

RESOLUTION R-5387

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH SOUND TRANSIT FOR THE DELIVERY OF IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ASSOCIATED WITH SOUND TRANSIT'S I-405 BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, the voter-approved 2016 Sound Transit 3 (ST3)
2 funding package includes Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to serve the I-405
3 Corridor from Lynnwood to Burien; and
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5 WHEREAS, ST3 includes a new interchange with an inline BRT
6 station at the I-405/NE 85th Street Interchange and two-way, bus-only
7 lanes along NE 85th Street between 120th Avenue NE and 6th Street;
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10 WHEREAS, construction of the bus-only lanes will require
11 accommodations for pedestrian and bicycle travel; and
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13 WHEREAS Sound Transit and the City of Kirkland acknowledge
14 that, while the NE 85th Street bus-only lanes provide important
15 connectivity to the NE 85th Street BRT Station from downtown Kirkland,
16 less expensive options to provide more effective and efficient transit,
17 pedestrian and bicycle connections are possible; and
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19 WHEREAS, Sound Transit and the City therefore have worked
20 collaboratively to identify other project elements and approaches to
21 improve non-motorized and transit access to and from the I-405/NE 85th
22 BRT station and downtown Kirkland; and
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24 WHEREAS, ST3 also includes 400 new parking stalls in a parking
25 garage at the Kingsgate Park and Ride; and
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27 WHEREAS, Sound Transit and the City are working together to
28 enable transit-oriented development at Kingsgate Park-and-Ride; and
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30 WHEREAS, Sound Transit and the City wish to memorialize these
31 projects and approaches in a partnership agreement; and
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33 WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with the recommendations of
34 City staff and wishes to authorize the City Manager to execute a
35 partnership agreement with Sound Transit on a basis that is consistent
36 with such recommendations.
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38 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
39 of Kirkland as follows:
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41 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed
42 to execute a partnership agreement with Sound Transit provided the
43 following six components are included in the agreement:
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- 45 1. 6th Street/Central Way Intersection: Speed and reliability
46 improvements, including:
47 a. eastbound and westbound bus queue jumps; and

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- b. bus signal priority.
- 2. 85th Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Connection: A 12-foot combined pedestrian and two-way bike path along NE 85th Street from 6th Street to 114th Avenue NE.
- 3. Non-motorized access connection in the northwest quadrant of the NE 85th Street interchange.
- 4. Drop-off/pickup area for transit shuttles and motor vehicles in the northwest quadrant of the NE 85th Street Interchange.
- 5. Third eastbound lane between 120th Avenue NE and 122nd Avenue NE.

Section 2. The City Manager is further authorized and directed to seek the following additional components into the partnership agreement with Sound Transit:

- 1. Coordination and permitting related to the City's water system in the northwest quadrant of the 85th Street interchange.
- 2. The environmental review for all project components should be completed by the agency responsible for project delivery.
- 3. Request that Sound Transit work with WSDOT to further examine the I-405/NE 85th Street interchange project's final site conditions, project costs, and other implications within the northeast, southeast, and southwest interchange quadrants to accommodate future completion of the pedestrian/bicycle connections. The City desires that the project incorporate grading and final site work to the greatest extent possible.
- 4. Coordination and permitting related to the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride and Transit Oriented Development.
- 5. The City and Sound Transit will work together to develop a permitting framework that describes the process and timelines.
- 6. Sound Transit's support of the City's efforts to partner with WSDOT to surplus available state land freed up once the BRT station is complete, to be used for mixed-use, transit-oriented developments which will be identified in the City's BRT Station Area Plan.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17th day of September 2019.

Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of September, 2019.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk