



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole

**Analyst:** Deb Evison Bell

**ECAF:** 2021-0985

**Proposal:** Motion 21-446

**Date:** December 20, 2021

### **Consideration:**

Confirm the appointment of Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, to the Sound Transit Board of Directors, per RCW 81.112.040 Regional Transit Authority Appointments.

### **Background:**

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member Board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The Board includes 3 members from Snohomish County, 10 from King County, 4 from Pierce County, and the WSDOT secretary.

The appointment of board members is specified in the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) enabling legislation stating that each member of the board, except the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee, shall be:

- (a) an elected official who serves on the legislative authority of a city or as a mayor of a city within the boundaries of the authority; or
- (b) on the legislative authority of the county, if fifty percent of the population of the legislative official's district is within the authority boundaries; or
- (c) a county executive from a member county within authority within the authority boundaries.

When making appointments, each County Executive shall ensure that representation on the board includes an elected city official representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional representation from other cities, and representatives from unincorporated areas of each County within the service area.

### **Current Proposal:**

The County Executive recommends the appointment of the Mayor of the City of Everett, Cassie Franklin, to serve a four-year term on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

*Scope:* The four-year term on the Sound Transit Board beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025.

*Duration:* The appointment term is for 4 years (01/01/2022 – 12/31/2025), as per RCW 81.112.040(1)<sup>1</sup>, which sets term starts and expiration dates in a staggered format.

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<sup>1</sup> [Chapter 81.112 RCW: REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES \(wa.gov\)](#)

*Fiscal Implications:* Each member of the board is eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.250<sup>2</sup>.

**2022 Budget:** NA

**Future Budget Impacts:** NA

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** APPROVE

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE

**Analysis:** Approving Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, to serve on the Sound Transit Board of Directors, with the term dates of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025; aligns with RCW 81.112.040.

**Requests:** For Council to consider the motion.

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<sup>2</sup> [RCW 43.03.250: Compensation of members of part-time boards and commissions—Class four groups \(as amended by 2011 c 5\). \(wa.gov\)](#)