System Expansion Monthly Status Report

System Expansion Committee

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Agenda

Program updates

Project updates

- Projects in Planning and Design
- Projects in Construction



Pinehurst Station officially opened on September 30!

Important note: The System Expansion Monthly Status Reports will continue to report on project status and monthly performance. As staff implement Resolution R2026-11 and address associated amendments, additional information and adjustments may lead to periodic changes in the report. These potential changes would be introduced incrementally, documented in future editions, and implemented in a manner that preserves the consistency and continuity of monthly project reporting.

Program-level KPI performance

Prompt payment

This month, CDD's average time to process invoice payments was **23 days**, exceeding the target goal.

	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026
Prompt payment	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔

Target: 100% payment within 30 days of invoice date

Construction safety

There were zero **OSHA recordable* incidents** reported this month.

	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026
RIR	↑	↓	⇔	⇔	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑
LTIR	⇔	↓	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	⇔	↓	↑

Target: RIR and LTIR below 50% national average

Status Indicator	Favorable Trend	Level Trend	Unfavorable Trend
Meets or Exceeds Target	↑	⇔	↓
Not meeting Target Minor Variance	↑	⇔	↓
Not meeting Target Major Variance	↑	⇔	↓

* A recordable injury, according to OSHA, is any work-related injury or illness that results in death, loss of consciousness, days away from work, restricted work activity, medical treatment beyond first aid, or a significant diagnosis by a healthcare professional.

Project performance tracker summary

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Projects in Planning and Design

Mode	Projects	% Complete (Avg)	Cost KPI (Avg)	Schedule KPI (Avg)	Comments
Link light rail extensions (5)	BLE, EVLE[1], TDLE, WSLE, Tacoma Dome Access Improvements	Design - 18%			**BLE** DEIS submitted to FTA for review, with publication anticipated in late Q4 2026. ST and FTA signed **EVLE's** DEIS on Sept.18; public meetings are scheduled for October, and the public comment period concludes on Nov. 2. The Board's action to confirm/modify the Preferred Alternative has been rescheduled to Q1 2027 (was Q4 2026). **TDLE** targeting the FEIS publication for Q2 2027. Regarding the **TDAI** project, ST will finalize a funding agreement with the City of Tacoma to design and construct the multimodal improvements selected by the Board by Q4 2026. Staff is also preparing the project baseline and plans to present it to the Board for approval in Q4 2026. For **WSLE**, final design efforts are advancing, and various design and construction management procurement services are scheduled for Board approval in Q4 2026.
Link light rail infill stations (2)	Boeing and Graham Infill Stations	Design - 10%			**Boeing and Graham Infill** projects: preliminary engineering is in progress. Cost savings opportunities are under development. The project team will be developing a preliminary construction schedule during the PE phase by the end of 2026.
Operations & Maintenance Facility (1)[1]	OMF South	Design - 30%			Final design phase for **OMF South** is currently in progress, utilizing a Progressive Design-Build delivery approach for Phase 1, which includes both final design and pre-construction services.
Sounder commuter rail (6)	Lakewood Station Access Improvements, South Tacoma Station Access Improvements, South Capacity Expansion Program, King St. Station, DuPont Extension, Sounder Maintenance Base	Design – 8%			Projects are progressing as planned. The design phase for the **Lakewood & South Tacoma Access Improvement Station Area** projects is progressing into 60% design. Ongoing preliminary engineering and NEPA environmental review is being conducted for the **Sounder Rail Track & Signals Improvement, DuPont, and King Street Station Platform Area Improvement** projects. **Sounder Maintenance Base** project will begin the process of refreshing NEPA approval and procurement documents in Q1 2027.

1. OMF North is within the Everett Link Extension project and therefore not under the O&M roll-up line.

3rd Party Schedule Analysis

Consultant Review

- Engaged independent scheduling consultant to assess IPS quality, integration, and alignment with ST practices.
- Received review memorandums for all four major extensions: WSLE, BLE, EVLE, and TDLE.

Consistent Findings

- Opportunities to strengthen schedule detail, logic, milestones, sequencing, and interfaces – schedule maturity is consistent with current phase of project development.
- Opportunities to improve IPS governance, project accountability, and leadership review.
- Continued alignment of scheduling practices, documentation, and risk analysis with project maturity and ST standards.

Next Steps

- Continue routine schedule development practice and monthly internal IPS reporting and detailed reviews.
- Fully implement updated internal policy requirements (under final FTA/PMOC review), supported by clear scheduling standards, defined roles and accountability, and targeted training.

IPS = Integrated Project Schedule is a comprehensive, detailed timeline that consolidates all project activities, dependencies, and milestones into a single plan to guide project execution and management.

Project performance tracker summary

Projects in Construction

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Meets or Exceeds Target	↑	↔	↓
Not meeting Target Minor Variance	↑	↔	↓
Not meeting Target Major Variance	↑	↔	↓

Mode	Projects	Avg % Construction Complete (Change)	Avg Cost KPI	Avg Schedule KPI	Avg Safety KPI	Comments
Infill Station, Link (1)	Pinehurst Station	99% (2%)	↔	↑	↔	Cost: No change this month. **Pinehurst Station** budget trend remains favorable. Schedule: Overall percent complete increased by 2%. Pinehurst Station officially opened for service on Sept. 30; Remaining completion activities include sign finishes, metal panel installation, landscaping, and ROW improvements. Safety: no recordable incidents.
Sounder South Access Improvement (SPAI) (3)	Sumner, Kent, Auburn Garages	81% (2%)	↔	↔	↑	Cost: No change this month. Schedule: Overall percent complete increased by 2%. **Sumner** is projected to open in Q1 2027. **Auburn and Kent** remain on or ahead of schedule. Overall garage portfolio (3 garages) progressing to meet the Q2 2027 baseline schedule. Safety: no recordable incidents.
Bus Rapid Transit Stride - ST Managed (8)	Bus OMF, I-405 (S1 & S2 Lines), SR 522 / NE 145th (S3 Line)	19% (1%)	↔	↔	↔	Cost: No change this month. Schedule: Overall percent complete increased by 1%. **Construction on S3 corridor** trending behind schedule due to late WSDOT project approvals, AHJ permitting requirements, and restricted work hours. ST and contractors are developing a recovery schedule to implement mitigation strategies and address the overall project delays. **Bus Base North** construction is progressing; however, delays in permit acquisition and varying subsurface conditions have impacted the construction schedule. Contractor negotiations are currently in progress, with anticipated cost and schedule resolution expected during Q4 2026. At **S1 Burien TC**, critical submittal reviews have been initiated, and construction activities are underway. The **S1 Renton TC** site continues effort on utility installation, retaining wall construction, and auger-cast pile operations. Platform construction work is progressing at **NE 44th Station**, including concurrent activities at Bellevue TC. The initial phase of station system and furnishing installations has been completed at Totem Lake Station. For **S2 Lynnwood 196th/Poplar Way**, ST is progressing on the Issue-for-Bid (IFB) for the construction contract, with advertisement anticipated by end of 2026. In **S3 Seattle/Shoreline,** utility relocation and demolition activities have commenced, Division 1 submittals are advancing, and ongoing coordination of utilities and permits with the AHJ continues. The **S3 Lake Forest Park** GC/CM delivery procurement remains active, with contract award anticipated in Nov. 2026. In **S3 Kenmore/Bothell,** work continues at multiple station and roadway locations. Safety: no recordable incidents.
Bus Rapid Transit Stride - WSDOT & Third Party Managed (5)	I-405 (S1) – WSDOT*, I-405 (S2) - WSDOT, SR 522/NE 145th (S3) – Third-Party	61%	↔	↔	N/A	Cost: No change this month. Schedule: No change to overall percent complete. WSDOT issued RFQ **for TIBS** in Sept. 2026 to commence the DB procurement. The **NE 44th Street Station platform** BRT scope has achieved physical completion, and Air Space Lease negotiations between ST and WSDOT is underway. WSDOT is expected to hand over **NE 85th St Station platform** to ST in Q4 2026, permitting ST to commence station finishing work. Construction activities for the **S2 Brickyard to SR 527** are underway. All third-party–managed construction projects associated with the **S3 Line SR 522 BAT lane and NE 185th Roadway** have been successfully completed in readiness for the Stride service launch, with all projects remaining within their allocated budgets. Safety: Safety managed by WSDOT and other third party.

Target opening dates

- **Auburn SPAI** Q1 2027
- **Kent SPAI** Q2 2027
- **Sumner SPAI** Q1 2027

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