

Motion No. M2026-31

Agreement Amendment with City of Lynnwood for Police Services

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	08/06/2026	Recommend to Board
Board	08/27/2026	Final Action

Staff name:	Staff title:
Ed Cobean	Transit Operations Deputy CEO
Brian de Place	Security and Fare Engagement Executive Director
Sue Kuwahara	Support Services and Logistics Director

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an extension to the existing Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for two additional years, in an amount not to exceed \$710,818, to maintain continuity of services while Sound Transit continues development of a comprehensive regional safety, security and law enforcement framework.

Key features summary

- This action authorizes a two-year extension of the expiring agreement with the City of Lynnwood to continue enhanced law enforcement services at Lynnwood City Center Station and surrounding Sound Transit facilities.
- Sound Transit has coordinated with Lynnwood Police, and both parties intend to exercise the options and continue performance – pending Board approval – in support of safety and security operations on Sound Transit property.
- The extension provides necessary time for Sound Transit to continue front-line safety modernization efforts, regional coordination, and engagement with law enforcement agencies across Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties.
- This extension ensures service continuity while Sound Transit evaluates long-term regional approaches to safety, security, and law enforcement services.
- Funding for the extension period will be requested through future budget actions and remains consistent with the agency's operating plan assumptions.

Background

Since 2008, Sound Transit has relied on a combination of contracted and jurisdictional law enforcement services to support safety across the system.

With the expansion of Link light rail into Snohomish County, including Lynnwood City Center Station, Sound Transit has experienced increased demand for coordinated law enforcement presence similar to other system termini.

In 2025, Sound Transit executed a one-year agreement with the City of Lynnwood for supplemental law enforcement services, with both parties intending to exercise the available extension options. Although this arrangement was designed as an interim solution while the agency developed a comprehensive, systemwide approach to security and law enforcement coverage, additional time is required to complete this assessment and implement a long-term strategy.

Since execution of the original agreement, Sound Transit has expanded front-line safety capabilities through Security Operations Center (SOC) and Field Activity Specialist Team (FAST) internalization efforts, strengthened regional public safety coordination, and successfully supported major system expansions and FIFA World Cup operations. These efforts have strengthened the agency's ability to provide a safe and secure environment for passengers while informing evaluation of long-term regional safety and law enforcement approaches.

The agreement with the City of Lynnwood has successfully provided dedicated law enforcement support at Lynnwood City Center Station, supporting incident response, visible patrols, and enhanced coordination with Sound Transit frontline safety resources. From December 2025 through May 2026, officers responded to 1,556 incidents, with arrests occurring in 196 incidents (13%) and case reports generated in 245 incidents (16%).

Evaluation of a long-term regional safety and law enforcement model is underway but not yet complete, including:

- Evaluation of jurisdictional roles and responsibilities
- Engagement with partner law enforcement agencies
- Assessment of resource needs and funding approaches

The complexity of this effort reflects the need to align multiple law enforcement agencies across a three-county service area, each operating under distinct governance structures, policies, and operational practices. Advancing a regional approach requires sustained collaboration among partner jurisdictions, development of clear coordination and response protocols, and thorough evaluation of all available options—including maintaining the current service model, enhancing existing arrangements, and pursuing alternative regional frameworks. This work also involves assessing service delivery, funding, and governance considerations to ensure any future approach is operationally effective, fiscally responsible, and capable of providing consistent, equitable, and reliable public safety services across the region.

A two-year extension will allow Sound Transit to responsibly navigate these complexities and develop a coordinated, sustainable regional approach.

Fiscal information

This action will amend the current agreement by \$710,818, including estimated applicable taxes, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$1,066,227, including estimated applicable taxes. This action will be funded from the Transit Operations department's annual operating budget. Within the services category, the security & safety budget is 86,965,749, of which \$213,387, including estimated applicable taxes, is estimated to be spent from this contract in the remainder of 2026 and is currently within the agency's budget authority.

After approval of this action, sufficient budget remains to cover remaining annual expenditures. Funding for the additional years of the agreement will be included in future annual budget requests.

This action does not impact the affordability of the agency's Financial Plan, as the services are already incorporated in the annual operating plan.

Transit Operations

(in thousands)

Budget Cost Category	2026 Annual Operating Budget ¹	YTD Actuals ²	Agreement Spend Forecast Remainder of 2026	YTD Plus Action (Current Year Only)	Remaining Annual Operating Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$81,635	\$36,063	\$	\$36,063	\$45,572
Services	183,059	83,384	213	83,598	99,462
Materials and Supplies	25,726	13,362		13,362	12,364
Utilities	18,742	10,207		10,207	8,535
Insurance		105		105	(105)
Taxes	3,638	2,066		2,066	1,572
Purchased Transportation Services	438,636	218,716		218,716	219,920
Miscellaneous	2,193	789		789	1,404
Leases and Rentals	1,985	1,131		1,131	854
Total Annual Operating Budget	\$755,613	\$365,822	\$213	\$366,036	\$389,578
Services Category Detail					
Security & Safety	86,966	47,745	213	47,958	39,008

Agreement Spending Plan	Agreement Spend to Date ³	Agreement Spend Forecast Remainder of 2026	Future Spending	Total
City of Lynnwood	\$213	\$213	\$640	\$1,066
Law Enforcement Services Agreement		Board Approved Value	Proposed Action	Proposed Revised Value
Contract Total		\$355	\$711	\$1,066
Contingency				
Estimated Taxes				
Total (with estimated taxes)		\$355	\$711	\$1,066
Percent Contingency		0%	0%	0%

Notes:

¹2026 Annual Operating Budget is located on page 83 of the 2026 Adopted Budget & Financial Plan.

²YTD Actuals as of June 2026.

³Spending to Date as of June, 2026.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

Pending execution of the agreement, Lynnwood has agreed to provide limited short-term support. A one-month delay could result in a gap in supplemental law enforcement services at Lynnwood City Center Station and reduce continuity of service.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2025-35: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$355,409.

Environmental review – KH 7/17/26

Legal review – DLM 8/3/2026

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 27, 2026.



Ryan Mello
Board Vice Chair

Attest:



Adam Montee, on behalf of
Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator