

Motion No. M2022-65

Transit Development Plan 2022-2027 and 2021 Annual Report

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	8/04/2022	Recommend to Board	Don Billen, PEPD Executive Director
Board	8/25/2022	Final action	Matt Shelden, Deputy Executive Director of Planning & Integration, PEPD
			Brian de Place, Director of System Planning, PEPD

Proposed action

Approves the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2022-2027 and 2021 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Key features summary

- This action allows Sound Transit to satisfy state requirements to provide an updated Transit
 Development Plan (TDP) to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the
 Washington State Legislature.
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- This year's TDP highlights the on-going challenges associated with Covid-19 ridership recovery, transit workforce constraints and their impact on service, and the agency's accomplishments over the course of 2021. Accomplishments include opening the Northgate Link Extension and its corresponding bus restructure, the opening of Operations and Maintenance Facility East, and the agency's commitment to becoming an anti-racist organization.
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Background

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Fiscal information

Not applicable to this action.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

RCW 35.58.2795 requires a public hearing on the Transit Development Plan 2022-2027 and 2021 Annual Report. Notices for the public hearing were published in the Daily Journal of Commerce on July 21 and 28, 2022. A public hearing was held on August 4, 2022.

Time constraints

The Transit Development Plan 2022-2027 and 2021 Annual Report is due for submission to Washington State Department of Transportation on September 1, 2022. A one-month delay in Board approval would require Sound Transit to request an extension from WSDOT and any further delay may mean that updated agency information may not be available in WSDOT's state plans, annual summary, and report to the legislature.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2021-49: Approved the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Environmental review - KH 7/25/22

Legal review - AJP 7/28/22



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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 25, 2022.

Dave Somers Board Vice Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores Board Administrator

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