



# Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAFs:** 2023-1464  
2023-1469

**Motions:** 23-553  
23-554

**Type:**

Contract

**Board Appt.**

Code Amendment

Budget Action

Other

**Requested**

**Handling:**

**Normal**

Expedite

Urgent

**Fund Source:**

General Fund

Other

**N/A**

**Executive Rec:**

**Approve**

Do Not Approve

N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

Yes

No

**N/A**

**Subject:** Board Reappointments – Sound Transit Board of Directors

**Scope:** Motion 23-553 (ECAF 23-1464) would confirm reappointment of Christine Frizzell to the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

Motion 23-554 (ECAF 23-1469) would confirm reappointment of Dave Somers for a third term on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

**Duration:** Both reappointments are to terms expiring on December 31, 2027.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  **N/A**

**Authority Granted:** N/A

**Background:**

*The Board:* Governance of Sound Transit is by an 18-member Board of Directors (Board). Membership in the Board consists of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). [RCW 81.112.040](#) enacts the requirements and process for appointing Board members. The Board includes 3 members from Snohomish County, 10 from King County, 4 from Pierce County, and the WSDOT secretary. For each county, the County Executive appoints members to the board and the County Council confirms the appointments. Except for the WSDOT secretary, Board members shall be: (a) an elected official who serves on the legislative authority of a city or as mayor of a city within the boundaries of the authority; (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 the authority boundaries.

*The nominees:* Christine Frizzell, Mayor of Lynnwood, is completing a partial first term. Mayor Frizzell was first appointed to a complete a vacant term in February 2022 (and confirmed [Motion 22-071](#)).

Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive, is completing his second four-year term on the Sound Transit Board of Directors. Executive Somers was previously confirmed by Motions [16-003](#) and [20-028](#).

Both nominees are well qualified to continue serving. The County Executive recommends confirmation of both reappointments.

**Request:** Move Motions 23-553 and 23-554 to General Legislative Session on January 10, 2024, for consideration.