



# Sound Transit 2012 Sustainability Targets

Supporting people, planet and prosperity

**Sustainability is the capacity to provide future generations with a tomorrow that's better than today.**

Sound Transit encourages regional sustainability through its core mission to provide affordable, environmentally-friendly travel options that connect the places where people live, work and play. As the agency delivers needed transit projects and services, we're also doing our part to foster a healthy environment, community and economy. To reflect these values, the agency's Sustainability Plan is built around the pillars of people, planet and prosperity.

ACTION AREAS	PRIORITIES
<p><b>PEOPLE</b> <b>Ridership</b> Increase the availability and use of regional transit</p>	<p><b>Ride</b> Provide safe, secure and reliable transportation choices.</p> <p><b>Live</b> Support healthy, diverse, transit-oriented communities.</p> <p><b>Advocate</b> Increase community support for transit investments and services.</p>
<p><b>PLANET</b> <b>Conservation</b> Promote environmental stewardship by conserving natural resources</p>	<p><b>Save Energy</b> Reduce energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.</p> <p><b>Protect Ecosystems</b> Protect natural habitats and conserve water resources.</p> <p><b>Use Less, Buy Green</b> Reduce materials consumption and increase recycling and environmentally preferable procurement.</p>
<p><b>PROSPERITY</b> <b>Operating Efficiency</b> Integrate sustainability into decision-making processes</p>	<p><b>Connect</b> Provide the mobility necessary for strong economic growth by connecting regional urban centers.</p> <p><b>Streamline</b> Integrate sustainability into agency decision-making processes.</p> <p><b>Engage</b> Enhance staff participation in sustainability initiatives.</p>

## Environmental and Sustainability Management System

Our Sustainability Plan has been implemented through our internationally certified Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS). Since 2007, we have been one of a select number of transit agencies nationwide to achieve certification to the international ISO 14001 standard. This system holds us accountable for identifying and controlling environmental impacts, setting and achieving objectives and targets and demonstrating continual improvements in performance.



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## People

### Live

- Integrate sustainability criteria into interlocal agreements for early planning and transit-oriented development

### Advocate

- Communicate the agency's positive impact on regional job creation
- Communicate how Sound Transit projects and services enhance the region's air and water quality and respond to climate change

## Planet

### Save Energy

- Develop a revenue fleet energy efficiency strategy

### Protect Ecosystems

- Develop a near-term water reduction strategy

### Use Less, Buy Green

- Increase recycling and waste diversion rates
- Implement a green procurement policy

## Prosperity

### Connect

- Incorporate sustainability considerations into early planning processes

### Streamline

- Integrate sustainable design criteria into major capital projects\*
- Enhance "best practices" for sustainable construction\*
- Propose a dedicated funding mechanism to finance select sustainability projects
- Integrate the Environmental and Sustainability Management System into the agency's document control system
- Initiate FTA project to assess climate change impacts to Sound Transit\*

### Engage

- Streamline staff environmental compliance and sustainability training program

## Ongoing Targets

### Save Energy

- Complete a near-term energy management strategy for facilities
- Increase facility energy efficiency
- Maximize revenue fleet energy efficiency

### Protect Ecosystems

- Complete environmental mitigation and revegetation projects at two new sites
- Reduce irrigation water usage

### Streamline

- Strengthen resource conservation measures in agency design guidelines and specifications

\* 2012 Agency Milestone