



2027 Budget investments

A safe, clean, welcoming ride every day

Our passengers are our priority, and they deserve a great experience onboard and at our stops and stations. Continued investments will include:

- High visibility security, fare ambassador, and station manager staff presences on vehicles and at our facilities, including the Westlake Customer Service Center, Union Station, and Lynnwood City Center Station activation.
- Tracking systemwide safety metrics to improve feedback loops. Through September 2026, we have seen positive trends with passenger injuries down by 32%, transit worker assaults down by 21%, and at-grade crossing collisions down by 10%.
- Advancing regional transit safety through the King County Regional Safety Task Force, working with transit agencies, local jurisdictions, public safety, labor, and community partners to deliver a regional Transit Safety Action Plan, targeted for early 2027.
- Prioritizing a consistently clean and cared-for passenger environment, with high standards for cleaning and maintenance standards established in 2026 and new cleaning tech pilots in 2027.



Expansion Milestones

Following the opening of all major ST2 light rail expansion projects, the agency continues to advance expansion projects promised to voters, with \$2.3 billion in planned capital project spending in 2027.

- The May System Plan Update (R2026-11) sets out the direction for the agency's continued system expansion plans.
- Sounder garages expected to open at Sumner, Kent, and Auburn stations in 2027.
- Major Link projects (\$1.4B in 2027):
 - OMF South completing design and entering early works construction in advance of expected baseline in early 2028
 - West Seattle advancing to final design and completing its application for federal grant funding
 - Ballard Link, Everett Link, and Tacoma Link extensions are expected to publish their final environmental impact statement.
- Major Stride Bus Rapid Transit projects (\$587M in 2027):
 - The Renton and Burien transit centers for I-405 Bus Rapid Transit, as well as the Bus Maintenance Facility, are anticipated to reach substantial completion in late 2027
 - Many platforms will be delivered for the SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit line.



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Continued progress on modernizing the existing downtown Seattle transit tunnel.

Asset Life Cycle Management

An additional \$221 million in Service Delivery projects are planned as the agency focuses on lifecycle maintenance and investments that keep the system safe and reliable. Priorities include:

- Preservation of vehicles, systemwide facilities and structures, including the I-90 corridor bridges and tunnels.
- Data-driven condition-based maintenance, including inventory of the agency's assets, assessment of asset conditions, and automated monitoring pilots to gather information about asset performance.
- Clearing the backlog of work identified through condition assessments and bringing assets to a state of good repair. The agency now has over \$18.5B in asset values in service, a 40% increase over the last 4 years (2022-2025).
- Safety improvements as part of the at-grade crossing program, including construction of pilot pedestrian gates at Royal Brougham Crossing, final design of pilot pedestrian gates at Othello and Columbia City, and preliminary engineering for pilot pedestrian gates at Rainier Beach.
- Continued progress on modernizing the existing downtown Seattle transit tunnel by replacing the cable feeder, and upgrading emergency ventilation systems, emergency egress, and access control.
- Prioritizing systemwide resiliency, by modernizing traction power electrification, adding backup generators, improving system integration, and installing remote monitoring.

May 2026 System Plan Update

Sound Transit's 2027 budget reflects the priorities and direction laid out in Resolution R2026-11, with new projects established.

Projects currently underway with milestones upcoming in 2027 include:

- West Seattle Link Extension, Ballard Link Extension, Everett Link Extension, Tacoma Dome Link extension, and ST Express Bus Base. Spending is expected to ramp up for ST3 significantly above 2026 spending.

New projects established by Resolution No. 2026-11 reflected and funded in the TIP include:

- \$10 million allocated to Renton Transit Center garage to advance preliminary engineering.
- \$28.5 million allocated to High-Capacity Transit Studies to complete corridor and long-range planning studies.
- \$33 million allocated to the Regional Parking fund to activate public private partnership opportunities and prepare for partner agency requests.