



Motion No. M2025-57

A motion of the System Expansion Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority recommending that the portions of the Proposed 2026 Budget and Transit Improvement Plan reviewed by the System Expansion Committee be forwarded by the Finance and Audit Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Background

Sound Transit is developing and operating regional transit infrastructure through three major voter-approved programs: Sound Move approved in 1996, Sound Transit 2 (ST2) approved in 2008, and Sound Transit 3 (ST3) approved in 2016. Transit infrastructure planning, design, and construction account for the majority of the agency's annual budget.

Section 1.

System Expansion annual project budgets in the Proposed 2026 Budget, excluding System Expansion – Other, total \$1,879.144 million.

Proposed 2026 Annual Budget	
System Expansion Projects* (in thousands)	
System Expansion – Link	912,133
System Expansion – Sounder	109,451
System Expansion – Regional Express	1,643
System Expansion – STRIDE	709,826
System Expansion – Tacoma Link	4,753
System Expansion – Indirect	141,338
Proposed Budget Total	\$1,879,144

*Excluding System Expansion – Other.
Numbers may not add correctly due to rounding.

Section 2.

The Proposed 2026 TIP includes changes to the authorized project allocation for the following System Expansion Modal projects (excluding System Expansion – Systemwide):

Summary of Changes for System Expansion Modal Projects

Change Category (\$ in Thousands)	Total Authorized Allocation
2025 Adopted TIP	21,990,821
Board Actions through September 2025	1,830,410
Closed Projects	(214,607)
New Projects	-
Existing Projects with Changes	483,161
Subtotal 2026 Proposed TIP - Sys Expansion Modal	24,089,785

Proposed 2026 TIP Changes to Authorized Allocation for System Expansion Modal

Project (\$ in thousands)	2025 Adopted Authorized Allocation + Approved Budget Amendments through Sept 2025	Proposed Allocation Change	Proposed Authorized Project Allocation
Closed Projects			
(P300017) PUYALLUP STATION IMPROVEMENTS	81,877	(81,877)	-
(P400007) FIRST HILL STREETCAR	132,730	(132,730)	-
Subtotal Closed Projects	214,607	(214,607)	-
Existing Projects with Changes			
(P300056) SOUNDER SOUTH CAPACITY EXPN	43,350	8,089	51,439
(P300136) TDS PARKING AND ACCESS IMPROV	880	50	930
(P400136) GRAHAM ST INFILL STATION	4,218	7,936	12,154
(P400137) BOEING ACCESS RD INFILL STN	9,399	11,039	20,438
(P0X003) SYSTEM EXPANSION PROJECTS INDIRECT COST	1,323,359	456,047	1,779,407
Subtotal Existing Project with Changes	1,381,206	483,161	1,864,368
Total	1,595,814	268,554	1,864,368

The Proposed 2026 Transit Improvement Plan is the cumulative total of authorized project allocations for all active projects. The total is \$26.8 billion.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the System Expansion Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the System Expansion portions of the Proposed 2026 Budget and Transit Improvement Plan that are within the committee's purview are recommended to the Finance and Audit Committee to forward to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

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

Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator