

MOTION NO. M2018-126
Agreement with the City of Kenmore for Partnering on the SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	10/11/2018	Recommend to Board	Don Billen, Executive Director, PEPD
Board	10/25/2018	Final Action	Paul Cornish, BRT Project Director, PEPD Kathy Leotta, Project Manager, PEPD

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Kenmore for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project traverses the City of Kenmore along SR 522.
- Building on the SR 522/NE 145th BRT Project’s multi-agency Concurrence Document signed in November 2017, the Partnering Agreement is a key step in the Sound Transit partnering process, consistent with the System Expansion Implementation Plan (SEIP).
- The intent of the Partnering Agreement is to establish a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project.
- This action would authorize the execution of a Partnering Agreement with the City of Kenmore. The Kenmore City Council approved the execution of this agreement on September 10, 2018.
- Future agreements are expected as the project advances through subsequent development and delivery phases.

BACKGROUND

The SR 522/NE 145th BRT project is a voter-approved project under the ST3 Plan. In Kenmore, the representative project includes BRT service along SR 522, two BRT station pairs, a parking facility, arterial intersection improvements, and a pedestrian overpass.

The SEIP acknowledges that engaging with jurisdictional partners who have land use, permitting, oversight, or regulatory authority is central to maintaining project schedules. The Partnering Agreement is intended to provide greater clarity and predictability for each agency and to foster mutual accountability for meeting key milestones.

Depending on the project to be built, the City may have permitting authority for a variety of project components, and in future agreements the City may lead project implementation of certain project components (such as roadway improvements). The Partnering Agreement follows SEIP guidance and establishes a common understanding of roles, responsibilities, and schedule and budget imperatives necessary for timely delivery of the project, including commitments for:

- Designated Representatives
 - Establish each agency’s single point of contact to identify and resolve issues early.

- Scope, Schedule, Budget
 - Work together to complete the project with ST3 schedule and budget. If there are requests to increase scope, collaborate to identify scope reductions elsewhere and/or local contributions.
- Project Definition
 - Start with the ST3 representative project as basis to investigate other reasonable alternatives to be evaluated. Collaborate early on evaluation of reasonable alternatives that meet intent of ST3 plan.
- Community Engagement
 - Collaborate on development of a Community Engagement and Communications Plan.
- Station Planning Activities
 - Develop a process to coordinate station planning activities.
- Permit Streamlining
 - Identify and implement actions to streamline permit review and develop a Preliminary Permitting Plan.
- Environmental Review
 - Participate actively in the environmental review process. The City will use and rely upon environmental documents prepared by Sound Transit for required project development approvals and permitting decisions.
- Coordination on Planned Projects
 - Coordinate on planned projects within the project area and resolve conflicts as early as possible.

PROJECT STATUS

Project Identification	Alternatives Identification	Conceptual Engineering/ Draft EIS	Preliminary Engineering/ Final EIS	Final Design	Construction
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Projected Completion Date for Project Refinements: 1Q 2019

FISCAL INFORMATION

Although there is no direct or immediate fiscal impact associated with the proposed action, there may be as the project progresses. Any impacts will be addressed during future actions as they arise.

In the Partnering Agreement, neither party makes any specific financial commitment. However, the Partnering Agreement includes commitments by both parties to negotiate funding agreements in good faith for certain technical services and products (e.g. permit streamlining activities) that would support completion of the project on schedule and within budget. Sound Transit could then commit to provide reimbursement to the City for the costs of these services and products.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sound Transit will actively seek public feedback at all project stages for the SR 522/NE 145th BRT with the goal of fostering public trust through transparent communication, meaningful involvement, and being responsive to concerns and issues.

The Partnering Agreement includes a commitment to collaborate with the City in this action on development of a Community Engagement & Communications plan.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 10/4/18

LEGAL REVIEW

SS 10/04/18

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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 to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Kenmore for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 25, 2018.



Ron Lucas
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator