

City Light Issue Paper (CLIP) Sound Sound Transit Light Rail – Transfer of Jurisdiction SCL to SDOT – Widening of MLK Jr Way S

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Council Action Required?	Y	If YES, within the next 3 months?	Y
Public Hearing Required?	Y		
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Summary Statement

This legislation will transfer jurisdiction over certain property in the Rainier Valley, from Seattle City Light (SCL) to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), related to construction of the Sound Transit Link Light Rail Project, will authorize the acceptance of \$113,300 to be paid by Sound Transit to City Light for this transfer, and will dedicate and lay off the transferred property as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Way South.

Background

As part of the interlocal agreements between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle for construction of the Central Link Light Rail Project through the Rainier Valley, Sound Transit agreed to widen Martin Luther King Jr. Way South in those areas where the new light rail system would be constructed in the center of the prior existing roadway. Sound Transit agreed to compensate the abutting owners whose lands would be acquired to widen this roadway, including SCL.

The Central Link Light Rail Project has been completed and is now in service in the Rainier Valley. Martin Luther King Jr. Way South has been widened in the affected areas. Sound Transit will pay City Light \$113,000 for the property transferred by this legislation. This and companion legislation accepting certain easements from Sound Transit will complete City Light's real estate transactions in connection with the Central Link Light Rail Project.

This transfer of jurisdiction requires a declaration of surplus and a public hearing pursuant to RCW 35.94.040.

Key Issues

None.

Next Steps

Sound Transit will pay the value of the transferred land, \$113,000, to Seattle City Light on adoption of this legislation.