

Motion No. M2026-43

A motion of the Executive Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority recommending that the portions of the 2027 Proposed Budget and Transit Improvement Plan reviewed by the Executive 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.

The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing the Debt Service and System Expansion – Other portions of the 2027 Proposed Budget and Transit Improvement Plan. The System Expansion – Other category is inclusive of projects or programs related to System Expansion that are not assigned to a single mode, and instead support all transit modes. (Examples include ST Art, Fare Administration, and TOD Planning.)

Section 1.

System Expansion – Other annual project budgets in the Proposed 2027 Budget total \$93.8 million:

Proposed 2027 Budget

System Expansion – Other Annual Project Budgets (in thousands)

System Expansion-Other	93,835
Proposed Budget Total	\$ 93,835

Section 2.

Debt Service annual budgets in the Proposed 2027 Budget total \$234.8 million:

Proposed 2027 Budget

Debt Service (in thousands)

Debt Service	234,769
Proposed Budget Total	\$ 234,769

Section 3.

The following table is a summary for informational purposes of the changes from the 2026 Adopted Transit Improvement Plan to arrive at the 2027 Proposed Adopted Transit Improvement Plan, organized by the Sound Transit Board committees and projects under their purview.

The Proposed 2027 TIP for System Expansion – Other projects is \$762.9 million, which includes \$29.0 million in proposed changes to existing projects and \$66.6 million in proposed new projects. The Proposed 2027 TIP for all active projects, inclusive of all System Expansion and Service Delivery Programs and Projects, is \$26.0 billion.

Change Category (\$ in Thousands)	Authorized Allocation: System Expansion- Modal	Authorized Allocation: System Expansion- Other	Authorized Allocation: Service Delivery Programs	Total Authorized Allocation
2026 Adopted TIP	24,149,785	639,773	2,110,592	26,900,150
Board Actions through October 2026	1,530,767	27,503	0	1,558,270
Closed Projects & Programs	(2,773,093)	0	0	(2,773,093)
Existing Projects & Programs with Changes	(86,198)	28,995	309,298	66,580
New Projects & Programs	0	66,580	0	252,095
Total 2027 Proposed TIP	\$22,821,261	\$762,852	\$2,419,889	\$26,004,002

**Note: numbers may not add correctly due to rounding.*

The Proposed 2027 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP) will include changes to the authorized project allocation for the System Expansion – Other projects as shown in the table below. This table represents only projects or programs that are new, closed, or have proposed changes. (It does not include the authorized allocation for projects that have no changes.)

Proposed 2027 TIP Changes to Authorized Project Allocation

Project (\$ in Thousands)	2026 Adopted Authorized Allocation	Proposed Allocation Change	Proposed Authorized Project Allocation
Existing Projects with Changes			
(P600143) ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION	13,493	25,322	38,815
(P804302) TOD PLANNING PROGRAM CAPITAL	41,786	3,393	45,179
(P6X668) ST ART	161,699	281	161,980
Subtotal Existing Projects with Changes	\$216,978	\$28,995	\$245,974
New Projects			
(P800129) PROJECT CLOSEOUT ACTIVITY	0	5,080	5,080
(P600112) REGIONAL PARKING FUND	0	33,000	33,000
(P600040) HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STUDIES	0	28,500	28,500
Subtotal New Projects	\$0	\$66,580	\$66,580
Total	\$216,978	\$95,575	\$312,554

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Executive Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the System Expansion-Other and Debt Service portions of the 2027 Proposed Budget and Transit Improvement Plan are recommended to the Finance and Audit Committee to forward to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

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

Dave Somers
Executive Committee Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator