

Light Rail System & Facilities: Permitting Process & Regulations

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Definitions – SMC 20.20

- Amend Light Rail Transit Facility & System
- Add Regional Transit Authority

20.30.100 Application

- This amendment will allow Sound Transit to apply for permits related to property that is not yet owned or controlled by Sound transit.

Amendments to Special Use Permit

- This amendment adds Essential Public Facilities to the purpose of a Special Use permit.



Decision Criteria for Special Use Permits

- Amends light rail specific decision criteria in the Special Use Permit process.

Supplemental Application Submittal Requirements

- Construction Management Plan
- Post Construction Parking Operational Management Plan
- Access Assessment Report
- Accelerated and Standard Project and Permitting Processes described

Utilities for Public Places

- SMC 20.50.240(F)(6)(g). Publicly accessible potable water and electrical power shall be supplied to the exterior of high capacity transit centers, stations and associated parking.

Offsite Tree Regulations

- Broaden the scope of an Arborist's evaluation
- Broaden site design standards for clearing activities
- Add replacement standards for trees removed on adjacent property
- Require replacement trees to be native

Potential Amendments to Ordinance No. 741

- Definition for High Capacity Transit Center
- Clarify that publically accessible water & power must be installed in a public facing area
- Requirement for restrooms in light rail stations

Staff Recommendation

- Adopt Ordinance No. 741 as recommended by the Planning Commission





Amend SMC 20.20.024

- Add a new definition for High Capacity Transit Center as follows:
- High-capacity transit centers are facilities for light rail, commuter rail, or bus rapid transit. A high-capacity transit center may provide parking lots, parking garages, real-time schedule information, lighting, benches, restrooms, food and drink, shelters and trash cans. Other features may include real time information, special lighting or shelter design, public art and bicycle parking.

Amend proposed SMC

20.50.240(F)(6)(g)

- Add “a public facing portion of” after “to” and before “the exterior” to read as follows:
- Accessible potable water and electrical power shall be supplied to a public facing portion of the exterior of high capacity transit centers, stations and associated parking.

Amend SMC 20.50.240 (F)(6)

- Add a new (h) as follows:

Public restrooms as defined in number by the International Building Code Section 2902.1 shall be required for all light rail transit stations.