

System Access Fund

Motion No. M2019-97 Recommending projects to award

9/5/2019

Why we are here

- Recap of System Access Fund 2019 Call for Projects
- Summarize public comment and online open house input
- Recommendation to the full Board on projects to receive System Access Funds

***System Access Fund
Call for Projects Overview***

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

Evaluation Criteria

Policy factors

- *Customer experience*
- *Equity*
- *Connectivity*
- *Safety & human health*

Technical factors

- *Funding plan*
- *Delivery plan*

How will projects be chosen?

- Initial Sound Transit evaluation
 - » *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
- 55 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

Public Comment Period Summary

Evaluation criteria responses and themes

- 519 respondents rated the importance of policy factors used to evaluate projects
 - » 92% rated *Connectivity as Fairly or Very Important*
 - » 84% rated *Safety & Human Health as Fairly or Very Important*
 - » 70% rated *Customer Experience as Fairly or Very Important*
 - » 67% rated *Equity as Fairly or Very Important*
- Increasing multimodal options and fostering transit-oriented development were also identified as important

Public Comment Period Summary

Open-ended comment themes

- 255 general or project-specific open-ended comments
- Common themes:
 - » *Project-specific comments, primarily in support*
 - » *Identifying un-submitted projects to consider*
 - » *Prioritizing specific types of projects*
 - » *Parking*

***Staff Recommendations
by Subarea***

Snohomish

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

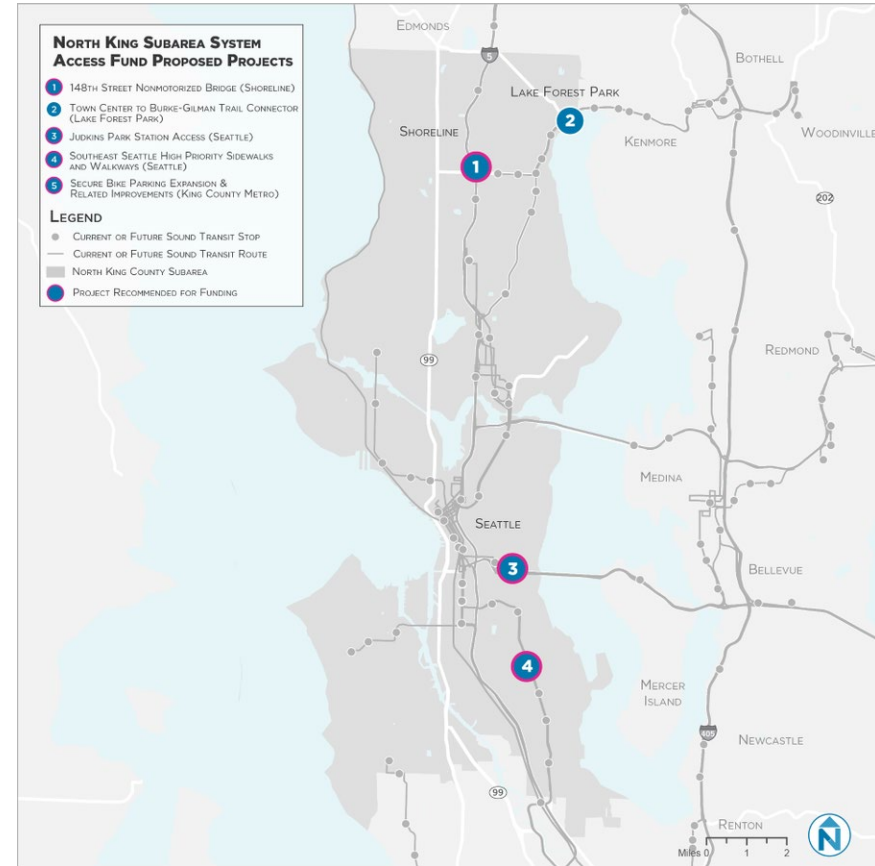
Total: \$8,514,000



North King

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

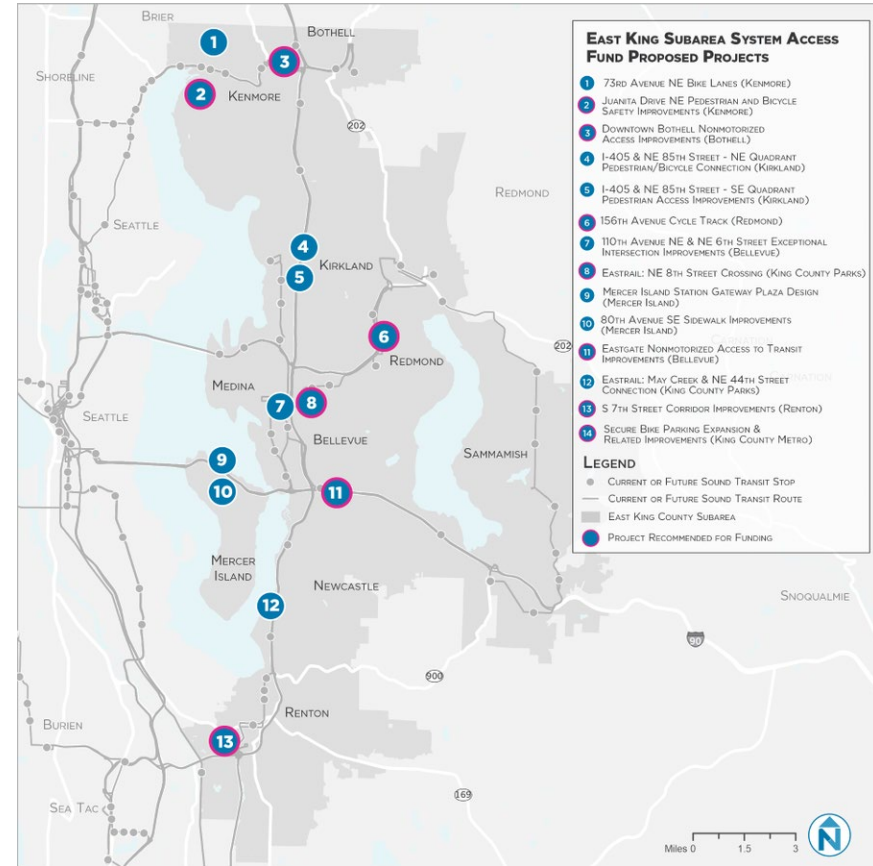
Total: \$7,100,000



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*

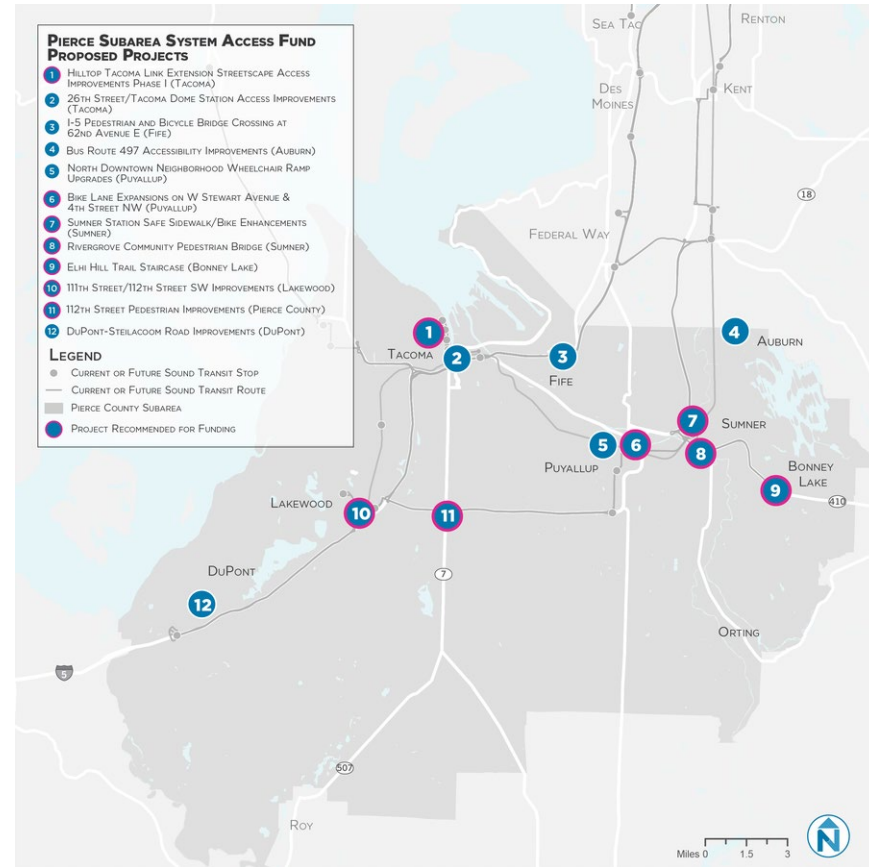
Total: \$7,594,683



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 number of jurisdictions receive an award
- 30 applications fully or partially funded
- \$40.6M across the Sound Transit District
- 26 will result in physical improvements; 4 are design only

Next Steps

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Following Board action later this month:

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

Thank you.



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