



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole
ECAF: 2021-0762
Proposal: Mot. 21-339

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Consideration

The proposal motion would approve and authorization the County Executive to execute an Interlocal agreement (ILA) with Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area d/b/a Community Transit concerning the coordination of Community Transit's construction of a new east-west Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Swift Line.

Background

Washington State RCW 39.34 provides for interlocal agreements between local agencies within the state for mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner beneficial to both agencies. Community Transit (CT) is proposing a new Swift Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, which they have designated the Orange Line, that will connect Edmonds College to the future Lynnwood City Center Station and further east to the Park & Ride facility at McCollum Park.

The County's adopted 2021 Annual Construction Program (ACP) includes ACP# A.21.01, High-Capacity Transit Corridor Studies, concerning coordination with CT on the Swift Orange Line project. The implementation of the Orange Line will require CT to construct and install certain improvements within the County's rights-of-way as identified in ILA.

The proposed Agreement will facilitate the coordination between the County and CT's construction of the improvements, the ownership and transfer of assets, and the long-term maintenance of each party's assets. The Agreement also establishes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) continuing control requirements for Project improvements.

Current Proposal

Scope: Community Transit and Snohomish County desire to enter an interlocal agreement to memorialize the terms by which they will work together on construction of the Orange Line within the County's rights-of-way.

Duration: Project construction is anticipated to start in the summer of 2021 and be completed in 2024.

Fiscal Implications: The implementation of the Orange Line will require CT to construct and install certain improvements within the County's rights-of-way as identified in ILA Exhibit B. The future maintenance of those improvements is included in the ILA.

Budget Impacts: Snohomish County Department of Public Works will have no financial participation in the construction of the Project.

Handling: EXPEDITE

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Council to consider taking action.