Capital Program Realignment Project Next Steps

Sound Transit Executive Committee 8/6/2020



Agenda

Financial Update

Capital Program Realignment

- Review paused project actions
- Recap realignment path forward
- Next steps for paused actions



Financial outlook

Economic update

What we know

- US economy suffered its sharpest downturn in Q2, annualized GDP shrank at record 32.9% pace.
- US Coronavirus cases passed 4.8 million and continue to surge. WA state reopening paused indefinitely.
- WA unemployment rate near historical high. Enhanced unemployment benefits ended on July 31.
- 11% YTD (Jan-May) loss on sales tax revenue.



Economic and financial update

What we do not know

- If the extra unemployment benefit will be extended. Impact on the economy if there is no new stimulus package.
- Recession duration and depth.
- What recovery will look like.
- Long term financial impact.



Revenue loss projections

Moderate recession scenario

- \$656 million (-19%) in 2020 and 2021.
- \$7.2 billion (-11%) through 2041.

	2020 - 2021	2020 - 2041	2020 - 2041 (%)
Sales Tax	\$ (735,396,920)	\$ (6,119,918,364)	-13%
All Tax and Fare Revenues	\$ (822,146,155)	\$ (7,312,833,770)	-11%
Net Loss After CARES Act	\$ (656,146,155)	\$ (7,146,833,770)	-11%



Revenue loss projections

Severe recession scenario

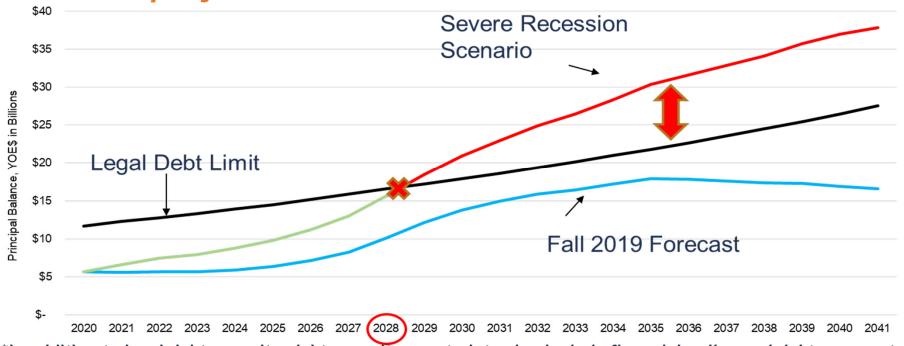
- \$921 million (-26%) in 2020 and 2021.
- \$11.9 billion (-18%) through 2041.

	2020 - 2021	2020 - 2041	2020 - 2041 (%)
Sales Tax	\$ (1,000,406,173)	\$ (10,893,385,566)	-23%
All Tax and Fare Revenues	\$ (1,087,155,409)	\$ (12,086,300,972)	-18%
Net Loss After CARES Act	\$ (921,155,409)	\$ (11,920,300,972)	-18%



Statutory debt limits and program affordability

Fall 2019 projections vs. severe recession scenario



*In addition to legal debt capacity, debt capacity constraints also include financial policy and debt covenants.



Current Financial Planning and Budget Efforts

- Instead of annual financial plan update pre-COVID, Financial plan is being updated on a monthly basis to capture new data.
- Actively pursuing additional federal funding opportunities.
- Reductions and discipline on 2020 spending and 2021 budget development.



Capital program realignment

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Board project discussions to date

April ST2 approach and near-term project approach

May Past criteria

June Workshop, criteria & path forward



Near-term approach

Maintain Board's flexibility and readiness for uncertain future

Keep construction going safely

 Northgate, East Link, Lynnwood, Federal Way, Downtown Redmond, Hilltop Tacoma Link, OMF East, Puyallup



Near-term approach

Maintain Board's flexibility and readiness for uncertain future

Continue work in planning and final design

- Maintain readiness for variable revenue/grant scenarios.
- Slower, more incremental approach in some instances as longer-term realignment takes shape.



Near-term approach

Maintain Board's flexibility and readiness for uncertain future

Hold on moving further projects into project development, final design or construction

Avoid over-commitment until Board priorities become clearer.



Capital projects under construction

North/Central Corridor

Northgate Link Lynnwood Link

SR 522/NE 145th BRT

NE 130th St. Infill Station

Everett Link

OMF North

Sounder North Parking/Access

West Seattle Link

Ballard Link & 2nd Tunnel

Graham S& BAR Infill Stations

East Corridor

East Link

Downtown Redmond Link

OMF East

BRT Maintenance Base

I-405 BRT

Issaquah-S Kirkland Link

N Sammamish P&R

South Corridor

Hilltop Tacoma Link

Federal Way Link

Puyallup Access

Tacoma Dome Link

OMF South

Sounder Maintenance Base

Sounder South Capital

Sounder Access Program

Sumner Access

Auburn Access

Kent Access

DuPont Sounder Extension

TCC Tacoma Link

Bus Reliability

RapidRide C/D & Madison BRT

SR-7/Pacific BRT

Bus-on-Shoulder

Under construction



Projects with development phase actions paused

- Sounder platform extensions
- Everett Link and Operations and Maintenance Facility North
- Sounder access projects at Edmonds, Mukilteo, South Tacoma and Lakewood
- North Sammamish Park and Ride
- Bus on Shoulder



Projects with final design phase actions paused

- Kent and Auburn parking and access
- I-405 & SR 522 BRT
- BRT bus base



Projects with funding agreement actions paused

- Everett Station parking
- Madison BRT
- RapidRide C&D improvements
- 85th station and direct access (I-405 BRT)



Projects with construction actions paused

Establish baseline budget and schedule for ST delivery

- Sounder maintenance base
- Sumner parking and access



Path forward



August-November

Consider 15 paused actions for project development, design, and agreements

What project actions make sense to advance this fall to:

- Engage consultants, contractors and stakeholders for cost savings in scope review, contract packaging, and program phasing
- Support project readiness while maintaining Board's flexibility and avoiding over commitments
- Focusing on next steps with low impacts to overall financial plan



Cost of authorizing all 15 paused development, design, and agreement actions

Paused actions total \$158 million which is 2% of the total costs of those projects





What may make a project ready for further development?

Ridership demand

Strong demand pre-COVID

Scope certainty

Projects with well defined scope and partner concurrences

Alignment of partner resources

Public and private partners able to support project



External engagement

Stakeholder outreach- through 2020

- Completed over 20 engagements with jurisdictions, major employers and stakeholders.
- Conversation this week with key health care providers throughout the region.
- Tracking key takeaways from this engagement to report to the Board later this year

Public outreach- Q1/Q2 2021

Currently planning engagement with the public in early 2021.



Board briefings and proposed actions

Ongoing Financial updates

August Board Modal program & project

briefings

September Discuss schedule for paused

actions

October-November Consider approving paused

project actions

December Prepare for 2021 project actions

& full realignment



Thank you.



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