SOUNDTRANSIT

Motion No. M2026-42

Amendment to the Construction Services Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle Relating to Link Light Rail Projects

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:
System Expansion Committee	10/08/2026	Recommend to Board
Board	10/22/2026	Final action

Staff contact:	Staff title:
Brad Owen	Acting Chief Capital Delivery Officer
Michael Morgan	Executive Director
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Jason Hampton	**Commercial Director**

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to include the West Seattle Link Extension project and to provide construction assistance and construction services for the West Seattle Link Extension in an amount not to exceed $13,636,364 with a 10 percent contingency of $1,363,636 totaling $15,000,000, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed $57,850,421.

Key features summary

- The amendment adds West Seattle Link Extension to the overarching Construction Services Agreement with the City.
- The amendment provides funding for the future execution of task orders to reimburse City of Seattle departments to support design and construction of the project, such as:
    - Program management, submittal reviews, processing of Requests for Information (RFI's), field inspections by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle City Light (SCL) and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU);
    - Final design engineering and construction related to utility relocations and system improvements by SCL, SDOT, SPR, and SPU;
    - Fire/life safety system project management, inspections, and commissioning of emergency communication, rescue and access systems by the Seattle Fire

Department; and

- Services provided by the Department of Construction and Inspections.

Background

The West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) will build the first operating segment of the 3 Line from the SODO neighborhood to the Alaska Junction neighborhood in West Seattle, adding 3.9 miles of light rail service to the Sound Transit system. The project, as defined in Resolution No. R2026-11, consists of three new stations, a bridge over the Duwamish West Waterway, elevated guideways, and tunnel. The extension will eventually connect to the existing downtown tunnel (DSTT) and provide light rail service between West Seattle and Everett. Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on September 20, 2024. The federal Record of Decision (ROD) for the West Seattle Link Extension was published on April 29, 2025. In May 2026, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. R2026-11 which defined the West Seattle Link Extension (no Avalon Station) as a fully funded project within existing resources. The extension will connect to the existing 1 Line until the remainder of the 3 Line is built. The revenue service date is anticipated to be in 2035.

In June 2026, the Sound Transit Board authorized Motion No. M2026-22 authorizing Phase 2 Civil Engineering Design Services final design for the West Seattle Link Extension Project.

Sound Transit and the City of Seattle finalized a partnering agreement specific to the project, which the Seattle City Council and the Sound Transit Board later adopted. The Board authorized the CEO to execute a Partnering Agreement, Motion No. M2017-161, and a Project Administration Agreement, Motion No. M2018-52, with the City of Seattle, which established commitments and processes for reimbursement of certain City services that advance project development.

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Project status

Project Development Phase: Post-Record of Decision/Advancing to Final Design

Percent complete (measured to revenue service date): 30%

Current project status, performance metrics, and additional information are located on page(s) 17 of the August 2026 System Expansion Monthly Status Report.

Fiscal Information

The current authorized project allocation for the West Seattle Link Extension project is $1,503,612,926. Within the Third-Party Agreements phase budget of $40,287,000, $15,000,000 is allocated City of Seattle Construction Services Agreement. This action would commit $15,000,000 to this line item and leave an uncommitted phase budget balance of $17,596,224.

West Seattle Link Extension
(in thousands)

Project Phase	Authorized Allocation	Board Approvals*	This Action	Total Commitment Plus Action	Uncommitted / (Shortfall)
Agency Administration	$108,596	$101,730	$	$101,730	$6,866
Preliminary Engineering	146,234	128,604	-	128,604	17,630
Final Design	345,514	286,488	-	286,488	59,026
Third Party	40,287	7,691	15,000	22,691	17,596
Right of Way	562,982	17,323	-	17,323	545,659
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Construction Services	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Total	**$1,503,613**	**$541,836**	**$15,000**	**$556,836**	**$946,777**

Phase Detail - Third Party

City of Seattle CSA	$15,000	$	$15,000	$15,000	$
Other Final Design	25,287	7,691	-	7,691	17,596
Total Phase	**$40,287**	**$7,691**	**$15,000**	**$22,691**	**$17,596**

Notes:
Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure $000s.
For detailed project information, see page 128 of the 2026 Adopted Budget & Financial Plan.
* Board Approvals = Commitment and PO Contingency Remaining as of 8/312026.

In May 2026, the Board approved Resolution No. R2026-11 updating the ST3 system plan and identifying West Seattle Link (no Avalon Station) as a fully funded project. These phase increases to the West Seattle Link Extension authorized allocation are within the total cost estimate by phase for the affordable project included in Resolution No. R2026-11. These increases to the project's authorized allocation do not materially impact other projects within the updated system plan.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

A one-month delay may impact ongoing coordination with the City of Seattle, inclusive of design review and issuance of permits for constructing the station. Timely execution of the amendment to the agreement will help maintain schedule.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution No. R2026-14: (1) Amended the Adopted 2026 Budget to advance the West Seattle Link Extension project through the completion of the Preliminary Engineering phase into the Final Design phase by a) increasing the authorized project allocation by $406,872,063 from $331,740,863 to $738,612,926 and b) increasing the adopted 2026 annual project budget by $51,654,900 from $135,243,175 to $186,898,075; and (2) amended the Adopted 2026 Budget to advance the Ballard Link Extension project through submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and continue advancement through the Preliminary Engineering phase.

Motion No. M2025-19: Authorized the chief executive officer to increase the cumulative contingency amount authorized to increase certain Lynnwood Link Extension contract and/or agreement amounts as necessary, by an amount of $15,000,000 for a new total authorized cumulative contingency expenditure not to exceed $30,000,000, all within the Lynnwood Link Extension approved baseline budget.

Motion No. M2022-47: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to provide construction assistance and construction services for the NE 130th Street Infill Station in an amount not to exceed $2,400,766 with a 10 percent contingency of $240,076 for a total authorized agreement not to exceed $40,150,108

Motion No. M2020-58: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to provide construction assistance and construction services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of $5,529,279 with a 10% contingency of $552,928, totaling $6,082,207 for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed $37,509,266.

Motion No. M2018-23: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to provide construction assistance and construction services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of $8,045,580, with a 7% contingency of $564,420, totaling $8,610,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed $31,427,059.

Motion No. M2016-75: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to provide construction assistance and construction services for the East Link Extension in the amount of $3,011,394, with a 10% contingency of $301,139 totaling $3,312,533 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed $22,817,059.

Motion No. M2012-71: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute amendments to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to fund final design, design review, construction, construction assistance and management to be provided by the City of Seattle for the Northgate Link Extension in an amount not to exceed $13,507,800 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed $19,504,526.

Motion No. M2009-60: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute the University Link Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to reimburse the city for project related services in support of the University Link construction work in the amount of $5,451,569 with a 10% contingency of $545,157 for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed $5,996,726.

Environmental review – KH 9/24/26

Legal review – JW 9/28/26

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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