000*	Design, Construction
City of Tukwila	Nonmotorized Connections and Wayfinding for Tukwila International Boulevard Station (for design phase)	\$369,000*	Design
City of Tukwila	Tukwila Station Nonmotorized Connectivity and Safety (for pedestrian signal on SR 181, improvements on Longacres Way, and Longacres Way/trail crossing)	\$2,064,000*	Construction

Pierce Subarea

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount	Phase(s)
City of Bonney Lake	Elhi Hill Trail Staircase	\$661,936	Design, Construction
City of Lakewood	111th Street SW/112th Street SW Improvements	\$1,040,000	Design, Construction
Pierce County	112th Street Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,000,000	Design, Construction
City of Puyallup	Bike Lane Expansions on W Stewart Avenue & 4th Street NW (for bike lanes on 4th Street NW)	\$155,995*	Design, Construction
City of Sumner	Rivergrove Community Pedestrian Bridge	\$452,000	Design
City of Sumner	Sounder Safe Sidewalk/Bike Programmatic Enhancements (for bike lanes on Academy Street)	\$875,000*	Design, Construction
City of Tacoma	Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension Streetscape Access Improvements	\$3,500,000	Construction

*Indicates partial award in support of specific project elements

†Indicates partial award in support of the overall project