



Motion No. M2023-82

Funding Agreement with City of Seattle Committing NE 130th Infill Station Access Allowance

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	09/14/2023	Recommend to Board	Brooke Belman, Deputy CEO, Chief Expansion Delivery Officer
Board	09/28/2023	Final action	Don Billen, PEPD Executive Director Alex Krieg, Director – Access, Integration & Station Area Planning

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a funding agreement with the City of Seattle for design and construction of the city’s NE 130th St./NE 125th St. Corridor Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000 to come from the budgeted station access allowance for the project.

Key features summary

- ST3 included station access allowances to support high-quality passenger access and bus-rail transit integration. NE 130th Infill Station, as a component of the ST3 plan, has a station access allowance of \$4.9 million.
- This action commits \$4.6 million of the NE 130th Infill Station’s station access allowance funding in support of the City of Seattle’s NE 130th St/NE 125th St Corridor Improvements Project, which will make it easier to walk, bike, and use local transit along the main east-west corridor that connects to the NE 130th Infill Station.
- Sound Transit’s access allowance funding will support design and construction of the city’s improvements. Design is currently underway, with construction expected to begin in mid-2025 and substantial completion anticipated by late 2026, shortly after the NE 130th Infill Station’s baseline schedule opening of Q2 2026.
- In addition to this funding, the City of Seattle has secured more than \$17 million in local, state, and federal funding toward their NE 130th St/NE 125th Street Corridor Improvements project.

Background

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As summarized in a May 2023 briefing to the System Expansion Committee, the process for administering station access allowance funds happens concurrently with overall capital project

development and in collaboration with Sound Transit project teams and key project partners, particularly local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

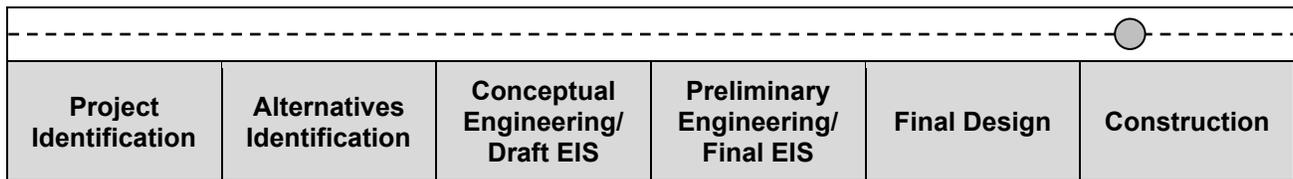
In this case, and beginning in late 2018, Sound Transit and the City of Seattle have worked closely on station design of the NE 130th Infill Station and the City of Seattle created the NE 130th St and Shoreline South/148th Stations Multimodal Access Plan in December 2020.

The total station access allowance for the NE 130th Infill Station is \$4.9 million. Throughout development of the station design, in collaboration with the City of Seattle, WSDOT, and King County Metro, certain minor elements outside of the core project scope but eligible for access allowance funding were identified and determined to be more efficiently delivered by the Sound Transit project. These additional nonmotorized improvements include a non-standard crosswalk with ADA ramps that connect the Jackson Park trail to the north entry of the station and an approximately one-half mile shared use path along 5th Ave NE resulting in continuous pedestrian and bicycle access between NE 130th Ave NE and NE 145th Ave. The estimated cost to the project for these minor elements is \$300,000, leaving \$4.6 million remaining to commit.

Sound Transit’s access allowance funding will support the City of Seattle’s NE 130th St/NE 125th St Corridor Improvements Project, which will deliver improved walking, biking, and local transit facilities between 1st Ave NE and Lake City Way. The objectives of the City of Seattle’s project are to improve access and safety for people walking and biking along the corridor, to implement transit priority treatments, to improve local transit reliability, to adjust roadway and intersection design to improve safety for people walking, rolling, and biking along the corridor and trying to access the NE 130th Infill Station.

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Project status



Projected completion date for the Construction Phase: Q1 2026

Project scope, schedule and budget summary are located on page 95 of the July 2023 Agency Progress Report.

Fiscal information

This action is within baseline budget and sufficient monies remain after approval of this action to fund the remaining work. This action does not impact the affordability of any other system expansion project.

The authorized project allocation for the NE 130th Infill Station is \$240,115,000. Within that amount, \$192,084,123 has been allocated to the construction phase of which \$4,901,000 has been allocated for

station access enhancements. The action would commit an additional \$4,600,000 to this line item and leave an uncommitted phase budget balance of \$145,777,577.

NE 130th Infill Station

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Baseline Budget	Total Commitment to Date	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$8,087	\$3,131	\$	\$3,131	\$4,956
Preliminary Engineering	2,711	2,711		2,711	
Final Design	17,588	16,909		16,909	679
Third Party	1,698	789		789	910
Right of Way	96				96
Construction	192,084	41,707	4,600	46,307	145,778
Construction Services	17,332	13,672		13,672	3,660
System Start Up & Test	559				559
Total Current Budget	\$240,155	\$78,918	\$4,600	\$83,518	\$156,637
Phase Detail - Construction					
Access Enhancements	\$4,901	\$	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$301
Other Construction	187,183	41,707		41,707	145,477
Total Phase	\$192,084	\$41,707	\$4,600	\$46,307	\$145,778
Agreement Detail:					
City of Seattle					
	Board Approvals to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total for Board Approval	Current Approved Contract Status	
Agreement Amt	\$	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$	
Agreement Contingency	0	0	0	0	
Total Contract Amount	\$	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$	
Percent Contingency	0%	0%	0%	0%	

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000s.
 Board Approvals = Commitment to Date + Contingency as of Jul 31, 2023.
 For detailed project information, see page 107 of the 2023 Financial Plan and Adopted Budget.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action, however the City of Seattle did conduct engagement to support the NE 130th St and Shoreline South/148th Stations Multimodal Access Plan and is committed to advancing their project in a way that responds to community needs and priorities.

Time constraints

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

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution No. R2022-17: Adopts the NE 130th Street Infill Station project baseline schedule and budget by (a) increasing the authorized project allocation by \$203,738,000 from \$36,417,000 to \$240,155,000, (b) increasing the annual project budget by \$9,833,027 from \$6,584,030 to \$16,417,057, and (c) establishing an open for service date of Q2 2026.

Motion No. M2023-58: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Absher Construction Company to construct the finishes for the NE 130th Street Infill Station project in the amount of \$98,270,000, plus a 15 percent contingency of \$14,740,500, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$113,010,500.

Environmental review – KH 8/23/23

Legal review – DLM 9/1/2023



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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a funding agreement with the City of Seattle for design and construction of the city's NE 130th St./NE 125th St. Corridor Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000 to come from the budgeted station access allowance for the project.

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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 funding agreement with the City of Seattle for design and construction of the city's NE 130th St./NE 125th St. Corridor Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000 to come from the budgeted station access allowance for the project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 28, 2023.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator