

Proposed Board member amendment to Motion No. M2025-36 for consideration at the August 28, 2025 Board meeting. Text shown underlined in blue would be added, and text shown crossed-out in blue would be removed.

Proposed Amendment

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| 1 | Page 1-2 | <p>Amend the fifth paragraph of the background section as follows:</p> <p>Since the last updates to the Long-Range Plan (2014) and System Plan (2016), much has changed for Sound Transit and other large public agencies due to lower-than-expected revenues, rising costs across capital and service delivery, post-pandemic ridership patterns, and ongoing uncertainty around tariffs and federal funding commitments. Board action is needed to address ST3 affordability challenges and operate a dependable, resilient, and safe system.</p> <p>As the region faces new challenges and uncertainty, the fundamental benefits of the Sound Transit system remain clear—the region’s population has continued to grow along with the need for high-capacity transit to meet this growth.</p> <p>In times of economic stress, Sound Transit’s projects serve as a critical engine for regional stability—creating family-wage jobs, stimulating economic activity, and keeping the region moving forward.</p> <p>Sound Transit services link people to jobs, schools, healthcare, and essential services. With reliable, congestion-free travel times, light rail gives riders more predictability and freedom from the gridlock that clogs our roads.</p> <p>Strengthening connections between cities and counties, <u>and major employment and population centers</u>, Sound Transit drives economic growth, expands opportunity, and supports a cleaner, more resilient Puget Sound region.</p> <p>At the Board Retreat on May 29, 2025, the Board discussed the importance of an agencywide, comprehensive approach that goes beyond capital delivery. The Enterprise Initiative will be a comprehensive effort touching planning, capital, operations, maintenance, and finance to ensure Sound Transit is meeting both current and future regional mobility needs.</p> <p>If the agency does not take proactive measures via this Enterprise Initiative, the ST3 program will become unaffordable, and we risk our ability to operate a dependable, resilient, and safe system.</p> <p>And,</p> | Bruce Harrell |

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| | | <p>Amend Section 4 of the motion as follows:</p> <p><u>Section 4:</u> The framework should build on ST3 performance characteristics and project-specific evaluation measures to be inclusive of the following principles to help inform the Board on how to best achieve the planned outcomes of the Enterprise Initiative work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance Regional Connectivity – Our region’s voters have had the long-range vision to build a safe, dependable, and resilient mass transit system to serve our population and job centers. Completing the regional transit spine is central to that vision of connecting communities with high-capacity transit. As we look toward building an affordable system, our decisions should be grounded on what benefits the whole region and best achieve the objectives of the ST3 Plan. We are at our best when we think and act as one region. • <u>Support Future Growth – Maintaining and growing ridership depends on connecting potential riders to their homes, jobs, schools, special events, and other activities. Aligning our investments with current land use and future growth will accrue benefits to the region’s economic, environmental, and equity goals. The region’s transit riders and voters have entrusted Sound Transit with their ridership and tax dollars and the investments that we prioritize should engender broad future support for the system’s operations, maintenance, and expansion.</u> • Prioritize the Passenger Experience – Passengers must be at the center of our decision making. We must make decisions that will prioritize the riders’ experience, maximize opportunities for connections and ridership, keep everyone safe, and ensure our system is dependable. Our decisions must allow the riders to have facilities that meet their needs, easy transfers, hassle free payment of fares, and minimal disruptions. • Protect Public Investments with Fiscal Integrity – Taxpayers work hard for their money, and we must be careful stewards of public resources. That means actively seeking cost savings and efficiencies wherever possible, maintaining strong oversight and accountability, understanding the trade-offs behind every decision, and spending responsibly to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of our regional transit system. <p>The above principles will guide the Board in its work to deliver an affordable, dependable, resilient, and safe high-capacity transit system that puts riders first.</p> | |