2027 State Legislative Agenda

Motion No. M2026-44

Board of Directors
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Why we are here:

Provide a brief overview and request approval of ***Motion No. M2026-44***:

- Adopt the Sound Transit 2027 State Legislative Agenda
- Directs staff to evaluate and engage in issues that impact the Agency

Proposed 2027 State Legislative Agenda

- Ensure **the safe and cost-effective delivery of Sound Transit capital projects and transit operations.**

- Support policies that enable Sound Transit to fully utilize financing tools such as **75-year, low-interest loans** through the federal TIFIA program (*2026 SB 6148*).

- Build on passage of SB 6309 and continue to speed up permitting with a comprehensive **Transit Construction Permitting Reform** package that improves processes, saves time, and cuts costs.

Proposed 2027 State Legislative Agenda

- Support policies that improve passenger experience, safety and operational reliability such as legislation that **limits copper wire theft.**

- Develop and retain a **strong, vibrant workforce** in Washington State.

- Develop and expand availability **of affordable housing and support Sound Transit's transit-oriented development program**.

Proposed 2027 State Legislative Agenda

- Support policies that enable Sound Transit to **improve contracting methods.**

- Protect state funding to support delivery of transit statewide, Sound Transit projects, and access to Sound Transit services**.**

- **Oppose legislation that increases the costs** of transit improvements and services**, negatively impacts funding**, or otherwise impairs the agency's ability to deliver the voter-approved regional high-capacity transit program.

Thank you.

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