



Motion No. M2021-49

Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	9/02/2021	Recommend to Board	Don Billen, PEPD Executive Director
Board	9/23/2021	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 2021-2026 and 2020 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.
- The Annual Report document describes Sound Transit's progress and accomplishments in 2020. The Annual Report also includes a description of Sound Transit's organizational structure, a description of agency services, and a list of planned activities from 2021 to 2026.
- The Transit Development Plan contains information as to how Sound Transit intends to meet state and local long-range priorities for public transportation, capital improvements, significant operating changes planned for the system, and how it intends to fund its program needs.
- This year's TDP provides insight into the agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides a summary of Sound Transit's realignment effort. Realignment, established to account for losses in revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as, cost increases due to surging real estate and construction costs, was adopted by the Sound Transit Board on August 5, 2021. The plan will serve as a framework for delivering agency system expansions in an efficient and affordable manner.

Background

Transit agencies are required under RCW 35.58.2795 to submit an updated six-year Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation every year. The information transmitted in the TDP is part of the state transit-planning requirement for all public transit agencies and identifies projects of regional significance to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for that region. WSDOT's Public Transportation Division then prepares the Annual Summary of Public Transportation to present an overview of state transportation investments to the Washington legislature. The Annual Summary also provides uniform data to transit providers, the legislative transportation committees, and local and regional governments.

Sound Transit's TDP 2021-2026 includes Sound Transit's proposed program to meet state and local priorities, including capital improvements under Sound Move, Sound Transit 2, and Sound Transit 3; operating changes; and Sound Transit's plan to fund existing program needs over the next six years.

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 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report. Notices for the public hearing were published in the Daily Journal of Commerce on August 19 and 26, 2021. A public hearing was held on September 2, 2021.

Time constraints

In accordance with RCW 35.58.2795, Sound Transit is required to submit an updated Transit Development Plan each year. Sound Transit has requested and received approval for a one-month extension from the original August 31, 2021 submittal deadline. An additional delay in Board approval 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. M2020-52: Approved the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2020-2025 and 2019 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Environmental review – KH 8/24/21

Legal review – AJP 8/25/21



Motion No. M2021-49

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority approving the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Background

Transit agencies are required under RCW 35.58.2795 to submit an updated six-year Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation every year. The information transmitted in the TDP is part of the state transit-planning requirement for all public transit agencies and identifies projects of regional significance to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for that region. WSDOT's Public Transportation Division then prepares the Annual Summary of Public Transportation to present an overview of state transportation investments to the Washington legislature. The Annual Summary also provides uniform data to transit providers, the legislative transportation committees, and local and regional governments.

Sound Transit's TDP 2021-2026 includes Sound Transit's proposed program to meet state and local priorities, including capital improvements under Sound Move, Sound Transit 2, and Sound Transit 3; operating changes; and Sound Transit's plan to fund existing program needs over the next six years.

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 Annual Report document describes Sound Transit's progress and accomplishments in 2020. The Annual Report also includes a description of Sound Transit's organizational structure, a description of agency services, and a list of planned activities from 2021 to 2026.

The Transit Development Plan contains information as to how Sound Transit intends to meet state and local long-range priorities for public transportation, capital improvements, significant operating changes planned for the system, and how it intends to fund its program needs.

This year's TDP provides insight into the agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides a summary of Sound Transit's realignment effort. Realignment, established to account for losses in revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as, cost increases due to surging real estate and construction costs, was adopted by the Sound Transit Board on August 5, 2021. The plan will serve as a framework for delivering agency system expansions in an efficient and affordable manner.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2021-2026 and 2020 Annual Report 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 _____.

Kent Keel
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator