

## **SOUND TRANSIT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. R2005-16**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority selecting the Airport Link alignment and station locations and selecting the portion of Airport Link to be constructed and operated as part of the Central Link Light Rail Project by the end of 2009; increasing the Airport Link lifetime Adopted 2005 Budget; increasing the Airport Link annual Adopted 2005 Budget; and for planning purposes, reducing the minimum debt service coverage ratio for South King County subarea to 1.15x for the Airport Link Finance Plan.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as Sound Transit, has been created for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish County region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, at a general election held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district, the voters approved local funding for high capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound Region; and

WHEREAS, Airport Link is part of the Central Link Light Rail Project defined in Sound Move, the funding for which was approved by voters in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the identification of the Central Link Light Rail Project Initial Segment in September 2001, the Sound Transit Board directed the agency to work with the Port of Seattle and the Cities of SeaTac and Tukwila to explore options for extending the Initial Segment south beyond South 154<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit and the Port of Seattle have collaborated to integrate the light rail extension from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station to the main terminal of Sea-Tac Airport with the Port of Seattle's planned capital improvements in the same corridor; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit, the Port of Seattle, and the City of SeaTac executed term sheets in December of 2004 that defined the proposed light rail transit scope between the Tukwila International Boulevard Station and Sea-Tac Airport; and

WHEREAS, the 1.7-mile light rail extension proposed to be constructed between the Tukwila International Boulevard Station and Sea-Tac Airport will be fully integrated into the Initial

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Segment operations and is planned to be completed by the end of 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Sound Transit, the Port of Seattle and the Federal Transit Administration issued the Airport Link Environmental Assessment/SEPA Addendum (EA) on May 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the EA is an update to the Central Link Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued in November 1999 and the Tukwila Freeway Route Supplemental EIS issued in November 2001 and discusses the environmental effects of extending light rail from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station in Tukwila to Sea-Tac Airport and to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street in SeaTac; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration is expected to issue a Record of Decision on Airport Link from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station in Tukwila to Sea-Tac Airport and to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street in August or September 2005 and final design will be authorized to commence after publication of the Record of Decision; and

WHEREAS, elements of the Airport Link finance plan include a reduction in the minimum debt service coverage ratio for any single year for the South King County subarea from 1.3x to 1.15x for planning purposes; \$30 million in competitive federal grants; transfer of \$20.7 million from the Star Lake Freeway Station/South 272<sup>nd</sup> project; and transfer of \$1.01 million from the South King County Regional Express Capital Project Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Link Finance Plan will transfer budget authority from the Star Lake Freeway Station/South 272<sup>nd</sup> project to Airport Link, Sound Transit commits to restore budget authority for the project in an amount not exceed \$20.7 million, consistent with the Airport Link Resolution No. R2005-16 Staff Report; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2005 Budget includes lifetime and annual project budgets for Airport Link.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Airport Link will extend from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station, cross above International Boulevard and SR 518 on an elevated guideway, continue at grade along the North Airport Expressway to approximately South 170<sup>th</sup> Street, continue on an elevated guideway to a light rail station at Sea-Tac Airport's main terminal and a kiss-and-ride facility located on the east side of International Boulevard in the City of SeaTac, will continue on an elevated structure along the west side of International Boulevard, turn southwest to cross South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, and continue elevated along the east side of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to a station and park-and-ride at South 200<sup>th</sup> Street.

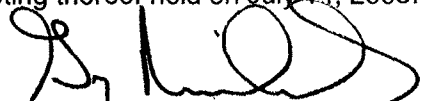
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Airport Link to be constructed and operated as part of the Central Link Light Rail Project by the end of 2009 will extend from the Tukwila International Boulevard Station to a light rail station at Sea-Tac Airport's main terminal and a kiss-and-ride facility located in the City of SeaTac.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the lifetime Adopted 2005 Budget for Airport Link is amended to be \$243.6 million; the annual Adopted 2005 Budget for Airport Link is amended to be \$19,592,054; and for planning purposes, the minimum debt service coverage ratio for South King County subarea is reduced to 1.15x for the Airport Link finance plan.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 14, 2005.

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
Greg Nickels  
Board Vice Chair