

Jurisdictional Engagement

Citizen's Oversight Panel

9/15/21



Agenda

Objective- Outline jurisdictional engagement

- ***Lead with values and Strategic Priorities***
- ***Based on System Expansion Implementation Plan (SEIP)***
- ***Recent Examples***

VALUES. OUR VALUES ARE THE PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE US.

COLLABORATION

PASSENGER FOCUS

INCLUSION & RESPECT

SAFETY

INTEGRITY

QUALITY

- When voters approved ST3 in 2016, Sound Transit dedicated itself to **deep engagement** to complete the projects on aggressive timelines.
- Commitment to enhanced collaboration, partnerships, community engagement, transparency and accountability.



Five-Year Strategic Plan

Strategic Priority

“Deploy a performance-based, community-centric and safe capital program.”

Agency Goal

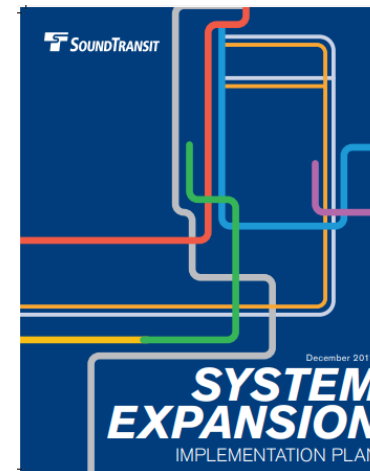
“Improve industry, **jurisdictional** and community partnerships to strengthen certainty and timeliness of project delivery.”

***System Expansion
Implementation Plan***

Growing Jurisdictional Partnerships

“Reaching early and durable agreement on project definition, including alignment, station locations and other project components, is a critical step in maintaining schedule and budget”

- Interagency Groups
- Elected Leadership Groups
- Stakeholder Advisory Groups



Engage Jurisdictional staff early and often- Interagency Groups

Composed of senior staff from Sound Transit and partner city, county, transit, state and federal permitting agencies

- Technical examination
- Identify issues
- Partnering and permitting agreements



Stride projects, West Seattle and Ballard, Tacoma Dome/OMF-S, Everett Link

Involved Regional Leaders- Elected Leadership Groups

Composed of Sound Transit Board members and other local elected officials in the corridor

- Grow awareness and build consensus
- Work through project issues



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Engage with the Community- Stakeholder Advisory Groups

***Composed of riders, businesses, residents,
community based organizations***

- Grow awareness and build consensus
- Work through project issues
- Identify a preferred alternative to recommend to elected and Board



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Clarify Expectations and Schedule-Partnering Agreement

Proposed at the beginning of projects to jurisdictions in order to:

- Engagement activities
- Project scope, schedule, budget and key milestones
- Plans to staff the project
- Date for future concurrence and agreement actions
- Partner responsibilities to provide information on existing conditions and planned projects within the project area.

Streamline milestones- Permitting plans

Jurisdiction and ST seek concurrence to memorialize:

- Identification of preferred alternatives
- Streamlined permitting process

Other opportunities for Jurisdictional Engagement

Many additional ways for jurisdictions to engage:

- Board meetings
- Open houses
- City council and community meetings
- Formal comment periods during environmental review
- Sound Transit staff who build relations with communities and cities.

Recent examples

Program realignment

Jurisdictional and stakeholder engagement

- May 2020 online town hall with 78 elected officials and staff.
- 54+ briefings with city councils, city/county staff, commissions and regional elected officials.
- 55+ stakeholder briefings with chambers of commerce, health care industry leaders, rotaries, transportation advocates, and accessibility advisers.
- 70+ letters and emails to Board and/or agency leadership.

Everett Link

Jurisdictional and stakeholder engagement

- Interagency group kicked off in 2021.
- Working on interagency partnering agreement- to be complete in 2021.
- Includes all jurisdictional partners.



Thank you.



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