

Resolution No. R2026-20

Budget Amendment for the Renton Transit Center Garage

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:
System Expansion Committee	09/10/2026	Recommend to Board
Board	09/24/2026	Final Action

Staff name:	Staff title:
Brad Owen	Acting Chief Capital Delivery Officer
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Paul Cornish	BRT Strategic Projects Director

Proposed action

Amends the Adopted 2026 Budget to create the Renton Transit Center Garage Project by (a) establishing an Authorized Project Allocation through the completion of the Conceptual Engineering / Design Validation Phase in the amount of \$10,000,000 and (b) establishing a 2026 Annual Project Budget of \$1,425,000.

Key features summary

- The original voter-approved ST3 Plan, included a new up-to 700-stall parking garage to be constructed in Renton as part of the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project elements. The garage was included in the Renton Transit Center (RTC) Station during the project development and environmental assessment phases.
- Resolution No. R2021-05, Program Realignment, deferred the RTC Garage's target delivery date to 2034, or until funding becomes available. The garage design was put on-hold at the conceptual stage.
- Resolution No. R2026-11, Updating the ST3 System Plan, identified \$100,000,000 in funding for the RTC Garage.
- This action requests \$10,000,000 of the approved funding to be allocated to the project to provide funding for project administration, third party coordination, restarting the project through design advancement, value engineering, constructability reviews, delivery method study, and cost validation through bottoms-up cost estimating, and quantitative risk assessment.
- This funding request will also be used to address any necessary design modifications to the RTC Station facility to future-proof it for the garage.
- Final design and construction of the RTC Garage will require additional budget allocations to be authorized by the board supported by a clear project scope, delivery method and timeline, and bottoms-up cost estimate.

Background

The RTC Garage was one of the project elements of the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in the ST3 Plan that voters approved in November 2016. The project was advanced through the planning, project development, environmental assessment, and conceptual engineering along with the Stride BRT program between 2017 to 2021.

When the Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2021-05, the Garage's target delivery date was moved to 2034, or until funding becomes available. Later, Board Resolution R2021-08 (I-405 BRT Project to be Built), adopted the RTC Station as part of the I-405 BRT project scope elements to be built, but not the Garage. Therefore, the Garage design was placed on hold at the conceptual level, until further direction from the Board.

As the I-405 BRT project advanced through final design, the RTC Station scope of work evolved to include 150-stall surface parking on the location that is slated for the future parking garage, instead of leaving the area empty. Construction work of the RTC commenced in December 2025, and the groundbreaking event took place in February 2026. Sitework and underground utility construction are currently underway. The current project is scheduled to reach substantial completion in December 2027.

In May 2026, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. R2026-11 which defined the Renton Transit Center Parking Garage as a fully funded project within existing resources. The resolution identified \$100,000,000 for the project.

Project status

Project Development Phase: Conceptual Engineering

Percent complete (measured to revenue service date): 10%

Current project status, and performance metrics will be included in the System Expansion Monthly Status Report after the approval of this action.

Fiscal information

This action establishes the Authorized Project Allocation for the Renton Transit Center Garage project. This action funds Renton Transit Center Garage project's various phases by increasing each phase's authorized project allocation.

The Renton Transit Center Garage Project currently has no project authorized allocation. This action would increase the project authorized allocation by \$10,000,000, establishing a total project authorized allocation of \$10,000,000. This action would also amend the 2026 Annual Budget to include \$1,425,000 for the project.

Of the proposed 2026 budget allocation, \$550,000 is designated for Preliminary Engineering phase, \$400,000 for Final Design phase, \$175,000 for Agency Administration phase, \$150,000 for Construction phase, \$100,000 for Construction Services phase, and \$50,000 for Third-Party phase.

Renton Transit Center Garage

(in thousands)

Project Phase	Authorized Project Allocation		
	Current Authorized Project Allocation	Allocation Revision	Revised Authorized Project Allocation
Agency Administration		\$2,050	\$2,050
Preliminary Engineering		6,000	6,000
Final Design & Specifications		650	650
Property Acquisition			
Right-Of-Way		250	250
Construction		500	500
Construction Services		300	300
Third Parties		250	250
Vehicles			
Contingency			
Total	\$	\$10,000	\$10,000

Notes:

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

In May 2026, the Board approved Resolution No. R2026-11 updating the ST3 system plan and identifying Renton Transit Center Garage as a fully funded project. These phase increases to the Renton Transit Center Garage 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

Delay in approving this action would affect the critical path to restart engineering, design, and construction of the RTC Garage project, as well as impact the RTC bus facility project that is currently in construction.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution R2026-11: Updated the Sound Transit 3 System Plan to be affordable within available and projected financial capacity.

Resolution R2021-05: Established a flexible and accountable framework to implement ST2 and ST3 projects not yet in construction.

Environmental review – KH 8/26/26

Legal review – MT 9/3/26

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2026 Budget to create the Renton Transit Center Garage Project by (a) establishing an Authorized Project Allocation through the completion of the Conceptual Engineering / Design Validation Phase in the amount of \$10,000,000 and (b) establishing a 2026 Annual Project Budget of \$1,425,000.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under chapters 81.104 and 81.112 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Sound Transit district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008, and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the voter approved ST3 Plan included funding to implement a regional high-capacity Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system; and

WHEREAS, the I-405 BRT project, one component of the Stride BRT Program, originally included plans for a Parking Garage at the Renton Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2021-05 and deferred parking components of the Stride Bus Rapid Transit program until at least 2034; and

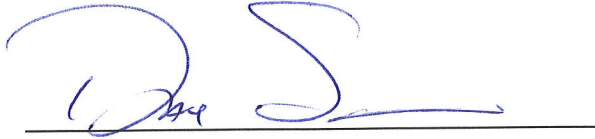
WHEREAS, the Board adopted a baseline budget and schedule for the I-405 BRT project in July 2023 via adoption of Resolution No. R2023-18 which included a 200-stall surface parking lot to be utilized as a temporary park & ride until construction of the parking garage begins; and

WHEREAS, in May 2026, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2026-11 which defined the Renton Transit Center Parking Garage as a fully funded project within existing resources; and

WHEREAS, the funding will cover project administration, third party coordination, restarting the project through design advancement, value engineering, constructability reviews, delivery method study, and cost validation through bottoms-up cost estimating, and quantitative risk assessment, while also addressing any necessary design modifications to the Renton Transit Center Station facility to future-proof it for the garage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Adopted 2026 Budget is amended to create the Renton Transit Center Garage Project by (a) establishing an Authorized Project Allocation through the completion of the Conceptual Engineering / Design Validation Phase in the amount of \$10,000,000 and (b) establishing a 2026 Annual Project Budget of \$1,425,000.

ADOPTED by no less than a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire membership of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 24, 2026.



Dave Somers
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator