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Exhibit A

Project Tiers

Project tiers establish Board priorities for scheduling and managing system expansion program work. The tiers and currently estimated completion date for each project are depicted in Table 1. The work plan to implement and enable potential improvement to the schedules in Table 1, as determined achievable in the annual program review, is as follows:

Tier 1: Develop – These projects will be move forward to be ready for construction by completing environmental review, design & ROW acquisition as close to the original ST3 schedule as reasonably possible. Before approving construction, a project’s affordability will be reviewed by the Board at the regional and subarea level.

- Bus Base North
- Link OMF South & OMF North
- Tacoma Dome Link (no parking)
- Lynnwood – Southwest Everett (no parking)
- Alaska Junction-SODO Link
- I-405 Stride South (no parking)
- SR-522/145th Stride (no parking)
- Kent, Auburn, Sumner, S Tacoma & Lakewood Parking & Access
- Tacoma Link to TCC

Tier 2: Plan & Prepare – These projects will be kept shovel ready by progressing through environmental review as close to the original ST3 schedule as reasonably possible. Design and ROW acquisition and preparation for project baselining will occur as determined affordable in the annual program review. These projects are the highest priority for additional financial capacity in order to be delivered earlier than currently affordable.

- 2nd Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel
- SODO-Smith Cove Link & Smith Cove-Ballard Link
- Southwest Everett - Everett Link (no parking)
- I-405 Stride North (no parking)
- NE 130th St., Graham St. & Boeing Access Rd. Link Infill Stations
- S Kirkland-Issaquah Link

Tier 3: Plan – These projects will be kept shovel ready by progressing through environmental review as close to the original ST3 schedule as reasonably possible. Limited design and strategic ROW acquisition will occur until the annual program review determines that these projects are within a few years of potential project baselining, at which point full design and ROW acquisition will be authorized. These projects are a priority for additional capacity after financial delay on projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 is eliminated.

- Sounder Maintenance Base
- Sounder Platform Extensions, Access Improvements & Added Trips
- DuPont Sounder Extension

Tier 4: Keep Ready – These projects will remain funded in the agency finance plan but further development will be paused, unless portions of the project are directly linked to a project in Tier 1, 2, or 3. For instance, parking that is deferred on a high capacity transit extension may still be evaluated in

the environmental review for the extension. These projects are priority for additional capacity only after financial delay on other projects in Tier 1, 2, and 3 is eliminated.

- Everett Link & Tacoma Dome Link Parking
- I-405 & SR-522/145th Stride Parking
- Edmonds & Mukilteo Parking & Access
- N Sammamish P&R
- Remaining RapidRide C/D Improvements
- SR-162 Bus Improvements
- Bus-on-Shoulder Improvements
- ST2 Bus Base

Table 1: Currently estimated completion dates for projects by tier

	Tier 1 ≤ 2 years delay	Tier 2 ≤ 6 years delay	Tier 3 ≤ 9 years delay	Tier 4 10+ years delay
System	Bus Base North (2025) OMF South (2029) OMF North (2035)	2 nd Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (2038)	Souder Maintenance Base (2034)	ST2 Bus Base (2045) Bus-on-Shoulder (2045)
North	Lynnwood – Southwest Everett Link NP (2038)	Southwest Everett - Everett NP (2042)		Edmonds & Mukilteo (2034) Everett Link Parking (2046)
East	I-405 Stride South NP (2026) SR-522/145 th Stride NP (2026)	I-405 Stride North NP (2027) S Kirkland- Issaquah (2045)		I-405 Stride Parking (2034) SR-522/145 th Stride Parking (2034) N Sammamish P&R (2045)
Central	Alaska Jct-SODO Link (2032)	SODO-Smith Cove (2038) Smith Cove- Ballard (2040) NE 130 th Infill (2037) Graham St. Infill (2037)		RapidRide C/D (2045)
South	Kent, Auburn & Sumner (2025) Tacoma Dome Link NP* (2032) Lakewood, S Tacoma (2032) TCC Tacoma Link (2041)	Boeing Access Rd. Infill (2037)	Souder platforms & access (2036) Souder added trips (2045) DuPont Souder (2045)	Tacoma Dome Link Parking (2040) SR-162 Bus Investments (2045)

NP = no parking *includes Tacoma Dome Parking & Access project