

# *Sustainability Plan*



## 2026 – 2030

*Executive Committee*

2/5/2026





# Purpose

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Ask the Executive Committee to *recommend Motion No. M2026-06* for approval at the February Sound Transit Board Meeting.

## Motion No. M2026-06:

*Adopting the 2026-2030 Sustainability Plan, directing the CEO to implement the commitments contained in the plan, and pledging specific goals for the agency to strengthen its decarbonization efforts.*



# Agenda

## Overview of 2026-2030 Sustainability Plan

- Defining sustainability & successes to date
- Sustainability Plan approach and new goals
- Funding for the long-term
- Motion & next steps

*Defining sustainability  
and success to date*

# *Sustainability at ST is holistic*



*Sustainable business practices and strategies will be integrated throughout the Sound Transit organization, including planning, designing, constructing, and operating existing and new transit systems and facilities.*

*Executive Order No. 1, 2007.*



# *Evolution of focus*

## **2019 – 2024 Sustainability Plan**

- ST3 sustainability programs.
- Sustainable design criteria & requirements.
- Zero emissions feasibility.
- New agency programs.

## **2026 – 2030 Sustainability Plan**

- Green building focus on embodied emissions.
- Zero emissions implementation.
- Climate resilience for existing system.
- Sustainable construction for all contractors.

# *Annually measuring and reporting progress*



## Major accomplishments since 2019 Plan:

### KPIs

- 16% reduction in GHG (2018-2024).
- 9% reduction in facilities energy use (2018-2024, pre-2018 buildings).
- Zero fineable environmental compliance violations.
- 5+% reduction in 4 of 5 Criteria Air Pollutants.

# *2026-2030 Sustainability Plan approach and new goals*

# 2026 - 2030 Sustainability Plan themes



Advance equity



Build sustainable infrastructure  
& operate resiliently



Continually improve agency  
governance & business practices



Grow ridership &  
strengthen communities



Protect & restore the  
environment



Reduce air pollution &  
GHG emissions

# Strengthening fleet decarbonization.

## Goal:

Achieve zero emissions fleets by 2050.

## Action items:

- Sunset purchases of fossil fuel-powered revenue fleet vehicles by 2030.
- Achieve GHG-neutral Link light rail service.
- Convert 30% (at minimum) of non-revenue fleet to zero emissions.
- Design a zero-emissions Sounder locomotive pilot.



# Enhancing agency resiliency and reliability

**Goal:** Build agency resilience to climate change and natural hazards.

**Action Item:** Update Climate Resilience Plan for the existing system.

**Goal:** Ensure safety and continuity of service during power outages.

**Action Item:** Establish a work plan to upgrade traction power facilities.



# Prioritizing multimodal station access initiatives.

## Goal:

Expand multimodal access to Sound Transit stations.

## Action items:

- Revise the *Nonmotorized Station Access Allowance* and *Station Access Funds*' criteria to ID the highest value projects.
- Create a coordinated, cross-county paratransit system for riders with disabilities.
- Advance public EV charging access at Sound Transit facilities and participate in regional collaboration.



# Advancing equity with a focus on the contracting community.

## Goal:

Provide support and resources for small and disadvantaged contractors.

## Action item:

- Connect small and disadvantaged contractors to resources to upgrade their equipment to reduce construction related emissions.



*Funding for the long-term*

# *ST funds sustainability for the long-term*

## **ST3 Sustainability Cost Allocation**

- \$133M (2025\$) remaining for ST3 projects that have not yet been baselined.

## **ST3 Efficiency and Sustainability Fund**

- \$25M over life of ST3.



# *Sustainability investments*

## Save money and generate revenue

### Resource Conservation savings:

- \$913,000 in 2024
- \$9.3M over projects' lifetimes

### WA Clean Fuel Standard revenue:

- \$1.96M in under 3 years of program
- 2026 projection \$1M



**\$6.7M**  
Fleet upgrade  
projects



**\$500K**  
Irrigation  
projects



**\$351K**  
Facilities upgrade  
projects



**\$84K**  
Solar  
installations



**\$1.6M**  
LED lighting  
Upgrade projects

*Motion & next steps*

# **Motion No. M2026-06**

**Section 1: Directs CEO to implement the 2026- 2030 Sustainability Plan as outlined**

**Section 2: Directs CEO to implement decarbonization goals and fleet management commitments.**

- Fleets and facilities GHG neutral by 2030; Fleets and facilities carbon free by 2050.
- Sunset fossil fuel revenue fleet purchases in 2030.
- Convert 30% NRV Fleet to zero emissions by 2030.

**Section 3: Directs internal and external alignment**

- Align zero emissions transition with partner agencies;
- Integrate zero emissions into agency's long-range system and finance plans.



# Next steps

## Recommendation and final approval

- Today, we ask for *recommendation to approve* Motion No. M2026-06 to the full Board of Directors Meeting on 2/26.
- Seek approval at February Board of Directors meeting - 2/26.



**Champion sustainability**  
**It's what we do, and how we do it.**

*Thank you.*



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