

Motion No. M2025-39

Transit Development Plan 2025-2030

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience & Operations Committee	08/07/2025	Recommend to Board	Marie Olson, Acting Service Delivery Deputy CEO
Board	08/28/2025	Final action	Abby Chazanow, Acting Passenger Experience Executive Director Emily Yasukochi, System and Service Planning Director Simon Tan, Transportation Planner

Proposed action

Approves the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2025-2030 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.
- The report provides an overview of the agency's current services, equipment, and facilities for all operational modes (ST Express, Sounder, T Line, and Link) as well as planned capital expenses, operating financial plans, and planned operating changes from 2025-2030, based on information known as of June 2025.
- The report also includes descriptions of how Sound Transit's strategic priorities and agency goals align with state transportation system policy goals (i.e., Preservation, Safety, Stewardship, Mobility, Economic Vitality, and Environment) along with illustrative examples of agency accomplishments from 2024 to demonstrate progress. A discussion of how the agency coordinates its activities with local jurisdictions and partner transit agencies is also included.
- The TDP references agency performance measures and targets for 2025 (such as Transit Asset Management and Safety goals), which are included per WSDOT guidelines.
- An optional element discussing ridership trends is also included this year, highlighting the continued growth in transit ridership across the region in response to recent service expansions. Notably, Sound Transit served 42 million passengers in 2024 (12% more than in 2023), thus furthering its mission to provide enhanced regional mobility for Puget Sound residents.

Background

By September 1 of each year, transit agencies are required under RCW 35.58.2795 to prepare a six-year TDP for that calendar year and the ensuing five years. The TDP must include information on how the agency's goals align with state and local long-range priorities, planned capital improvements, significant planned operating changes, a multiyear financial plan, and a list of regionally significant projects among other required elements.

The report must be filed with WSDOT, which uses TDPs to prepare the annual Washington State Summary of Public Transportation. The annual summary is reported to the Washington legislature and is an avenue by which uniform data is provided to other transit agencies, legislative transportation committees, and local and regional government bodies such as the Puget Sound Regional Council.

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 annual Transit Development Plan. A public hearing was held on August 7, 2025.

Time constraints

In accordance with RCW 35.58.2795, Sound Transit must prepare a Transit Development Plan by September 1 of each year. A 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 records such as the Washington State Summary of Public Transportation.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2024-52: Approved the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2024-2029 to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Environmental review – KH 7/21/25

Legal review – AJP 7/28/25

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2025-2030 to the Washington State Department of Transportation is approved.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

Dave Somers
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator