

Motion No. M2025-58

Construction Contract for Stride Bus Rapid Transit Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	11/13/2025	Final action	Terri Mestas, Deputy CEO, Capital Delivery Manan Garg, Executive Director, Capital Delivery Department Rick Capka, Executive Project Director, BRT Calvin Nutt, Construction Director, BRT

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc. for construction services for the Stride Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements, components of the Stride Bus Rapid Transit SR 522/NE 145th Street project, in the amount of \$27,338,075 with a 15 percent contingency of \$4,100,711 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$31,438,786.

Key features summary

- This action would authorize a contract to construct the Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements in the City of Seattle, City of Shoreline and the City of Lake Forest Park along NE 145th St/SR 523 along a 1.4-mile alignment.
- The project includes four station platforms along NE 145th St (SR 523) with associated paving, curbs, sidewalks, structural foundations, utilities, and transit signal priority equipment to the existing traffic signals at intersections along NE 145th St (SR 523).
- New queue bypass lanes will be installed at the station locations, including soldier pile retaining walls, sidewalks, and other utility improvements.
- The work also includes paving, landscaping and restoration/relocation of the existing stormwater management systems.
- The recommended 15 percent contract contingency is commensurate with the Design Bid Build Contract Model and the nature of the roadway and underground utility work to be completed.
- This action is funded by the current project baseline budget and there is sufficient budget projected to fund the scope of work of this project. The current project is included in the existing Long Range Financial Plan.
- Station shelters, furnishings, and systems work will be completed under a separate contract authorized by Motion No. M2025-20.

Background

A Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system is part of Sound Transit's 2016 voter-approved system expansion program ST3. BRT will provide fast, reliable high-capacity transit service every ten minutes at peak for both the I-405, and SR-522/NE 145th Street BRT corridors (and every 15 minutes off-peak for the I-405 BRT), providing connections to light rail service in Bellevue, Tukwila, Shoreline and Lynnwood.

The SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT project will establish BRT service along the corridor, primarily operating in business access and transit (BAT) or bus queue bypass lanes for 9 miles between Shoreline and Bothell. Project development began in 2018 and involved planning, environmental studies, and preliminary design of BRT elements, including routing, roadway, and sidewalk improvements; 12 BRT station pairs between the termini (14 total stations); and parking facilities. The analysis during the Preliminary Engineering phase confirmed the station locations and identified speed and reliability project elements.

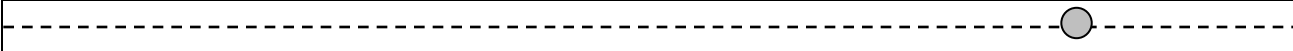
In September 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2021-07 selecting the route and station locations, or Project to be Built, for the SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT Project, which confirmed the station locations and identified speed and reliability improvements. Within this resolution, all parking components of the SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT Project were deferred in accordance with the Sound Transit Board's realignment process in 2021. Additionally, in July 2023 the Board adopted Resolution No. R2023-19, which baselined the SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT Project cost of \$581,500,000 and open for service date of Q2 2028.

This action would approve a fixed price contract to build the Stride Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements Project, a 1.4-mile alignment that will be in the City of Seattle, City of Shoreline and the City of Lake Forest Park along NE 145th/SR 523. This action would allow for the construction of 2 of the 12 station pairs planned for the S3 Stride alignment and completes the connection from the Shoreline South/148th Link light rail station to the SR 522 Stride alignment. The Stride Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements Project is currently expected to be complete in 2027, in line with the board-adopted start of service date of Q2 2028.

Environmental Review

Environmental compliance pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is complete. Sound Transit issued a Determination of Nonsignificance for the project in March 2021 determining the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A SEPA Addendum was issued in August 2024 which provided additional analysis and information about minor design updates to the proposal. The Addendum confirmed that the design updates do not substantially change the analysis of likely project impacts. The project does not require review under the National Environmental Protection Act as there is no federal funding or approvals associated with the proposal.

Project status

					
Project Identification	Project Refinements	Conceptual Engineering/ Environmental Review	Preliminary Engineering	Final Design	Construction

Projected completion date for Construction: Q3 2027

Current project status, performance metrics, and additional information are located on page 20 of the September 2025 System Expansion Monthly Status Report.

Procurement information

On July 29, 2025, Sound Transit issued an Invitation for Bids, IFB RTA/CN 0173-24 for Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements project. Sound Transit received seven responsive bids on October 10, 2025. The award of the contract is based on the lowest Total Bid Price as submitted in a responsive bid, by a responsible bidder.

The bids ranged from \$27,338,075.42 to \$32,629,778.12. Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. This is a fixed price contract. All bids were below the independent cost estimate (ICE) amount of \$38,384,399. Accordingly, the price was determined to be fair and reasonable.

Fiscal information

This action is funded by the current project budget and there is sufficient budget projected to fund the remaining work. The current project is included in the existing Long Range Financial Plan.

The baseline budget for the entire SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT project is \$581,500,000. Within the \$322,404,658 construction phase, \$41,476,000 has been allocated to the BT305 – Shoreline / Seattle line item. The proposed action would commit \$31,438,786 (which includes a 15% contingency of \$4,100,711) to this line item and leave a phase balance of \$210,758,452.

SR 522/NE 145th Street BRT

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Baseline Budget	Board Approvals*	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	\$50,915	\$25,080	\$	\$25,080	\$25,835
Preliminary Engineering	15,420	15,331	-	15,331	89
Final Design	45,655	43,392	-	43,392	2,263
Third Party	6,560	2,032	-	2,032	4,528
Right of Way	79,895	43,158	-	43,158	36,738
Construction**	322,405	80,207	31,439	111,646	210,758
Construction Services	26,920	9,774	-	9,774	17,146
Vehicles	33,730	32,963	-	32,963	767
Total	\$581,500	\$251,938	\$31,439	\$250,414	\$297,356

Phase Detail - Construction

BT305 - Shoreline / Seattle	\$41,476	\$76	\$31,439	\$31,515	\$9,961
Other Construction	280,929	80,131	-	80,131	200,797
Total Phase	\$322,405	\$80,207	\$31,439	\$111,646	\$210,758

Contract Detail

Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc	Current Contract	This Action	Revised Contract	Current Contract Spend Status
Contract Amount	\$	\$27,338	\$27,338	\$
Contingency	-	4,101	4,101	-
Total Contract Amount	\$	\$31,439	\$31,439	\$

Notes:

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

For detailed project information, see page 169 of the 2025 Adopted Budget & Financial Plan.

* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 9/30/2025.

** This line combines Construction and Start-Up within the same phase.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation. Consistent with Sound Transit Policies, Sound Transit has established small business goals for this contract. These goals are based upon an examination of subcontracting opportunities contained in the work of this contract and the number of small businesses/ available to perform such subcontracting work.

For this specific contract, the following goals were set, and the successful Bidder/Proposer has committed to the following small business participation:

Small business goal	
Sound Transit goal: 6%	Commitment: 6.44%

Apprentice utilization commitment

Sound Transit promotes and encourages utilization of apprentices registered with the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council. For this contract, the following goals were set:

Apprentice utilization	
Apprentice utilization goal: 20%	Commitment: 22%

Public involvement

Sound Transit is committed to proactively engaging and empowering communities along the I-405, SR 522/NE 145th and Bus Base North BRT Project corridor. The overarching goals for the stakeholder involvement programs is to create public trust and build relationships through transparent communication, meaningful involvement, and responsiveness to comments. Project engagement along the corridor includes local and elected leaders, agency partners, businesses, residents, and other stakeholders to help shape the program. Sound Transit's open, broad-based, and ongoing stakeholder involvement program includes a variety of tools and techniques to inform and engage the public.

Time constraints

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

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution No. R2023-19: Adopted the Baseline Budget and Schedule for the SR522/NE 145th Street Stride Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Resolution No. R2021-07: Selected the route and station locations for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Environmental review – KH 10/27/25

Legal review – JSA 11/6/25

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APPROVED by the System Expansion Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 13, 2025.


Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

Attest:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator