

# *Community Oversight Panel Appointments*

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# *Why we are here*

- Review the process for Community Oversight Panel appointments to inform potential recommendations.

# *Community 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:
  - Community engagement activities
  - Project planning and alignment decisions
  - Budget and financial plan
  - Project schedule and budget adherence
  - Agency performance audits
  - Social justice and equity
  - Passenger experience

# *2022 Panel Refresh*

## Resolution No. R2022-05

- Adopted by the Board in March 2022.
- Identified changes to the panel intended to attract applicants with more diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
- Updated the structure and responsibilities of the panel, and the candidate eligibility
- Accompanied by the panel's change to evening meetings once a month.

# *Current Panel Openings*

- Nine Current openings:
  - Snohomish County – Two vacancies
  - North King County – Two vacancies
  - East King County – One vacancy
  - South King County – Two vacancies
  - Pierce County – Two vacancies

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

# *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.
- Following the panel refresh in March and subsequent recruitment, more than 30 applications have been submitted in addition to those received beforehand.

# *Appointments to the Community Oversight Panel*

- Appointments are for three years, and each subarea must have at least two members.
- Panel members can serve up to three three-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.

Thank you.

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