

Progress Report

Sound Transit 3



Preparing for population economic growth, responding to rising congestion, and meeting public demand for expansion.

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November 8, 2016, Voters Approved the ST3 Plan

The Sound Transit 3 Plan adds 62 new miles of light rail with stations serving 37 additional areas for a regional system reaching 116 miles. The plan also establishes BRT on I-405/SR 518 and SR 522/NE 145th; expands capacity and service of the Sounder south rail line; includes ST Express bus service; improves access to stations for bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, and pick-up and drop-off services, and expands parking at stations

62 New Miles of Light Rail

- With 62 new miles of light rail, ST3 completes a 116-mile regional system, five times larger than it is today, reaching Everett, Tacoma, Seattle neighborhoods of Ballard and West Seattle, and new Eastside destinations of Redmond, south Kirkland, Bellevue, and central Issaquah.
- Builds on extensions now being planned and constructed to Angle Lake, Northgate, Lynnwood, Mercer Island, Bellevue, and Overlake.
- Extends Tacoma Link west to Tacoma Community College with six stations.
- Provides 20 hours of service each day, every 6 minutes in peak and every 10 minutes in non-peak hours.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- BRT provides fast, reliable bus service every 10 minutes in peak hours along I-405/SR 518, and SR 522/ NE 145th Street, connecting to light rail service in Bellevue, Tukwila, Shoreline and Lynnwood.
- BRT will operate in the Express Toll lanes between Totem Lake and south Renton and mainly on exclusive right-of-way between Tukwila and Burien Transit Center, allowing users to take advantage of higher speeds.
- Builds inline freeway stations that allow buses to stop within the freeway right-of-way to pick up/unload riders at NE 85th Street in Kirkland and NE 44th Street in Renton, and a new transit center and parking garage in south Renton.

Sounder Train Service

- ST3 responds to fast-growing south line ridership (15 percent growth in the last year) by increasing capacity with extended platforms that could serve trains up to 10 cars in length and approximately 40% more passengers at Lakewood, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila.
- In addition to expanding train capacity, ST3 provides the potential to run more trains during the day.
- Two stations added to the south line, one at Tillicum to serve Joint Base Lewis-McChord and a second at DuPont.

ST Express Bus & Other Improvements

- ST Express continues serving key long distance corridors.
- Capital contributions improve bus speed and reliability along Pacific Avenue in Tacoma, between cities in East Pierce County and the Sumner Sounder station, and frequent bus service between Lakewood and Tacoma.
- The Bus-on-Shoulder program provides opportunities for buses to use shoulders on freeways and state highways to bypass congestion where feasible.
- A capped contribution to Madison Street BRT along with capital improvements to RapidRide C and D lines to improve speed and reliability to Ballard and West Seattle while light rail to those communities is under construction.

Improved Access to Stations

- Includes funding at stations to improve walking and cycling routes, transfers from partner transit services, and pick-up and drop-off areas.
- Parking additions at:
 - New light rail stations: Everett Station, Mariner Park-and-Ride, South Boeing Access Road, South 272nd, Federal Way Transit Center, South Federal Way, Fife, Southeast Redmond and Central Issaquah.
 - Sounder stations: Everett, Mukilteo, Edmonds, Tillicum, and DuPont.
 - BRT stations: Totem Lake, NE 44th, South Renton, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore and Bothell.
 - Parking at North Sammamish.

Responding to Population Growth

- The ST3 Plan responds to the region's rising population. Congestion on the region's highways increased 95% from 2010 to 2015. (WSDOT) As a result, the average peak hour commuter in the Seattle area spent 63 hours stuck in traffic in 2014. (Texas A&M Transportation Institute Urban Mobility Report).
- Last year the region grew by 52,000 people, 1,000 new residents every week. Population is projected to continue growing by 800,000 by 2040.
- ST3 enables more people to access fast and reliable transit that can meet demand many decades into the future.