



Agency Progress Report

Office of Policy and Planning



Project Delivery
Service Delivery
System Expansion
Stewardship of Resources
Organizational Vibrancy

The Office of Policy & Planning is dedicated to developing and updating a regional system expansion and aiding the agency in achieving its goals through planning, research and integration for the region.

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Program Summary

The Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) is responsible for three major project areas related to the implementation of Sound Move and to the long-term future of the regional high capacity transit system: Fare Integration, Phase 2 Planning, and Strategic Planning.

OPP also provides policy analysis and supporting policy development on a range of issues, and coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Regional Fare Collection and Policy Development

The Beta Test phase of the Smart Card project has successfully closed with an extensive list of system fixes and improvements identified as requirements for final system design. A work plan for final design, testing and implementation has been negotiated with the vendor and will drive project activity through year-end 2008.

System Integration and Project Development

Staff developed project and financial information to support the Board's development of an updated ST2 Plan. Staff also worked closely with the Puget Sound Regional Council on the State-directed feasibility analysis of passenger rail on the Eastside BNSF corridor.

Strategic Planning and Policy Development

Activities in this quarter focused on completing the final ST2 Plan and supporting the Board and PSRC approval processes. Work continued to update agency policies on parking. Began work for bicycle access policies and procedure assessment. The group also helped the PSRC define HCT alternatives for the Destination 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.



Sound Transit Board

Hard work from the Sound Transit Board, Chairman Nickels and OPP Staff has paid off, and Sound Transit 2, The Regional Transit System Plan for Central Puget Sound will be on the ballot Nov.4, 2008 as Proposition 1.

Scope Overview

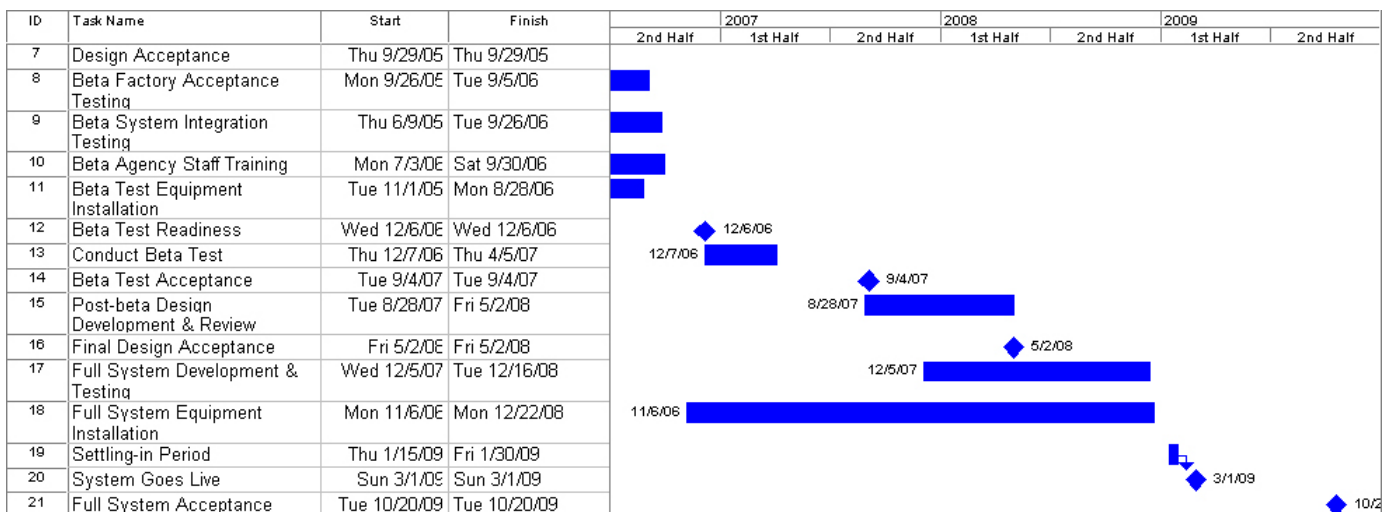
The Regional Fare Coordination ("Smart Card - ORCA") Project is a joint effort between Sound Transit Community Transit, Everett Transit, Kitsap Transit, King County Metro Transit, Pierce Transit and Washington State Ferries. The project will replace all regional fare collection equipment and processes with an automatic system for collecting and distributing fare/pass sale revenue. It will also replace most non-cash fare media with Smart Cards.



The ORCA On Board Fare Transaction Processor at left, installed and ready for action.

Schedule

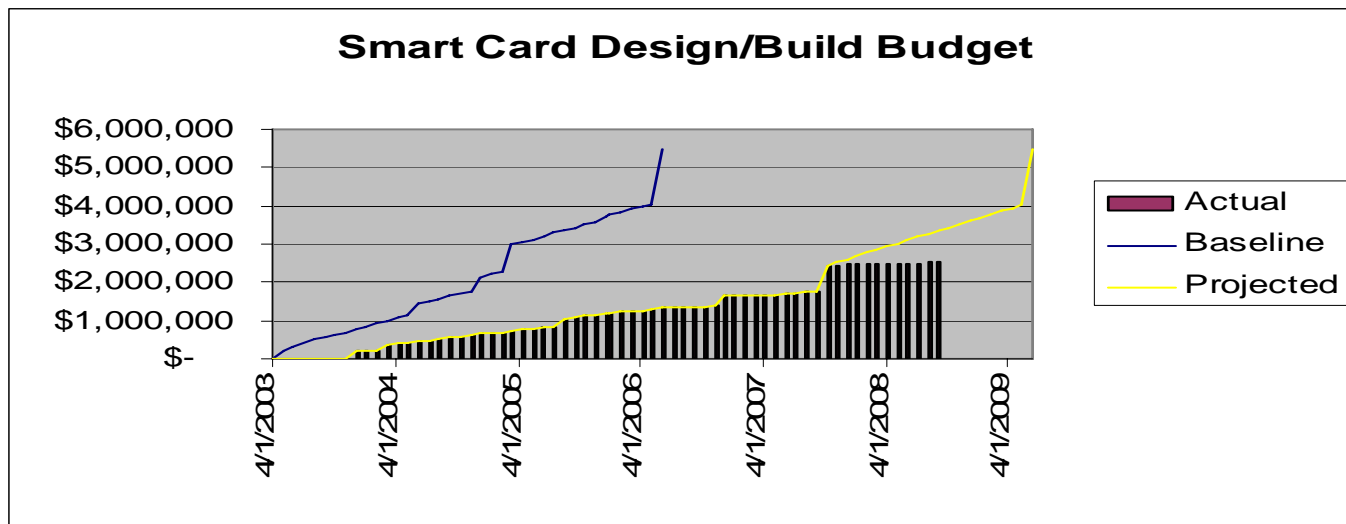
The updated schedule below reflects changes made after negotiations with the Smart Card Vendor, ERG.



Smart Card project's renegotiated schedule and current Smart Card project activity.

Cost Forecast

ST's Smart Card expenditures are currently below the baseline budget established at contract signing, primarily due to project delays which have postponed expenses. Project cost increases include higher staffing for the longer project durations, as well as increased equipment quantities required by Sound Transit. However, these increases have been offset by projected sales tax cost savings and agency cost savings achieved by using ST internal staff resources in lieu of budgeted consultant resources for project management, design and implementation work.



Key Activities

Current Period

- ERG delivered the third of four code change releases to implement final system fixes and improvements.
- Agencies have been actively testing code and system changes.
- Agencies have been planning and preparing for system rollout activities.

Next Period

- Continue testing future releases of vendor code changes.
- Continue preparing for system roll out.

Closely Monitored Issues

- The first three software code change releases encountered delays and exhibited numerous testing problems. As a result, the system implementation and roll out has been pushed forward to early 2009.

Key Contracts

The table on the right contains summary cost information and progress status for key Smart Card contracts. Costs represent the total of all , seven regional agency contracts. (Sound Transit is responsible for 10.65% of original contract amounts, plus applicable, specific change orders.)

*Energy Resource Group (ERG) is designing and implementing our "Smart Card" or ORCA system, an Automated Fare Collection system

Scope	Contractor	Original Amount	Changes to Date	Current Contract Amount	Percent Complete
Design and Build RFCS System	ERG*	\$31M	\$5.5M	\$37M	54%
Regional Project Management	King County Metro	\$1M	\$1.5M	\$2.5M	72%
Technical Consulting	IBI	\$525K	\$776K	\$1.3M	65%
Software Escrow	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
Financial Auditing	KPMG	\$20K	\$230K	\$250K	68%
Total		\$52.5M	\$8M	\$41M	65%

Scope Overview

The primary activity during the third quarter of 2008 was continued development of an updated ST2 plan. This work focused on analyzing a new option to the adopted ST2 Plan with a 15-year program development period. While not as extensive as the 2007 ST2 plan, the 15-year option enables some key projects to be implemented sooner. On July 24, 2008 The Sound Transit Board made the decision to move forward with this new ST2 Plan for the Nov. 4, 2008 election.

Additionally, Sound Transit received a finding from the Puget Sound Regional Council that the revised ST2 Plan is in conformity with *Destination 2030 and Vision 2040*.



The map at left represents the adopted plan...
**Sound Transit 2 (ST2) 2008
A MASS TRANSIT GUIDE**
The Regional Transit system Plan for Central Puget Sound

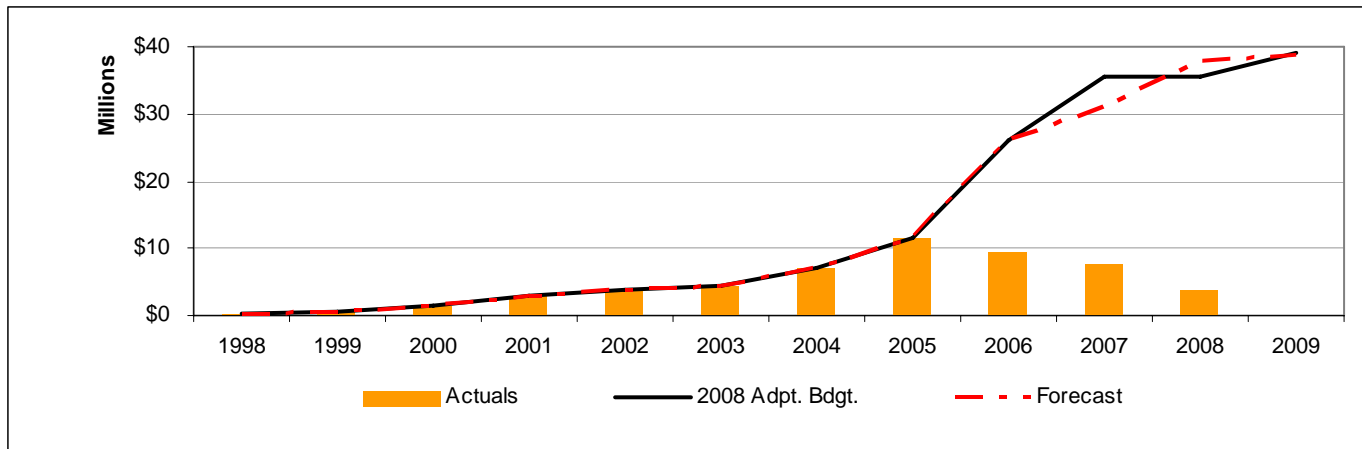
Schedule

The schedule below includes the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the Long-Range Plan and ST2 planning, outreach, adoption and the public vote.

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish	2008				
				1st Half		2nd Half		
				Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
1	SEIS	Mon 4/12/04	Wed 6/1/05					
2	Long Range Plan	Mon 4/12/04	Thu 7/7/05					
3	ST2 Plan	Tue 11/6/07	Tue 11/4/08					
4	ST2 Update Needs Assessment	Thu 1/24/08	Thu 1/24/08					
5	ST2 Public Outreach	Thu 1/24/08	Thu 7/24/08					
6	Board Adopts Updated ST2 Plan	Thu 7/24/08	Thu 7/24/08					
7	ST2 Plan Vote	Tue 11/4/08	Tue 11/4/08					

Cost Forecast

The cost forecast for the ST2 Planning program is shown in the graph below.



Key Activities

Current Period

- Prepared information to aid in the Board's development of an updated ST2 Plan
- Analysis and preparation of a final updated ST2 Plan document and appendices
- Conducted meeting with the State's Expert Review Panel

Next Period

- Conduct final meeting with the state's Expert Review Panel

Key Contracts

This table contains summary cost information and overall progress status for the key contracts supporting the SEIS, Long-Range Plan and ST2 Plan.

Scope	No.	Consultant	Original Amount	Changes to Date	Current Contract Amount	Percent Complete
ST2 Planning and Engineering Support	RTA/PP 0130-03	PBQD	\$4.5M	\$7.42M	\$12.9 M	90%
Washington State Expert Review Panel Admin. & Support	GCA 3536, Task Order 8, Supplement #2	WSDOT (via Cedar River Group)	\$16K	\$393K	\$409K	95%
Total			\$4.59M	\$7.813M	\$12.329M	



Office of Policy and Planning

Strategic Planning & Policy Development

Key Activities

Current period:

- Refined ST2 ridership forecasts and supported financial plan development
- Finalized the ST2 bus service plan
- Supported Board deliberations culminating in adoption of the ST2 Plan
- Completed the PSRC conformity review process and obtained certification
- Staffed Speaker's Bureau

Next period:

- Draft RFP for consultant services to perform parking pricing analysis
 - Complete documentation of ST2 ridership forecasting activities
 - Support development of an ST2 Implementation Guide
 - Support ST2 briefings for state legislators
 - Staff Speaker's Bureau
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