

Interim & Alternative Access for Projects with Delayed Parking

Executive Committee

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Why we are here

- Review ST3 and Board's realignment direction to delay parking.
- Share and hear feedback on staff's approach to carrying out this direction.
- No Committee action today.

ST3 System Plan direction

Parking access

- Project templates included assumed number of stalls.
- Before implementation, Sound Transit will evaluate potential locations for parking, including:
 - *Analysis of access demand and how the investment will conform to surrounding land uses.*
 - *Opportunities for leased or shared parking.*
 - *Parking built in conjunction with new TOD projects.*
- Manage parking by charging reasonable fees per existing Board policy.

Realignment direction

What does it mean?

- Board adopted a Realignment plan to address affordability gaps and deliver the agency's System Expansion program.
- Parking in many projects was delayed in support of implementing core light rail and bus rapid transit projects as soon as possible.
- All parking delayed to either Tier 3 or Tier 4 categories.
- Tiers were used as a framework for prioritizing which projects would be advanced as additional funding resources are found.

Realignment direction

Realigned parking delivery dates

- Edmonds & Mukilteo parking and access (2034)*
- NE 44th (2034)
- South Renton (2034)*
- Bothell (2034)*
- Kenmore (2034)*
- Kingsgate (2035)*
- Fife (2038)
- South Federal Way (2038)
- Lake Forest Park (2044)
- North Sammamish (2045)
- Mariner (2046)*
- Everett (2046)*

Current expectation is for delayed parking to be delivered as separate projects.

**existing parking at these locations*

Realignment direction

Additional direction

- Realignment amendment: “As part of the annual program review, **identify opportunities and make recommendations to deliver flexible, innovative, and affordable methods** to get people to transit stations, if structured parking facilities have to be delayed.”
- This amendment didn’t add new funding resources.
- Delayed parking projects are still funded for project development and pre-construction activities to maintain readiness.

Implementing Realignment direction

Flexible, innovative, affordable methods

- Realigned projects mean use of funds is pushed out in time – cash flow realities will limit accelerating different methods.
- There is a higher likelihood for interim solutions (e.g., surface parking) especially if on ROW acquired for construction staging.
- There will be trade-offs for and uncertainty with alternative approaches both regarding viability and implications given delayed funding resources.

Implementing Realignment direction

Potential opportunities for interim or alternative approaches

- NE 44th (2034)
- South Renton (2034)
- Bothell (2034)
- Kenmore (2034)
- Kingsgate (2035)
- Fife (2038)
- South Federal Way (2038)

Opportunities may arise at other locations over time and as core projects advance in project development.

Elements of delayed parking approach

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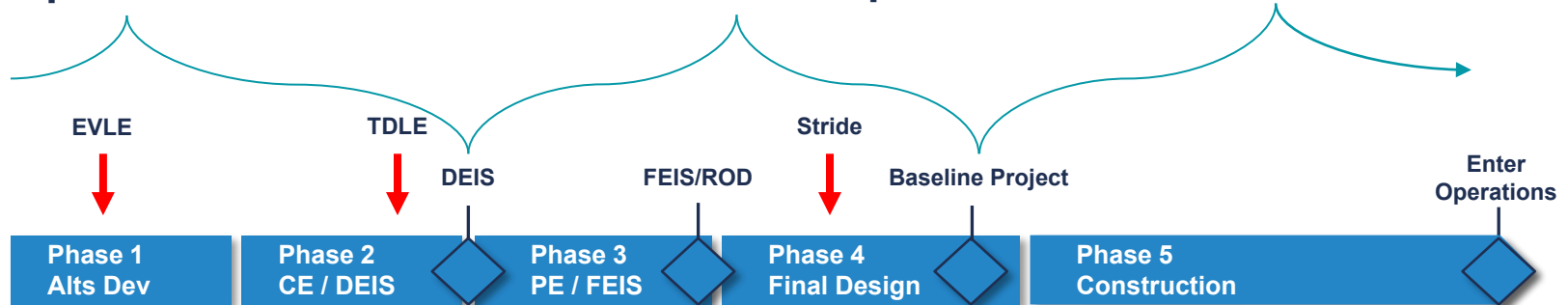
Determine range of interim methods; identify potential alternative access options

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Determine if interim methods are feasible; assess potential alternative access options

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Deliver interim methods (if feasible); pursue potential alternative access options



Implementing Realignment direction

Working in partnership

- Alternative approaches will require partnership.
- Alternative approaches, especially those that advance parking investments, may require local partner funding contributions.
- Sound Transit will evaluate alternative approaches to determine feasibility and alignment with ST3 policy goals and objectives, including:
 - *Ridership*
 - *Passenger experience*
 - *Local and regional plan compatibility*
 - *Other potential benefits*

Implementing Realignment direction

Next steps

- Moving from the conceptual approach described to actual implementation based on available opportunities.
- Continue to engage partners on potential interim and alternative approaches.
- As opportunities emerge, bring potential recommendations to the Board per Realignment direction.

Thank you.



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