System Access Fund

Motion No. M2019-97 Awarding first round of funds

9/26/2019
Why we are here

• Recap of System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects
• Summarize public comment and online open house input
• Review Executive Committee recommendations
• Action to award first round of System Access Funds
System Access Fund

What is it?

• The major piece of the $100M ST3 System Access Program that is divided equally between the five sub-areas ($20M per subarea)
• Intended to fund projects such as:
  - safe sidewalks
  - protected bike lanes
  - shared use paths
  - improved bus-rail integration
  - new pick-up and drop-off areas
Approach for Fund Administration

- Conduct a call for projects in 2019
  » Call opened Feb 19 and closed Apr 12
- Make between $0-$10M per subarea available
  » Program funds between 2019-2025
- Received 53 applications from 33 jurisdictions requesting more than $86M
How will projects be chosen?

• Initial Sound Transit evaluation
  » Policy criteria: customer experience, equity, connectivity, safety & human health
  » Technical criteria: funding plan, delivery plan
  » A high, medium, or low rating for each criteria
  » An overall rating of highly recommended, recommended, or not recommended for each project

• Public comment period for rider and resident input (open July 26-August 23, 2019)

• Board action to award funds
Public Comment Summary
Public Comment Period Summary

Input received

- Online open house available between July 26-August 23
  » 2,659 project-specific survey responses
  » 519 evaluation criteria survey responses
  » 409 open-ended comments
- Two comment letters
- 56 letters of support
Public Comment Period Summary

Project-specific survey responses

• Respondents could rate projects as Very Important, Important, or Not Important
• Results largely aligned with Sound Transit’s evaluation ratings
• Project-specific survey responses ranged from 119 to 657
Executive Committee
Recommendations by Subarea
Snohomish

- Edmonds: $1.85M
- Everett: $1.9M
- Lynnwood: $2.5M
- Mountlake Terrace: $500K
- Mukilteo: $764K
- Snohomish County: $1M

Total: $8,514,000
North King

- Seattle: $3.3M
- Shoreline: $3.7M
- King County Metro: $100K

Total: $7,100,000
East King

- Bellevue: $1M
- Bothell: $825K
- Kenmore: $1.5M
- King County Parks: $3M
- King County Metro: $250K
- Redmond: $1.165M
- Renton: $1M

Total: $8,740,242
South King

- Auburn: $1.625M
- Des Moines: $1.985M
- Federal Way: $730K
- Kent: $274K
- King County Metro: $50K
- City of SeaTac: $500K
- City of Tukwila: $2.431M

Total: $7,594,683
Pierce

- Bonney Lake: $662K
- Lakewood: $1.04M
- Pierce County: $2M
- Puyallup: $156K
- Sumner: $1.327M
- Tacoma: $3.5M

Total: $8,684,931
Overall Summary

• 27 jurisdictions receive an award
• 30 applications are fully or partially funded
  » 26 will support construction of physical improvements
  » 4 are for design only
• $40.6M in total across the Sound Transit District
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**Following Board action:**

- Staff will develop funding agreements with identified jurisdictions
- Agreements will identify terms and conditions for awarding funds
- Annual updates to the Executive Committee on project implementation
- Discussion of future rounds as part of System Access Policy update – to begin later this year