The ST3 Draft Plan proposes $50 billion in projects, over the next 25 years. Projects would be paid for by a combination of new revenues, federal grants, bonds, existing Sound Transit taxes, and fares. The typical adult would pay approximately $200 per year, or $17 per month.

**New Revenues to Fund ST3 Would Include:**

- A sales tax increase of 0.5 percent ($0.50 on a $100 purchase)
- An 0.8% increase in the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) ($80 annually on a $10,000 vehicle)
- A property tax increase of 25 cents for each $1,000 of assessed valuation ($100 annually for a $400,000 house)

**Paying for Expanded Service**

**Integrating Regional and Local Services**

Sound Transit is coordinating its service planning with local transit agencies to extend the reach and frequency of transit services throughout the region. Each new rail station in the ST3 draft plan provides bus-rail and BRT transfer facilities to make customer connections easy and convenient.

**Protecting the Environment**

Regionally, transportation is the largest source of the air pollution that causes global warming. Transit helps lower pollution by providing low carbon transportation alternatives, reducing the number of vehicles on the road and supporting community development that reinforces smart regional land use goals. Transit also strengthens our region’s public health by reducing the harmful pollutants that cause serious respiratory illnesses such as asthma.

**Sources:**

- Puget Sound Regional Council
- U.S. Census Data
- 2015 WSDOT Corridor Capacity Report

**April 2016**

**Sound Transit 3**

**A Plan to Keep Our Region Moving**

The Sound Transit 3 Draft Plan is a 25-year plan to expand mass transit in the Puget Sound region. The draft plan builds upon the existing Sound Transit system that is setting ridership records year after year.

**Builds 58 miles of light rail, connecting major urban centers from Everett to Tacoma and Ballard and West Seattle to Redmond and Issaquah.**

**Establishes bus rapid transit (BRT) service on SR 522 from Woodinville to Shoreline, and I-405/SR 518 all the way from Lynnwood to Burien, with buses every 10 minutes in peak hours.**

**Extends the Sounder South line from Lakewood to DuPont to serve Joint Base Lewis/McChord and builds additional parking and access improvements at Sounder stations.**

**Improves access to transit service by building new parking spaces, and more miles of bicycle and pedestrian trails and sidewalks.**

Establishes an early deliverables program to provide mobility improvements in key corridors while longer-term projects are planned and constructed.

**1,000 New Neighbors Every Week**

Last year, our region added 52,000 people¹ and an estimated 41,000 cars². In the next 25 years our population is estimated to grow by one million people.

With this growth, more people are competing for limited road space, dramatically increasing travel time – and travel headaches. Hours of delay on the central Puget Sound region’s freeways increased by 95% between 2010 and 2015³ – that meant people were spending almost twice as much time stuck in traffic.

**January 2016**

*Source: Puget Sound Regional Council*

*¹2014 Census Data
²2015 WSDOT Corridor Capacity Report*
Sound Transit 3 will knit the region together with greater mobility in the face of tremendous population and job growth, preparing the region for continued economic growth and a sustainable future.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS**

- **Light Rail**
  - Link Light Rail to Downtown Redmond
  - Link Light Rail from Kent-Dearborn to Federal Way
  - Link Light Rail from Federal Way to the Tacoma Dome
  - Link Light Rail to West Seattle
  - Link Light Rail to Everett via Southwest Everett Industrial Center
  - Link Light Rail to Ballard
  - Link Light Rail from Bellevue to Issaquah
  - Tacoma Link Extension to Tacoma Community College
  - Infill station at Boeing Access Road (Tukwila)
  - Infill station at Graham Street (Seattle)

- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**
  - BRT on I-405 and SR 518 from Lynnwood to Burien
  - BRT on SR 522 and NE 145th Street

- **Commuter Rail**
  - Extended Sounder South service from Lakewood to DuPont
  - South Sounder Capital Improvements Program

**Planning Studies**

- High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Environmental Study: Bothell to Kirkland to Bellevue
- HCT Study: Everett to Everett College
- HCT Study: North Lake Washington
- HCT Study: Light Rail extending from West Seattle to Burien
- HCT Study: Commuter Rail to Orting

**Early Deliverables Program**

The plan includes an Early Deliverables Program that focuses on improvements to bus speed and reliability in key corridors while longer-term projects are planned and constructed. In addition to early BRT investments, other projects include proposed operation of existing bus routes on the shoulders of I-5, I-405, SR 518 and SR 167; capital investments for improved RapidRide bus service along King County Metro’s C and D lines and on Tacoma’s Pacific Avenue, and between East Pierce County and the Sumner Sounder Station; and parking expansions at the Edmonds and Mukilteo Sounder stations.

**PROJECT DELIVERY TIMELINES**

The ST3 Draft Plan outlines a bold and comprehensive series of investments that would be delivered in steady succession over 25 years, with major projects coming on line every three to five years, including a total of more than 50 new rail and BRT stations.
North Corridor

Link Light Rail
- Extends the Lynnwood Link extension that is on track for 2023 completion northward from Lynnwood to downtown Everett via I-5, SW Everett Industrial Center, and Evergreen Way, with up to eight (six plus two provisional) new stations. Riders could travel from Everett to downtown Seattle (Westlake Station) in 59 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours, with more frequent service south of Mariner park-and-ride.
- New light rail stations would serve the areas of West Alderwood Mall, Ash Way, Mariner, SR 99 (provisional), Southwest Everett Industrial Center, Evergreen, Northern Evergreen (provisional) and the area of the existing Everett Station, with parking investments at Mariner and Everett Stations.
- Funds a study of a potential future extension of light rail from downtown Everett to Everett Community College.

Sounder North Commuter Rail
- Constructs new parking and other access improvements in Edmonds and Mukilteo as early deliverables.

East Corridor

Link Light Rail
- Extends the East Link light rail line that is on track for 2023 completion, from Redmond’s Overlake area to a new station with parking serving Southeast Redmond, continuing to downtown Redmond. Riders could travel from Seattle to downtown Redmond in 42 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours.
- Establishes a new Eastside light rail line, reaching eastward from the southern edge of downtown Bellevue — with a connection via East Link to Seattle or Redmond and I-405 BRT — to Eastgate and Issaquah. Up to four new Eastside light rail stations would serve the areas of Richards Road, Eastgate near Bellevue College, Lakemont (provisional station), and Central Issaquah, with a parking facility in Central Issaquah.
- Riders could travel from downtown Bellevue to Central Issaquah in 17 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours.
- Funds a study between Bothell and Bellevue to complete environmental review for a potential future high capacity transit line, while providing Kirkland-area residents with expanded near-term transit connections via access to I-405 BRT in Central Kirkland (see BRT section on reverse).

Central Corridor

Link Light Rail
- Extends grade-separated light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle with new stations serving the stadiums, SODO, Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction areas. Riders could travel from downtown Seattle (Westlake Station) to the West Seattle Junction in 17 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours.
- Extends light rail to Ballard with a new tunnel through downtown Seattle and South Lake Union, with stations in the areas of Midtown, Denny, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Smith Cove and Interbay. Riders could travel from downtown Seattle (Westlake Station) to Ballard in 12 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours.
- Adds new stations to the existing Link line at Graham Street and the Boeing Access Road.
- Funds studies of potential future high capacity transit investments to link West Seattle with Burien. An additional study of high capacity transit across northern Lake Washington would include connections along SR 520, SR 522, Ballard to Kirkland via University of Washington, Sand Point to Kirkland, and on to Redmond and/or Bellevue.

South Corridor

Link Light Rail
- Extends grade-separated light rail in South King County from Kent/Des Moines that is on track for 2023 completion to Federal Way, with three stations in Federal Way, including parking structures at South 272nd and South Federal Way and access to the existing Federal Way Transit Center. Light rail then continues farther south through Pierce County connecting with the major transit hub at the Tacoma Dome, including a new station in East Tacoma and a new station with parking in Fife.
- Riders will be able to travel between the Tacoma Dome and the Federal Way Transit Center in 19 minutes, and from the Federal Way Transit Center to downtown Seattle (Westlake Station) in 49 minutes. Trains would run every six minutes in peak commute hours.
- Further expands Tacoma Link extension to reach Tacoma Community College, with six stations. The project would follow the current Tacoma Link expansion project to MLK Avenue that is on track to start construction in 2018.

Sounder South Commuter Rail
- Analysis and partner coordination prior to the adoption of a final ST3 measure will determine the most effective south corridor capital investments to serve more riders, including potential lengthening platforms for longer trains, and/or potential investments in tandem with BNSF to enable running more trains on an extended schedule.
- Extends Sounder South service from Lakewood to a new station at DuPont, with a station and parking facility at Tillicum, to help serve Joint Base Lewis/McChord.
- Increases parking and/or establishes other access improvements in the south corridor at Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup, Tacoma, South Tacoma, and Lakewood stations.
- Funds a study to explore future South Sounder connections to Orting.

Bus Service Capital Improvements
- Provides a capital contribution to improve bus speed, reliability and convenience along Pacific Avenue in Tacoma.
- Provides capital improvements to facilitate the efficient flow of new and expanded bus connections between cities in East Pierce County and the Sumner Sounder Station.
Multi-modal Access

The ST3 Draft Plan enhances Sound Transit’s customer access to stations. It includes funding at each station for improved access to the system, tailored to the geography, land use and population and employment density surrounding each rail station. Sound Transit is committed to providing multi-modal access to the regional transit system: non-motorized (bike and walking), transit connections with local partner services, pick-up & drop-off, and parking where appropriate. The plan includes a funding program for these improvements.

Transit-oriented Development and Affordable Housing

Transit does more than move people from place to place. Well-coordinated transit and zoning supports transit-oriented development (TOD), resulting in residential and commercial neighborhoods that are compact, efficient, diverse and walkable. The ST3 Draft Plan targets resources toward coordinated planning with cities and counties to promote development of affordable housing near stations.

Operations and Maintenance Facilities for Bus and Rail

The new bus and rail lines provided under ST3 will include new maintenance facilities located strategically around the region to ensure efficient system operations. During environmental review prior to final project decisions, Sound Transit will work with cities and counties to determine the most appropriate locations for these essential facilities.

Innovation Fund

The ST3 Draft Plan includes funds to develop new transit technologies to:

- improve rider information and fare payment;
- study impact of connected vehicle and driverless vehicle technologies;
- build partnerships with public and private mobility service providers such as bikeshare, carshare, rideshare, and shuttle services;
- increase data analysis and research to identify and solve barriers to transit use;
- develop transportation demand management strategies to increase system ridership.

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Region-wide

ST Express

- Sound Transit’s regional bus system, which led the nation in number of Commuter Bus boardings for 2015 will build ridership in key long distance corridors. ST3 would fund approximately 600,000 annual hours to continue providing interim express bus service in future HCT corridors.