Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

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Why we are here

- Review the process for Citizen Oversight Panel appointments to inform today's recommendation.

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Citizen Oversight Panel Overview

- Established in 1997 as a 15-member volunteer panel

- The panel monitors and provides recommendations concerning Sound Transit's performance in the following areas:

  - Public participation in plan implementation
  - Evaluation of project alternatives and recommendations
  - Annual capital and operating budget and plan of finance
  - Regional fund management
  - Equity, subarea budgets and financial reporting
  - Schedule and budget adherence
  - Annual performance review audits

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Current Panel Openings

Current openings:

- Snohomish County – Two vacancies

- North King County – Two vacancies

- East King County – One vacancy beginning June 1, 2021

- South King County – One vacancy

- Pierce County – One vacancy

Filling the vacancies in each subarea would keep the panel balanced with three representatives for each subarea.

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Recruitment Efforts

- Sound Transit advertises panel openings in the following ways:
    - Press release
    - Social media including Twitter and blog posts
    - Outreach to local groups, and groups working with minority populations.

- As a result of the most recent recruitment, the Sound Transit Board received over 25 applications to consider for the existing openings.

- To encourage diverse applicants, Sound Transit is implementing updates to the application and will include additional groups in future outreach efforts.

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Appointments to the Citizen Oversight Panel

- Appointments are for four years, and each subarea must have at least two members.

- Panel members can serve up to 2 four-year terms.

- The Executive Committee hears recommendations from Board members in the subarea where there is a panel vacancy and identifies individual applicants the Board should consider for appointment.

- The Board considers an action to appoint members recommended by the Executive Committee to the panel.

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Thank you.

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