Stride BRT Contracted Service Provider (CSP)

Board of Directors 11/20/25



Why we are here

- Motion No. M2025-56: Seeking approval to execute a contract with MV Transportation.
 - Phase 1 (2026): Operations and startup support services
 - Phase 2 (2027): Bus base occupancy and service start-up
 - Phase 3 (2028-2032): Operations and maintenance of Stride BRT and Snohomish County ST Express routes
 - 3 additional option years (2033-2035)

Not-to-exceed amount: \$433,597,114





Key Stride BRT Benefits

Bus Base North: Stride & ST Express up to 120 buses

1st Bus OMF for ST, Zero Emission

S1 Line Bellevue–Burien: 17 miles, 5 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 38-42 MIN

S2 Line Lynnwood–Bellevue: 20 miles, 7 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 33-38 MIN

S3 Line Shoreline–Bothell: 9 miles, 13 stations

No improvements 54-59 MIN

Project to be built 35-39 MIN

Fast, frequent and reliable





Stride Program Overview

Key Features

- New battery-electric fleet and inductive charging technology
- Agency-owned onboard systems
- Agency-owned bus base
- Dedicated contracted service provider with direct oversight



Procurement Background

- Internal working group convened in 2020 to recommend operating model
- Concept of operations and requirements development in 2022
- Early engagement of industry and partners (Request for Information) in 2023
- Competitive procurement process in 2024
- REO briefed on Contract Service Provider (CSP) approach in July 2022, April 2023, and January 2024



Contracted Service Provider (CSP) Model

- Active performance management and control over service
- Flexibility for service adjustments
- Real-time access to agency-owned data
- Dedicated operators and mechanics trained to Stride's performance standards
- Commitment to labor

O&M Responsibilities







Ops Center

Operating Systems (IT)

Dispatching & Admin







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Vehicle Maintenance





Driving Buse: Maintenance

Station







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CSP Phases

- Phase 1: Operations and Start-up Support Services
- Phase 2: Bus Base Occupancy and Service Start-up
- Phase 3: Revenue Service Operations and Maintenance (2028-2032 + 3 option years)





Summary of Motion No. M2025-56

Seeking approval for contract execution

Total Authorized Amount:

- \$433,597,114 (includes option years and contingency)
- Within Long-Range Finance Plan
- Contract duration from 2026 to 2032, and three option years from 2033 to 2035

Contractor:

MV Transportation





Next Steps: Building Long-Term Operational Capacity

- Successful Service Launch Deliver safe, reliable, high-quality Stride operations
- Build Agency Capacity Leverage expertise and expand agency capacity through direct oversight and management of operations
- Plan for the Future Develop a workplan for potential public operations after the initial CSP contract term

Thank you.



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