

## Exhibit G: Code and Permitting

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### MOU CODE AND DISCRETIONARY PERMITTING FRAMEWORK

Following execution of the MOU, Sound Transit will begin the final design process with the goal of achieving a 60% Project design plan and Project baseline budget within approximately two and one half years. Typically Sound Transit applies for local land use permits at approximately the 60% Project design plan stage, with Project baseline budget established after any required land use approvals are issued. It is the intent of the parties to identify and process amendments to the City's Land Use Code that allow for a consolidated land use permitting process for the East Link Project. Such amendments are anticipated to provide certainty and predictability with respect to permitting processes and requirements both for Sound Transit as the project applicant and to interested parties commenting on or otherwise participating in the permitting process.

### LAND USE AND TECHNICAL CODE AMENDMENT PACKAGE

The City Council, through a legislative action, is the final decision maker on amendments to the City's Land Use Code (LUC), according to the Process IV procedures and criteria in Part 20.35 of the LUC. Nothing in this MOU is a waiver or limitation of the City's legislative authority, nor is any particular legislative outcome contracted for in this MOU. Rather, the parties agree to work cooperatively to identify and process a package of LUC and other code amendments that, if adopted, could accomplish the following objectives:

- Allow for the City Council, through a subsequent development agreement, to establish a consolidated permit process for the East Link project;
- Amend requirements of the LUC that are technically infeasible for the East Link Project, based on the Project description that is the subject of this MOU;
- Amend and add definitions in the LUC consistent with this MOU to accommodate light rail uses and related facilities
- Allow for extended vesting of land use approvals through a development agreement; and
- Allow for further administrative modifications to LUC requirements through the applicable permitting process if such code requirements are impracticable or infeasible for the Project
- Resolve identified technical code conflicts

It is the intent of the parties to initiate the code amendment process, utilizing the City's Process IV provisions with a public hearing directly with the City Council, as allowed under LUC Section 20.35.400, with sufficient time to complete the process by no later than December 31, 2012, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

## DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

If the City Council approves an amendment to the LUC that allows for a development agreement in association with a light rail project, the parties agree to work cooperatively to negotiate a development agreement that, if approved by the agencies' respective legislative bodies, could accomplish the following objectives:

- Identify the project scope;
- Define the consolidated permitting process, including minimum notice and public participation requirements, identifying the decision-maker on the required land use permits, and establishing an appeal process, which may or may not include an administrative appeal;
- Define the vesting process for the consolidated permit process;
- Establish specific decision criteria for the consolidated permitting process and development standards for the project, considering existing elements of the City's comprehensive plan, the City's Light Rail Best Practices Manual and results and outcomes from the CDP established by this MOU;
- Provide for authority for the decision-maker on the consolidated permit process to allow for administrative modifications to LUC provisions, where compliance with such provisions is impracticable or infeasible; and
- Establish permit processing plan, including fee estimate, as developed through the CDP.

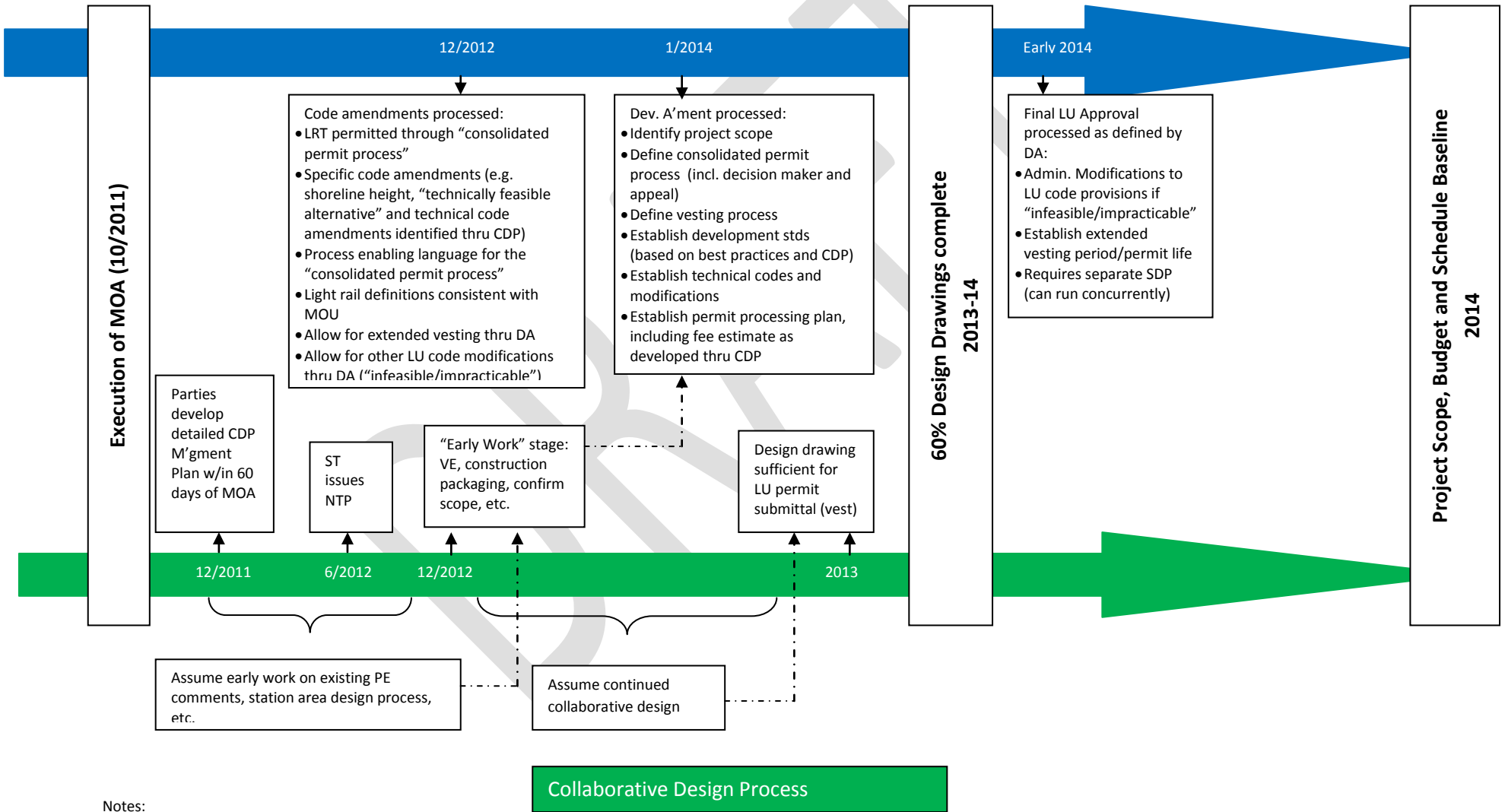
It is anticipated that any development agreement would be negotiated and considered by the Parties' respective legislative bodies through the requirements established by RCW ch. 36.70B by no later than ~~December 31, 2013~~ [January 31, 2014](#) or as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. [It is recognized by the parties earlier action on a development agreement increases the potential for savings in final design costs.](#)

Nothing in this Exhibit G is intended to waive or modify City of Bellevue permit processes or other powers or authorities. It is understood that at the appropriate stage of design, Sound Transit will submit to the City for required land use approvals and nothing in this MOU shall be construed as an approval of such permits or a pre-determination of compliance with applicable codes and standards.

Figure G-1 illustrates the Code and Permitting Framework established by this Exhibit G.

**FIGURE G-1  
FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY**

**Code and Permitting Framework**



Notes:

- All dates anticipated
- Specific terms of MOU govern any conflict with this exhibit