



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION approving the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Central Link, University Link, Northgate Link Extension, East Link, and Lynnwood Link Extension light rail lines in The City of Seattle; and superseding the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location approved in Resolution 31465.

WHEREAS, since 1996, Sound Transit (formally known as the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit

Authority, or RTA) has been implementing the voter-approved Sound Move, Sound Transit 2 (ST2), and Sound Transit 3 (ST3) plans for a high-capacity regional transit system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Move and ST2 Plans include the following five electric light-rail lines: Central Link

(downtown Seattle to SeaTac); University Link (downtown Seattle to University of Washington);

Northgate Link Extension (University of Washington to Northgate); Lynnwood Link Extension

(Northgate to Lynnwood); and East Link (downtown Seattle to Redmond); and

WHEREAS, through a series of resolutions (R99-34; R2001-16; R2005-20; R2006-07; R2011-10; and R2012-

13), the Sound Transit Board selected the rail alignment, station locations, and maintenance base

location for the four projects that are currently under construction or operating in The City of Seattle

(City): Central Link; University Link; Northgate Link Extension; and East Link; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council approved the selected alignment, station locations, and maintenance base

location for the Sound Transit Central Link, University Link, Northgate Link Extension, and East Link

projects in Resolutions 30128 (adopted April 10, 2000), 30993 (adopted September 24, 2007), and

31465 (adopted September 16, 2013); and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, Sound Transit, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension Project to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2015, the Sound Transit Board adopted Resolution R2015-05, selecting and authorizing the implementation of the light rail alignment for the Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension Project; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the FEIS for the Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension Project, on July 10, 2015, the FTA issued a Record of Decision and on August 31, 2015, the Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision, finding that the federal environmental process is complete for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood Link light rail line approved by the Sound Transit Board extends north from the previously-approved location of the Northgate Station along I-5 and includes accommodations for a future station at Northeast 130th Street; and

WHEREAS, City Council approval of the light rail alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location in the City is required by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 23.80; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR
CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 23.80.004, the City hereby approves the alignment of the Sound Transit light rail lines through The City of Seattle, including the location of the light rail stations and maintenance base in the City of Seattle, all as generally described in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B to this resolution. This approval does not waive the City's regulatory or permitting authority as to any permits or other approvals for the light rail line that are required by law.

Section 2. This resolution supersedes the approval of the alignment, station locations, and maintenance

facility for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines as described in Resolution 31465.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2017, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2017.

President _____ of the City Council
The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor
Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
(Seal)

Exhibits:

- Exhibit A - General Description of Light Rail Alignment, Station Locations, and Maintenance Facility Location
- Exhibit B - Light Rail Alignment, Station Locations, and Maintenance Facility Location (Maps 1-25)