SOUNDTRANSIT

Motion No. M2026-39

Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for Preservation of bridge structures on the SR-520 Corridor within Downtown Redmond Link

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	10/01/2026	Recommend to Board
Board	10/22/2026	Final Action

Staff name:	Staff title:
Brad Owen	Acting Chief Capital Delivery Officer
Michael Morgan	Capital Delivery Executive Director
Tony Raben	Executive Project Director
Joshua Hamilton	**Commercial Director**

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the preservation of certain bridge structures within the SR-520 corridor as part of the administrative closeout process of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension.

Key features summary

- The proposed action authorizes the chief executive officer to execute the SR-520 Preservation Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) associated with the Downtown Redmond Link Extension.
- The Downtown Redmond Link extension crosses under newly constructed WSDOT infrastructure and existing WSDOT infrastructure along the SR-520 corridor.
- WSDOT requires execution of this agreement prior to the execution of the amended SR-520 Air Space Lease.
- The Preservation Agreement will run concurrently with the 50-year Air Space Lease. Sound Transit's obligations will be funded annually as part of the operations budget adopted by the Board.

Background

The Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) is a 3.4-mile light rail extension from the Redmond Technology Center Station at NE 40th Street in Redmond to the terminus station at 166th Avenue NE in Downtown Redmond. The project includes two stations and a 1400-space parking garage. Funding for final design and construction was approved with the passage of ST3 in November 2016. Service to Downtown Redmond began on May 10, 2025.

The Preservation Agreement covers three roadway bridges over or adjacent to the Link light rail right of way at the SR-520 and SR-202 interchange between Marymoor Village and Downtown Redmond Stations. The bridges were constructed as part of DRLE. The Preservation Agreement establishes a framework for cost sharing for bridge preservation. WSDOT will accept ownership of these newly constructed bridges upon execution of the Preservation Agreement. This agreement is also a requirement for executing the amended Airspace Lease along the SR 520 corridor. The Preservation Agreement requires the parties to complete an evaluation of programmatic criteria and agree on conditions under which Sound Transit would contribute to preservation of bridges within two years of the execution of the Agreement. The agreement also includes a preliminary cost-sharing framework where Sound Transit is 100 percent responsible for preservation costs for one bridge (over light rail), WSDOT is 100 percent responsible for preservation costs for the second bridge (over the East Lake Sammamish Trail), and Sound Transit and WSDOT are each 50 percent responsible for the third bridge (over light rail and the East Lake Sammamish Trail).

Individual task orders for work s must be approved by each party, with Sound Transit's agreement being subject to Board authorization in compliance with the Delegation of Authority policy outlined in Resolution No. R2023-30.

Project status

Project Development Phase: Closeout

Percent complete (measured to revenue service date): 100%

Fiscal information

Although there is no direct fiscal action associated with this action, there will be fiscal impacts to the Agency for the preservation requirements of the bridge structures within the lease period. The impacts from bridge preservation will be addressed during future actions as they are presented.

This action 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 delay in executing the Preservation Agreement will delay the review and execution of the amended Air Space Lease for the SR-520 Corridor and impact receipt of WSDOT's final acceptance of DRLE.

Environmental review – KH 9/14/26

Legal review – JW 9/25/26

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Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the preservation of certain bridge structures within the SR-520 corridor as part of the administrative closeout process of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 22, 2026.

Ryan Mello
Board Vice Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator