



Sound Transit 2026 Environmental and Sustainability Targets

Supporting people, planet and prosperity

Sustainability provides future generations with a tomorrow that's better than today.

Sustainability is a core mission at Sound Transit. The agency encourages sustainability by providing affordable, environmentally friendly travel options that connect people to where they live, work and play. Delivering transit projects and services also helps foster a healthy environment, community and economy.

To reflect these values, the agency built its Sustainability Plan and annual targets around our six themes of advancing equity, building sustainable infrastructure and operating resiliently, continually improving agency governance and business practices, growing ridership and strengthening communities, protecting and restoring the environment, and reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2026, Sound Transit will carry out a wide range of sustainability projects. This year's sustainability efforts focus on community development, improving agency resilience, conserving energy and initiating the zero emissions transition for fleets. The decisions made today will keep sustainability part of Sound Transit's system for years to come.

Help **People** move freely and affordably by providing regional transit service.

Promote stewardship that conserves the **Planet**'s natural environment.

Support community **Prosperity** by providing affordable mobility and access to opportunity.



Environmental and Sustainability Management System

Sound Transit's internationally certified Environmental and Sustainability Management System implements the agency's Sustainability Plan. Since 2007, Sound Transit has been among a select number of transit agencies nationwide to achieve and retain certification to the ISO 14001 standard. This system holds the agency accountable for identifying and controlling environmental impacts, setting and achieving objectives and targets, and demonstrating continual improvements in performance.



For more information visit soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/environment-sustainability.

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Advance equity

- Launch four new equity and inclusion trainings.

Grow ridership and strengthen communities

- Break ground on approximately 550 units of affordable housing.
- Launch open payment to expand fare payment options.
- Support sustainability engagement activities at the Crosslake opening.
- Begin development of a coordinated cross county paratransit system.

Builds sustainable infrastructure and operates resiliently

- Launch Climate Resilience Plan for the existing system.
- Establish a work plan to upgrade traction power facilities.
- Develop a Life Cycle Analysis guidance document.
- Identify a carbon emission reduction target for pour-in-place concrete.

Protect and restore the environment

- Conduct a waste management audit across selected facilities and identify priority actions for reduction and diversion.
- Launch a pilot revegetation project on selected parcels to improve ecological function.

Continually improve agency governance and business practices

- Launch agencywide psychological safety training.
- Revise Efficiency and Sustainability Program ESMS Procedure to align with Sustainability Plan.

Reduce air pollution and GHG emissions

- Receive delivery of the agency's first battery electric pilot bus.
- Initiate the design of a zero-emission locomotive pilot project.
- Standardize technical specifications for electric vehicle infrastructure and solar power projects.
- Participate in Breaking Barriers' Fleet Electrification Accelerator to support zero emissions transition for non-revenue fleet.
- Define an energy use intensity (EUI) metric for facilities.
- Evaluate facility energy decarbonization pathways for the Building Emission Performance Standard.

