

November 1, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Calvin Chow, Analyst  
**Subject:** Council Bill 120455: NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station Transit Way Agreement

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On November 15, 2022, the City Council will consider and possibly vote on Council Bill (CB) 120455, approving the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station as part of the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension and authorizing the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to execute an amendment to the non-exclusive Transit Way Agreement with Sound Transit to incorporate the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station. The proposed legislation would also authorize SDOT to permit construction worker parking in the right-of-way to support the station construction.

This memorandum provides relevant background information and describes the proposed legislation.

### Background

In 2000, Sound Transit and the City of Seattle executed a Transit Way Agreement for light rail facilities ([Ordinance 119975](#)). The agreement formalized the rights and responsibilities of Sound Transit for constructing and operating the Link Light Rail system in the City's right-of-way. The agreement was subsequently amended to cover the University Link extension ([Ordinance 122504](#)), the Northgate Link and East Link extensions ([Ordinance 124289](#)), and the Lynnwood Link extension ([Ordinance 125500](#)).

Funding for the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station was included in the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) proposal approved by voters in 2016. The City Council supported the passage of ST3, including the addition of the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station ([Resolution 31704](#)). In June 2022, the Sound Transit Board authorized the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station with an anticipated opening date of Second Quarter 2026 (Sound Transit [Resolution R2022-17](#)).

### Proposed Legislation

The proposed legislation would approve the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station and would authorize an amendment to the Transit Way Agreement to reflect the new station. The proposed amendment would not change any of the underlying terms and conditions of the Transit Way Agreement.

The proposed legislation would also provide explicit approval for SDOT to allow construction worker parking in the right of way. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, adjacent to Jackson Park, is currently closed

to traffic from the North Seattle Church of the Nazarene to the Interstate 5 offramps for construction of Sound Transit's Lynnwood Link Extension project. This road closure will continue through the construction of the NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street Station. Sound Transit and SDOT have identified a portion of this right of way that would be suitable for construction worker parking. The proposed parking location is shown in Figure 1, and would be subject to SDOT permit conditions. Sound Transit and SDOT have agreed to construct a shared-use pathway as part of the project restoration of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

*Figure 1: Location of proposed construction worker parking in blue.*



Image source: Google Maps

Central Staff have identified no concerns with this legislation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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