



# **Parking Permit Program Expansion**

Operations and Administration Committee

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# Overview

**ST operates approximately 11,800 parking spaces across 37 parking facilities\***

- Spaces are 93% occupied at unencumbered lots\*\*
- 20 locations are above 90% occupied
- 12 locations are above 100% occupied



\*Includes owned and leased lots

\*\*October 2017 counts

# Parking permit program highlights

## System-wide parking program:

- Phase 1: Carpool / HOV permits – *Implemented 2016*
- Phase 2: Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) permits – *Next step*
- Phase 3: Daily parking fees – *Future proposal for Board consideration*



## Permit eligibility:

- Transit riders - regular use required after permit issued in order to renew
  - HOV permits: 2+ transit riders

# Parking permit program elements today



HOV permit program locations

## Facility selection criteria:

- ST has full authority to manage parking
- $\geq 97\%$  full for three consecutive months
- And/or parking provided to serve a Link station

## Permits required:

- M-F during a.m. rush hours
- Open for general use after rush hour M-F and on weekends
- For up to 50% of spaces at facility

# Proposed elements for program expansion

## 1. SOV parking permit pricing

- Range: \$15/mo (administrative cost coverage) to \$90/mo (market rate on average around permitted facilities)

## 2. Facility selection criteria

- ≥90% full for three consecutive months

## 3. HOV permit price

- \$0.00 for potential inclusion of encumbered lots

## 4. Reduced permit price for ORCA LIFT pass holders

- Range: \$0.00 to 50% of SOV permit price

## 5. Phase in permit parking zone gradually up to 50% of lot

- ## 6. Analyze feasibility of providing permits only for RTA taxpayers or apply 'out-of-district' fee



# Regional coordination

Transit Executives this fall (2017) provided direction to reconvene parking coordination group at Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to:

- Understand restrictions to parking management based on funding sources
- Coordinate long-term parking management strategies

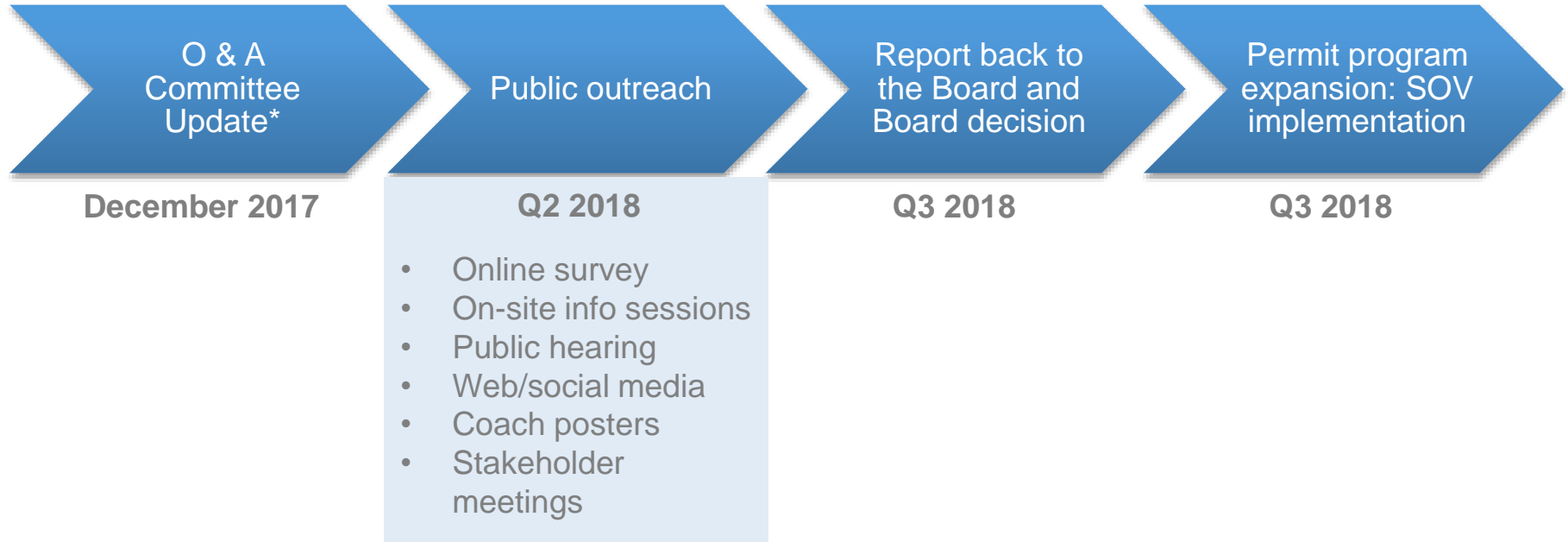
Sound Transit to continue to engage regional agencies in implementation of SOV parking permit program component.

# Equity concerns

- Equity concerns focused in two areas: Access to permits, and geographic distribution of permit program implementation due to encumbrances restricting parking management through price in some locations
- Staff to pursue a Title VI analysis to inform Board direction on permit program expansion
- Staff propose reduced fare SOV permit rate for eligible ORCA LIFT pass holders be included in options to be brought to the public for input

# Next steps for program expansion

\* We are here





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