



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0347

Proposal: Ord. 23-036

Date: May 2, 2023

Consideration

The proposal seeks approval and authorization for the County Executive to sign an Amendment 1 to an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Community Transit concerning the administration of Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plans and Programs, under RCW 39.34.030.

Background

RCW 70.94.527 requires counties containing urban growth areas, designated pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110, to develop and adopt a commute trip reduction (CTR) plan and ordinance for major employers affected in unincorporated growth areas. The purpose of the CTR plan and ordinance is to reduce commuter vehicle miles traveled and reduce single-occupant vehicle trips in the county to help decrease traffic congestion, mitigate air pollution levels, fuel consumption, noise, and energy use.

RCW 70A.15.4020 requires that counties and cities containing affected employers (a private or public employer that employs 100 or more full-time employees at a worksite who begin their workday between 6 am and 9 am on weekdays) develop ordinances, plans and programs to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) commute trips, and thereby reduce vehicle-related air pollution, traffic congestion, energy use, and greenhouse gas emissions. Snohomish County has adopted the required CTR ordinance, SCC 32.40, and has developed the required CTR plan and programs.

Community Transit has implemented the CTR plans, programs, and ordinances for the county and affected local jurisdictions since 1992. The interlocal agreement (ILA) with Community Transit was last entered into 2015 ([Ord. 15-063](#)) and 2019 ([Ord. 19-018](#)). Both parties agree that it is more efficient and effective to implement the CTR plans, programs, and ordinances in a common manner, and the proposed Amendment is a continuation of the previous ordinance.

Current Proposal

Scope: Snohomish County and Community Transit wish to continue to implement and administer the CTR plans, programs, and ordinances consistent with the proposed agreement provisions, including those found in Exhibit A of the proposed Agreement.

Duration: Snohomish County and Community Transit wish to extend the existing interlocal agreement for two (2) years to align with the TDM Technical Committee recommendations, ending June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impacts. Community Transit will be paid with funds directly from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The State of Washington has set aside funds for the administration of the CTR program. Community Transit is reimbursed for the CTR work they do in Snohomish County using these funds through a separate agreement with WSDOT.

Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES (ILA)

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on May 10, 2023, to set a time and date for a Public Hearing (June 7, 2023, at 10:30 am is recommended).