



Motion No. M2024-61

Amend Construction and Maintenance Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for I-5 Steilacoom-DuPont Road to Thorne Lane Corridor (JBLM) Improvements

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	10/03/2024	Recommend to Board	Terri Mestas, Deputy CEO Capital Delivery
Board	10/24/2024	Final action	Tracy Reed, Deputy Executive Director Project Management Mark Johnson, Project Director

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to (1) execute an amendment to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for Stage 4 of its I-5 Steilacoom-DuPont Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements Project; and (2) grant additional licenses and easements in exchange for compensation from the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount \$622,678, for a total of \$1,767,878.

Key features summary

- The original Construction and Maintenance Agreement was authorized through Motion No. M2018-44. The project includes the construction of new freeway interchanges, local connector roads, and three grade-separated crossings of Sound Transit's railroad right-of-way.
- This amendment to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement will amend the scope to include WSDOT's construction of its planned shared use path on Sound Transit property between the Tillicum neighborhood and the rest of the City of Lakewood.
- Under the proposed amended agreement, the following will continue:
 - WSDOT will manage design and construction of the project and is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and right-of-way;
 - Sound Transit will review designs, plans, reports, and other documents supporting the project; and
 - Sound Transit will grant WSDOT a temporary construction easement and a lease for a shared use path.
 - WSDOT will pay Sound Transit for railroad flagging, and inspections at established rates. WSDOT will reimburse Sound Transit for actual direct costs associated with design reviews and coordination meetings. Indirect costs are waived under the Reciprocal Overhead Waiver Agreement between the two parties.
- Sound Transit will grant WSDOT a temporary construction easement and a 20-year lease for compensation in the amount of \$622,678.

Background

WSDOT's I-5 Mounts Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements are a series of projects funded by the Washington State Legislature in 2015 that are intended to reduce traffic congestion and prevent accidents in south Pierce County around Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This project includes new freeway interchanges, local connector roads, and three grade-separated crossings of Sound Transit's railroad right-of-way that will provide additional access to the surrounding area. The first stage of the improvements extended the northbound I-5 auxiliary lane between Mounts Road and Center Drive.

The second stage of the improvements rebuilt the interchanges at Thorne Lane and Freedom Way (formerly Berkeley Street) and added an additional lane in each direction to I-5. The rebuilt interchanges are grade-separated from Sound Transit's railroad right-of-way, eliminating two at-grade crossings.

The third stage of the improvements, currently under construction, is a replacement of the interchange spanning over I-5 and Sound Transit's rail right-of-way at Steilacoom-DuPont Road. It will remove the existing at-grade crossing at nearby Barksdale Avenue. On Joint Base Lewis-McChord, at Pendleton Avenue's crossing under Sound Transit's railroad bridge, WSDOT will lower the roadway to provide greater clearance for vehicles.

The fourth stage of WSDOT's project is construction of a Shared Use Path (SUP) and emergency access road, known as the Gravelly-Thorne Connector. The Gravelly-Thorne Connector will connect portions of the city of Lakewood that are bisected by the military base and golf course, which creates freeway-locked neighborhoods. The path will provide non-motorized transportation access and may be used by emergency responders. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2025 and be complete by July 2026.

Sound Transit will provide design review support and grant WSDOT a temporary construction easement and a lease to construct the trail.

Under terms of the 2018 Construction and Maintenance Agreement, WSDOT will reimburse Sound Transit for actual direct costs supporting the project. These costs include attending coordination meetings and review of designs, reports, plans, and other documents. WSDOT will pay established rates for services to be provided through Sound Transit's maintenance-of-way contract: railroad flagging, inspections, and removal of grade crossing infrastructure.

WSDOT completed the JBLM Vicinity Congestion Relief Project Revised Environmental Assessment, and the Federal Highway Administration issued a Finding of No Significant (FONSI) Impact in May 2017; WSDOT issued a Determination of Non-Significance under SEPA for the project in June 2017. Subsequently, WSDOT completed a Revised Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the project and FHWA issued a FONSI in June 2021.

Fiscal information

The proposed action provides for additional reimbursement for services rendered for design reviews conducted by Sound Transit staff and cost incurred for the removal of grade crossing infrastructure, as well as permanent airspace and utility easements. The additional compensation for property rights is \$622,678, for a total amount of \$1,767,878. Except for indirect costs waived under the Reciprocal Overhead Waiver Agreement, all other Sound Transit costs will be reimbursed by WSDOT. This does not impact the affordability of the Agency's Finance Plan.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

A one-month delay in executing the amendment could delay the bidding of the construction project. WSDOT aims to complete construction of the project by Summer 2026 so that the adjacent Tacoma Country & Golf Club can complete a noise wall before the 2027 U.S. Senior Women's Open in August 2027.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2023-32: Authorized the chief executive officer to: (1) execute an amendment to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for Stage 3 of its I-5 Steilacoom DuPont Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements Project; and (2) grant additional easements in exchange for compensation from the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount \$150,100, for a total of \$1,145,200.

Motion No. M2018-44: Authorized the chief executive officer to (1) execute a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for their I-5 Steilacoom-DuPont Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements Project; and (2) grant an easement to the Washington State Department of Transportation for considerations in the amount of \$985,100.

Motion No. M2017-47: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to reimburse Sound Transit for review services and coordination for WSDOT's I-5 Mounts Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvements.

Environmental review – KH 9/24/24

Legal review – JW 9/24/24



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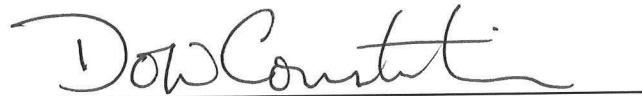
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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 24, 2024.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator