

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

Sound Transit University Link Final Design – Approval for Construction

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the Board of Regents formally approve the Sound Transit University Link design for the light rail facilities on University property from the south side of the Montlake Cut and north through and including the University of Washington station located west of Husky Stadium and its support facilities (see attached map).

BACKGROUND:

Sound Transit’s operations on campus are governed by the 2000 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the 2007 Master Implementation Agreement (MIA). These two agreements provide the framework on how Sound Transit is to respond to University requirements, approval processes and mitigation procedures, if necessary.

At a future meeting, the Board of Regents will be requested to approve the design for the next segment of Sound Transit’s North Link Light Rail which will extend the facilities north from the University of Washington Station to the next station located at Brooklyn and 45th. This is not expected to occur for approximately 2 years.

The U-Link Light Rail UW Station is a proposed extension of Sound Transit’s Link light rail system from downtown Seattle north to the Husky Stadium area. The facility is an approximately 100’ deep cut-and-cover tunnel station with an entrance near the center of the station platform. The station is located between Montlake Boulevard and Husky Stadium beneath the surface parking lot E11. Below grade facilities include two bored tunnels with track work and related system utilities, a crossover track south of the station platform, vertical circulation, emergency ventilation fans, stairwells, and systems rooms. The North Link extension alignment, which is projected to run from Husky stadium to Lynwood, was approved by voters on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

U-Link program budget	\$1.8 Billion
Estimated U-Stadium Construction Cost:	\$610 million
Estimated Construction Start:	Utilities Dec 08 – Station Dec 09
Estimated Project Occupancy:	Revenue Service fall 2016

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PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

MOA Approval – June, 2000

MIA Approval – June, 2007

Various information updates from staff and Sound Transit personnel

Attachment:

Sound Transit North Link Route Under Campus



BLAKELEY VILLAGE
(SEE INSET BELOW)

Segment 2
North Link

Segment 1
U-Link



Attachment 1