

System Access Policy Update

Executive Committee

5/5/22

Why we are here

- Follow-up to Nov 2021 Executive Committee briefing.
- Review existing System Access Policy and ST3 policy direction.
- Share proposed approach for Executive Committee engagement to update the Board's System Access Policy.
- Information only – no action today.

Policy foundation

What does our work build from?

- System Access Policy (2013)
- Bicycle Policy (2011)
- ST3 System Plan (2016)
- Permit Parking Program (2018)
- First round of System Access Funds (2019)
- System Access Implementation Plan (2022)
- Station Experience Design Guidelines (2022)

What's changed since 2013?



System Access Policy

**Adopted by the Board in 2013
and includes three sections**

- Purpose
- System access strategies
- Parking management



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Purpose – establishes policy goals

- Increase transit ridership.
- Encourage safe and convenient connections through all modes:
 - *Connecting transit and ferry services*
 - *Paratransit pick-up and drop-off*
 - *Pedestrian access*
 - *Bicycle access*
 - *Private vehicle pick-up and drop-off*
 - *Vehicles requiring parking*

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Strategies – how Sound Transit facilitates access

- Sound Transit will participate in two types of access investments:
 - *Investments at transit facilities owned and controlled by Sound Transit*
 - *Investments in infrastructure that provide access to Sound Transit facilities from surrounding communities*

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Strategies – considerations for investment in access infrastructure

- Criteria to assess and prioritize potential improvements:
 - *Ridership*
 - *Total cost of ownership or total lifecycle cost to Sound Transit*
 - *Sound Transit and local jurisdiction plans and planning documents*
 - *Public input*

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Strategies – coordination & bicycles

- Cooperation with local jurisdictions.
 - *“to manage parking demand at and near transit facilities and to encourage pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access to facilities, maximizing efficient use of available transit parking resources”*
- Cooperation with transit partners.
 - *“to identify appropriate methods of responding to changing parking demands and usage patterns resulting from Sound Transit actions”*
- Encouraging and supporting bicycle usage.

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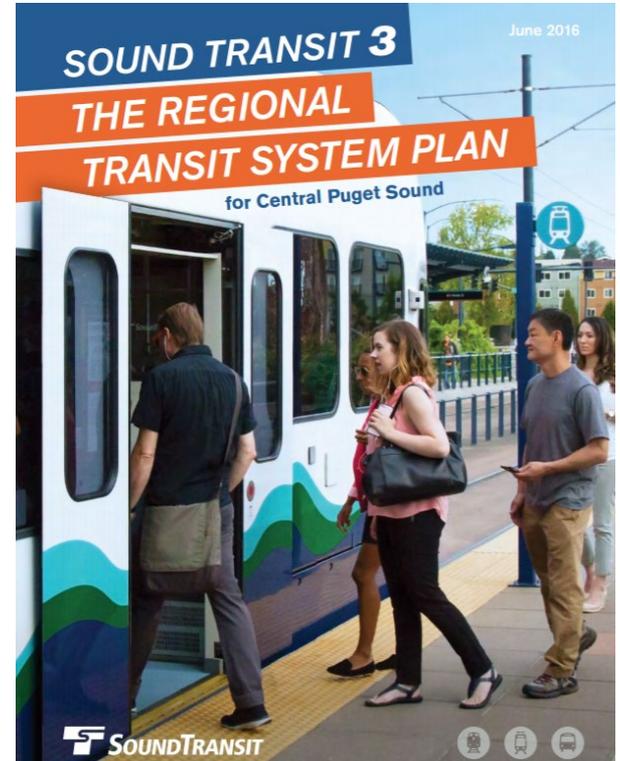
Parking management

- Parking is for transit passengers only with few exceptions.
- Establishes tools to manage parking, including:
 - *Permits*
 - *Fees*
 - *Technology*
- Identifies enforcement tactics like warnings, infractions, and towing.
- Allows Sound Transit to contract with a vendor to manage and enforce.

Sound Transit 3 System Plan

Overall direction

- “The Sound Transit Board of Directors has made multimodal access a priority for Sound Transit 3.”
- Context sensitive approach conforming to surrounding land use and how passengers will access new stations.
- More transit-to-transit connections requiring easy and direct transfers.



Sound Transit 3 System Plan

Dedicated funding

- “The Sound Transit 3 Plan dedicates funding to improve safe and convenient access to existing and future ST stations.”
 - *System Access Fund.*
 - *Nonmotorized access allowance.*
 - *Bus-rail integration allowance.*
 - *Parking access.*

System Access Implementation Plan

Overview of current work plan

- Establishes implementation actions to carry out current Board policy on improving passenger access.
- Provides tools, resources, and guidance for improving system access.
- Relies on robust collaboration within Sound Transit and with key partners, who are essential at providing access infrastructure and services.

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Rationale for updating the System Access Policy

- Respond to Board member feedback.
- Incorporate direction from ST3 and insights gained through development of System Access Implementation Plan.
- Identify approach for new modes of access like mobility on demand and micromobility services.
- Opportunity to consolidate related policies.

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Future topics – schedule to be determined

- Delayed parking briefing & discussion (today).
- Improving access to the existing system.
- Planning for and implementing access during system expansion project development and delivery.
- Use of ST3 access funding.
- Reviewing potential System Access Policy changes.

Thank you.



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