

A low-angle, close-up photograph of a white and blue Sound Transit train. The train is moving from left to right, with its windows and doors visible. The blue stripe on the side of the train is prominent. The background shows a station platform with a glass roof structure.

Parking Permit Program Expansion

Operations and Administration Committee

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Overview

ST operates approximately 11,800 parking spaces across 37 parking facilities*

- Spaces are 93% occupied at unencumbered lots**
- 20 locations are above 90% occupied
- 12 locations are above 100% occupied



*Includes owned and leased lots

**October 2017 counts

Parking permit program highlights

System-wide parking program:

- Phase 1: Carpool / HOV permits – *Implemented 2016*
- Phase 2: Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) permits – *Next step*
- Phase 3: Daily parking fees – *Future proposal for Board consideration*



Permit eligibility:

- Transit riders - regular use required after permit issued in order to renew
 - HOV permits: 2+ transit riders

Parking permit program elements today



HOV permit program locations

Facility selection criteria:

- ST has full authority to manage parking
- $\geq 97\%$ full for three consecutive months
- And/or parking provided to serve a Link station

Permits required:

- M-F during a.m. rush hours
- Open for general use after rush hour M-F and on weekends
- For up to 50% of spaces at facility

Proposed elements for program expansion

1. SOV parking permit pricing

- Range: \$15/mo (administrative cost coverage) to \$90/mo (market rate on average around permitted facilities)

2. Facility selection criteria

- $\geq 90\%$ full for three consecutive months

3. HOV permit price

- \$0.00 for potential inclusion of encumbered lots

4. Reduced permit price for ORCA LIFT pass holders

- Range: \$0.00 to 50% of SOV permit price

5. Phase in permit parking zone gradually up to 50% of lot

- ## 6. Analyze feasibility of providing permits only for RTA taxpayers or apply 'out-of-district' fee



Regional coordination

Transit Executives this fall (2017) provided direction to reconvene parking coordination group at Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to:

- Understand restrictions to parking management based on funding sources
- Coordinate long-term parking management strategies

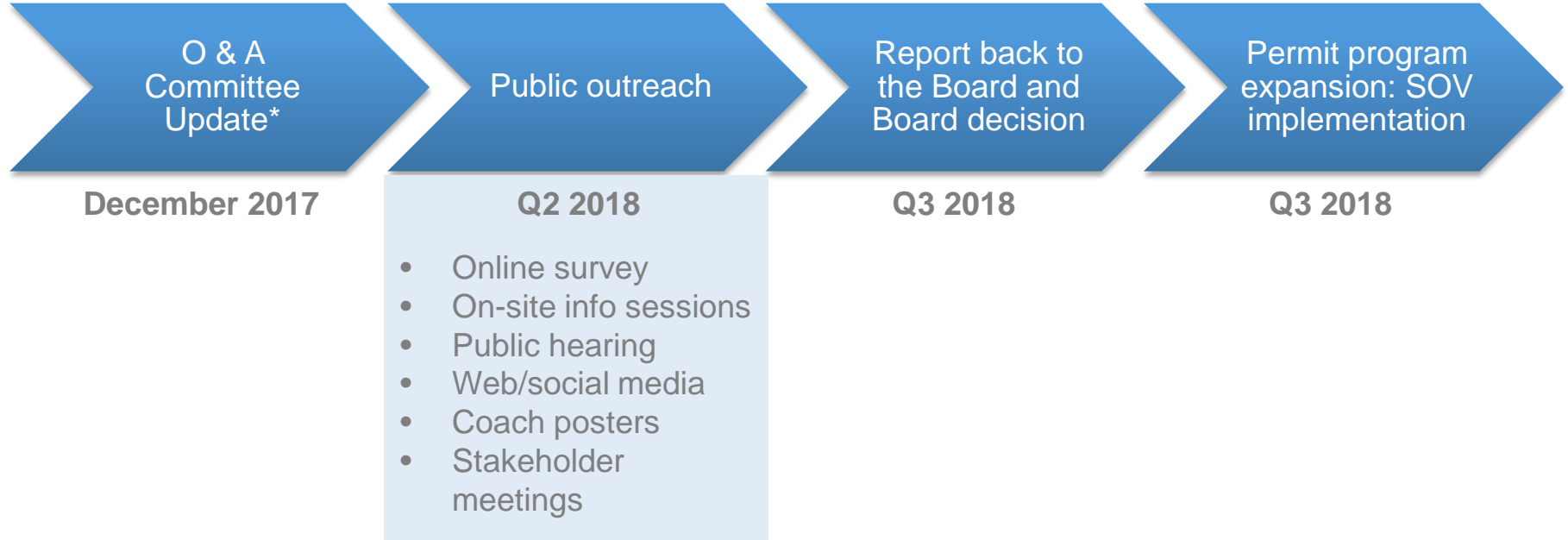
Sound Transit to continue to engage regional agencies in implementation of SOV parking permit program component.

Equity concerns

- Equity concerns focused in two areas: Access to permits, and geographic distribution of permit program implementation due to encumbrances restricting parking management through price in some locations
- Staff to pursue a Title VI analysis to inform Board direction on permit program expansion
- Staff propose reduced fare SOV permit rate for eligible ORCA LIFT pass holders be included in options to be brought to the public for input

Next steps for program expansion

* We are here



A close-up, low-angle shot of a white and blue Sound Transit bus. The bus features a large, stylized wave graphic in shades of blue and teal. The top half of the bus is white with several dark, rectangular windows. The bottom half is blue with more windows and a door. The text 'SOUND TRANSIT' and 'RIDE THE WAVE' is overlaid on a dark horizontal band across the middle of the image. The word 'SOUND' is partially visible in large white letters on the blue background at the bottom.

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