



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (“Sound Transit”); authorizing execution of a Funding and Cooperative Agreement for Northgate Station Area Access Improvements between Sound Transit and The City of Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the Northgate Link Light Rail Extension with station stops at University District, Roosevelt, and Northgate is a Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (“Sound Transit”) project approved by regional voters in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Northgate neighborhood is a designated regional residential and employment center with an existing transit center that currently serves over 6,000 bus passengers a day, and where the light rail station is expected to serve over 15,000 passengers per day, and The City of Seattle (“City”) has long envisioned a station area that integrates safe and efficient pedestrian, bicycle, and bus connections amidst transit oriented development to serve a growing residential population along with abundant employment and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, by its Motion M2012-42, the Sound Transit Board authorized a Northgate access improvement study to identify potential pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to enhance access to the current Northgate Transit Center and the future Northgate Station inter-modal transit facility as part of the Northgate Link Extension; and

WHEREAS, Motion M2012-42 also stated that Sound Transit’s funding contribution for proposed Northgate pedestrian and bicycle access improvements would match City funding up to \$10 million (\$5 million for

a proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Interstate 5, and up to \$5 million for other proposed pedestrian and bicycle improvements) with full funding partnership agreements in place to complete the improvements by 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council in Resolution 31389, adopted on June 25, 2012, expressed its intent to match Sound Transit's funding by committing \$5 million for the proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge and \$5 million for other pedestrian and bicycle improvements; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Seattle Proposition 1 in November 2015, the City has secured the monies for the pedestrian and bicycle bridge and intends to commit the remainder of the matching funds to the projects identified on "Exhibit B" of Attachment A to this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge will soon be under construction and, along with all the other projects listed in the attached proposed Funding and Cooperative Agreement, is on schedule to be completed by Sound Transit's scheduled opening of the Northgate Extension in the fall of 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. As requested by the Director of Transportation and recommended by the Mayor, the Director of Transportation or the Director's designee is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle, the "Funding and Cooperative Agreement Between the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Agency and The City of Seattle for the Northgate Station Area Access Improvements GA 0101-17," substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, providing for Sound Transit reimbursement up to \$10 million to the City for Northgate Access Projects as spelled out within the agreement, defining dispute resolution procedures and allocating responsibilities among the parties for right-of-way acquisition, construction access, asset ownership and maintenance, and other terms as stated in Attachment A.

Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Attachment A - Funding and Cooperative Agreement Between the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority and The City of Seattle for the Northgate Station Area Access Improvements GA-0101-17