

Everett-to-Seattle Commuter Rail

Seattle, Washington

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Description

The Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) is proposing to implement peak-period commuter rail service in the 35-mile corridor linking Everett and Seattle, Washington. The service would be part of the 82-mile *Sounder* commuter rail corridor serving 14 stations between Lakewood and Everett, Washington. Service from Tacoma to Seattle began in September 2000. The Everett-Seattle commuter rail segment would include three multimodal stations that provide connections to a variety of transportation services, including local and express bus service, the Washington State ferry system (connecting cities on the east and west sides of Puget Sound), the proposed *Link* light rail system, and Amtrak. Twelve trains per day will serve up to six stations.

The project is estimated to cost \$104 million in escalated dollars, with a proposed Section 5309 New Starts share of \$24.9 million. Because the proposed New Starts share is less than \$25 million, the project is exempt from the New Starts criteria, and is thus not subject to FTA's evaluation and rating (49 USC 5309(e)(8)(A)).

Summary Description	
Proposed Project:	Everett-to-Seattle Commuter Rail 35 Miles, 6 Stations
Total Capital Cost (\$YOE):	\$104 Million
Section 5309 New Starts Share (\$YOE):	\$24.9 Million (24%)
Annual Operating Cost:	N/A
Ridership Forecast:	5,300 Average Weekday Boardings

Status

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project was issued in June 1999. Following extensive public outreach and ongoing coordination with tribes and Federal, State, and local agencies, the Locally Preferred Alternative was selected. The Final EIS was published in November 1999 and the Record of Decision was signed in February 2000. Sound Transit will be seeking FTA authorization to enter Final Design for this project in 2002.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(85) authorizes the "Sound Move Corridor" for Final Design and construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$79.32 million to the 82-mile *Sounder* commuter rail system.

Local Financial Commitment

Proposed Non-Section 5309 New Starts Share of Total Project Costs: 76%

The project’s financial plan includes Section 5309 New Starts funding and local funding.

Locally Proposed Financial Plan		
<u>Proposed Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (\$million)</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Federal: Section 5309 New Starts	\$24.9	23.9%
Local:	\$79.1	76.1%
Total:	\$104.0	100.0%

NOTE: Funding proposal reflects assumptions made by project sponsors, and are not DOT or FTA assumptions. Total may not add due to rounding.

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