

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a white and blue Sound Transit train. The train is positioned at a station platform, with the platform's glass and metal structure visible in the upper left. The train's windows are dark, reflecting the sky. A large, stylized blue wave graphic is painted on the side of the train. The text "SOUND TRANSIT" is visible in large white letters on the blue background of the train's side.

ST3 Draft Plan

Results from Spring 2016 Draft Plan comment period (March 29 – May 2, 2016)

May 5, 2016

SOUND TRANSIT

Level of participation

>183,800 Unique page views at soundtransit3.org

34,706 Number of surveys completed
**Survey not statistically valid as participants were self-selected and do not represent a demographically representative sample group*

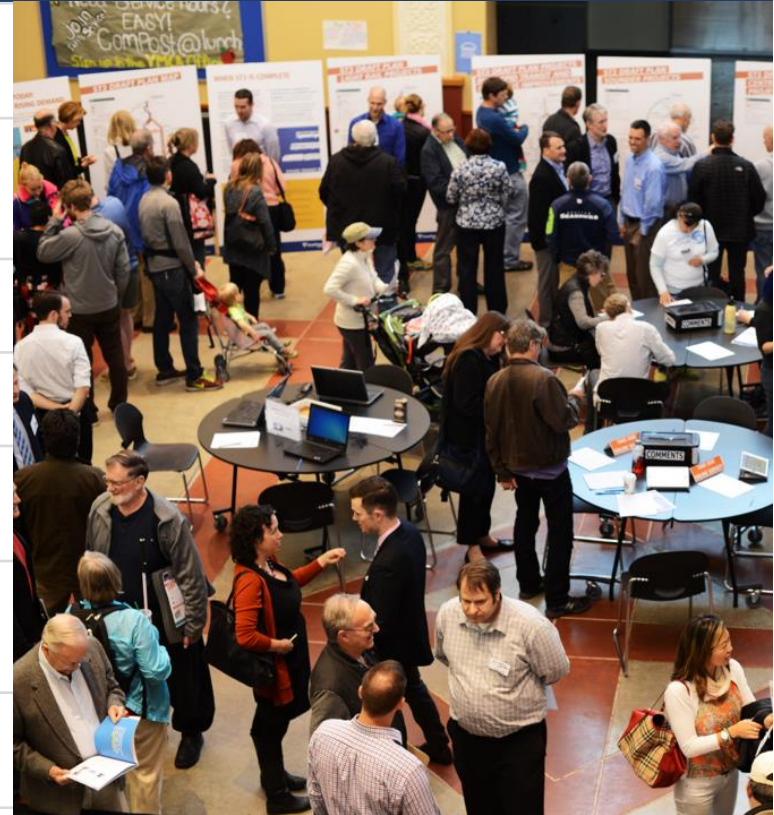
18,032 Answers to open-end survey question

>2,320 Number of written comments received

>1,250 Number of attendees at 7 public meetings

104 Number of translated surveys completed

90+ Letters/emails from jurisdictions and stakeholder organizations



Continued interest for expanded mass transit

91%

Support continued mass transit expansion (strongly or somewhat support)

88%

Prioritize light rail expansion of at least a 5 on scale of 1-7

72%

Prioritize BRT expansion of at least a 5 on scale of 1-7



Themes across the region

- **Improving project delivery timelines**
 - Opinions to expedite specific projects or order for completion
 - Needing relief from congestion now
 - Perceived lack of transit benefit, given the amount of taxes/timeline required
- **“We can’t afford to wait.”**
- A mix between advancing projects that serve high density neighborhoods first, or focusing on completing the spine.
- **People prioritize projects near their home first, but also see the benefit of a completed regional system** (e.g., “Deliver Everett faster, and complete the spine to Tacoma”).
- **Enhance access to the system**, through additional parking or by ped/bike facilities.
- Debate about **affordability of the plan**, opposition to the plan, based on income and equity for seniors/other at risk populations and existing tax strain.

Themes from Snohomish County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Lynnwood to Everett Light rail extension
- I-405 Bus Rapid Transit

Other themes from narrative comments

- Speed up delivery of light rail to Everett. Most comments prioritize the timeline to reach Everett, with no clear consensus on desired route.
- “Complete the spine” first, with reference to amount of taxes paid for Sound Transit services and projects since Sound Move

Themes from North King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Ballard to Downtown light rail extension
- West Seattle to Downtown light rail extension

Other themes from narrative comments

- Ballard to Downtown: timeline, various comments on preferred route and emphasis on grade separation (e.g., “West is Best” comments)
- Add Ballard to UW as a project
- Include 130th Street infill station as a project, not provisional
- Advance timeline for delivery of Graham Street infill station

Themes from East King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- I-405 BRT
- Bellevue/Overlake to Redmond light rail

Other themes from narrative comments

- Increased service and stations on I-405, with many references and questions to why I-405 would not have light rail
- Concerns about inclusion of a study or any transit suggestion on the Cross Kirkland Corridor; also opposition to removal of a transit project as a “missed opportunity”

Themes from South King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma light rail extension
- Parking at rail stations

Other themes from narrative comments

- Perceived need for South King to get more out of the plan, sometimes referenced as an equity issue, especially among Renton commenters
- More concern about tax structure/overall cost of plan, relative to other subareas

Themes from Pierce County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma light rail extension
- Extension of Tacoma Link to Tacoma Community College

Other themes from narrative comments

- Desire for additional Sounder service hours beyond commuter hours
- Speed up delivery of light rail to Tacoma, and extending Tacoma Link
- More concern about tax structure/overall cost of plan, relative to other subareas