

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

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Item No. 7a

STAFF BRIEFING

Date of Meeting May 1, 2012

DATE: April 24, 2012

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Sound Transit South Link Project Update

SYNOPSIS:

On November 4, 2008, the voters of the Central Puget Sound region approved the Sound Transit 2 ballot measure (“ST2”) to provide an alternative to rising gas prices and greenhouse gas emissions. On December 14, 2010, the Port entered into an interlocal agreement with Sound Transit to advance the preliminary design of Sound Transit’s South Link project and the Port’s future South Access roadways with the intent of accelerating the South Link project schedule to open approximately five years earlier than planned under Sound Transit’s ST2 program.

The South Link project will extend light rail transit approximately 1.6 miles south from the existing SeaTac/Airport Station on an elevated guideway alignment to a new terminus station at South 200th Street. Sound Transit estimates there will be 4,500 daily boardings expected at the South 200th Street Station. Based on the successful coordination of the preliminary design of our respective projects, on July 28, 2011, Sound Transit’s Board of Directors authorized the South Link project funding and schedule to begin revenue service by September 2016. Subsequently, the Port entered into a term sheet agreement with Sound Transit on February 7, 2012, that provided the framework for negotiation of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the South Link project. The Port has committed to relocating Port-owned utilities in advance of Sound Transit’s construction work (recently authorized) and to assist in facilitating Sound Transit in the delivery of the South Link project.

Continuing with this commitment, both the Port and Sound Transit have been negotiating and preparing a MOA. This agreement is nearing completion. In preparation of the upcoming request for the Port Commission approval of the South Link MOA, today’s presentation, primarily by Sound Transit, provides an update of the South Link project. The briefing includes information regarding the South Link project delivery method and

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schedule milestones in addition to a brief description of the project and stakeholder involvement.

A summary of Port/Sound Transit coordination and previous Commission actions is provided in the background section of this memo and the PowerPoint presentation is summarized in the briefing outline section.

BACKGROUND:

On April 27, 2010, the Port Commission authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a professional services indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract for roadways planning and preliminary design services totaling \$600,000. On September 9, 2010, Sound Transit's Board of Directors authorized its Chief Executive Officer to execute an interlocal agreement with the Port to provide up to \$350,000 in reimbursement for these consultant services and Port staffing. This agreement, services and staff time were needed to assist the Port in advancing design of the future South Airport Expressway to facilitate Sound Transit's Light Rail design and to ensure that long-term Airport facilities are compatible with the near-term light rail construction. Port staff has completed 15% design of the Airport's future roadways in coordination with 30% design of the South Link project and are continuing to work with Sound Transit to facilitate delivery of the South Link project.

Sound Transit will be using a design-build delivery method for the elevated guideway element of the South Link project. Port staff has provided specific language regarding the Port's requirements to be incorporated into the contract documents that are included in the request for proposals (RFP) packet released by Sound Transit to its shortlisted design-build proposer teams in February 2012. The contract documents included in the RFP specify procedures for coordination between the Port, Sound Transit, and Sound Transit's design-build contractor to obtain Port review and approval of certain aspects of design and construction that could potentially impact Airport operations. On March 29, 2012, Port staff gave a presentation to Sound Transit's shortlisted design-build proposer teams that provided an overview of the Port's requirements for designing and building the South Link project on Port property. Sound Transit intends to select its preferred design-build contractor this summer and award the contract in August 2012.

On February 14, 2012, the Port Commission authorized the Chief Executive Officer to design, advertise, award, and construct the relocation of several Port utilities by the spring of 2013 in advance of Sound Transit's design-build work and to accommodate the South Link project for a total estimated cost of \$950,000. All Port costs associated with this work will be reimbursed in full by Sound Transit.

The MOA being negotiated further defines the Port's role in overseeing and coordinating design and construction of the South Link project on Port property in addition to a number of other items related to real estate, environmental stewardship, and financial

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responsibility. Port staff will present the MOA to the Commission for authorization on May 8, 2012.

BRIEFING OUTLINE:

- Interagency Agreements
- South Link Project Status
- Design Build Procurement
- Agreements
- Community Outreach
- Next Steps

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BRIEFING:

Power Point presentation

Sound Transit October 2011 informational pamphlet

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS:

- **April 27, 2010** – Commission authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a professional services indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract for roadways planning and preliminary design services totaling \$600,000 for one year with the option to extend for up to two additional years.
- **May 10, 2011** – Commission was briefed on the status of project coordination between the Port and Sound Transit. The briefing covered progress on the integration of light rail and the Port's future roadways through preliminary design, intergovernmental agreements and next steps.
- **February 14, 2012** – Commission authorized the Chief Executive Officer to design, advertise, award, and construct the relocation of several Port utilities in advance of and to accommodate Sound Transit's South Link project for a total estimated cost of \$950,000. All costs associated with this work will be reimbursed in full by Sound Transit.