

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

a. Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION relating to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (“Sound Transit”); affirming the Mayor’s execution of a Partnering Agreement with Sound Transit to implement light rail extensions between Ballard and West Seattle as approved by regional voters under Sound Transit 3.

b. Summary and background of the Legislation:

The proposed Resolution would affirm the Mayor's authority to enter into an agreement with Sound Transit to partner with the City on delivering the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project funded by the ST3 measure approved by voters in November 2016. The partnering agreement includes specific commitments from Sound Transit and from the City of Seattle, including:

- Working together using a single designated representative from each organization to manage the project, to establish a cooperative and communicative platform for reaching early and durable decisions including a preliminary preferred alternative alignment, and to resolve disputes;
- Providing clarity as to project scope, schedule, and budget and identifying opportunities for joint work, coordination with City projects, City enhancements, or City-led improvements; in cases where the City or others desire to change the project scope, the City will collaborate with Sound Transit to identify other scope or risk reductions and/or provide local funding contributions;
- Establishing specific points in the project development process for City concurrence;
- Working together to identify priorities for improving bicycle, pedestrian, and bus connections to transit and identifying/evaluating opportunities for transit-oriented development in station areas, including but not limited to opportunities for development of affordable housing on publicly-owned land;
- Working cooperatively to negotiate a process for establishing specific services for which Sound Transit will reimburse the City;

- Providing a process for developing a plan for streamlined permit review and processing, including land use decisions within time periods agreed upon in this Agreement and/or the Permitting Plan;
- Developing environmental review documents that both Sound Transit and the City can use for the required project development approvals and permitting decisions;
- Developing other measures so that the project development process runs smoothly and without surprises to either party;
- Collaborating at all levels to facilitate concurrent decision-making by Sound Transit's Board of Directors and the City's Mayor and Council;
- Establishing a framework for dispute resolution; and
- Developing a Community Engagement and Communications plan consistent with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, including the establishment of three community engagement groups: an Elected Leadership Group, a Stakeholder Group, and an Interagency group.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

This legislation calls for execution of a subsequent interlocal agreement with Sound Transit to reimburse the City for some costs related to facilitating the planning, technical review and permitting of extending light rail to Ballard and West Seattle through a task order process to be spelled out in the interlocal agreement. The City's partnership with Sound Transit on ST3 implementation will also require staff time and other undefined costs that will not be reimbursed by ST.

- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Non-reimbursable costs cited above will incur on the City regardless of this legislation. Based on existing agreements, failure to implement this legislation will prevent the City from seeking reimbursement for any costs imposed before the completion of the NEPA/SEPA process, when a Record of Decision is in place.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Yes, all other departments with planning or permitting authority (OPCD, DON, SDCI, SFD), plus utilities (SCL, SPU), plus Office of Housing due to ST3 affordable housing requirements and Parks or other departments that may own facilities adjacent to potential station locations.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

The agreement does not affect properties, though implementation of the project will ultimately impact both public right-of-way and both public and private property.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The agreement requires outreach and other project development work to be carried out in a manner consistent with RSJI.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

N/A.

List attachments/exhibits below: