

# *Sounder South Update - FRA Grant Award*

*System Expansion Committee*

*11/10/2022*

# *Why we are here today*

- Discuss award of Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) CRISI grant matching funds to advance planning for select Tier 3 Sounder projects
- Initiate DuPont Sounder Extension project and continue Sounder South Capacity Expansion project in 2023 budget to obligate federal grant
- Preview upcoming Board process and next steps
- Information only, *no action required at this meeting*

# ***FRA CRISI Grant***

## ***Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program***

- Federal program which funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.
- ST was awarded a \$10M grant to conduct planning for Sounder track improvements in Pierce County, so long as ST provides a \$10M local match

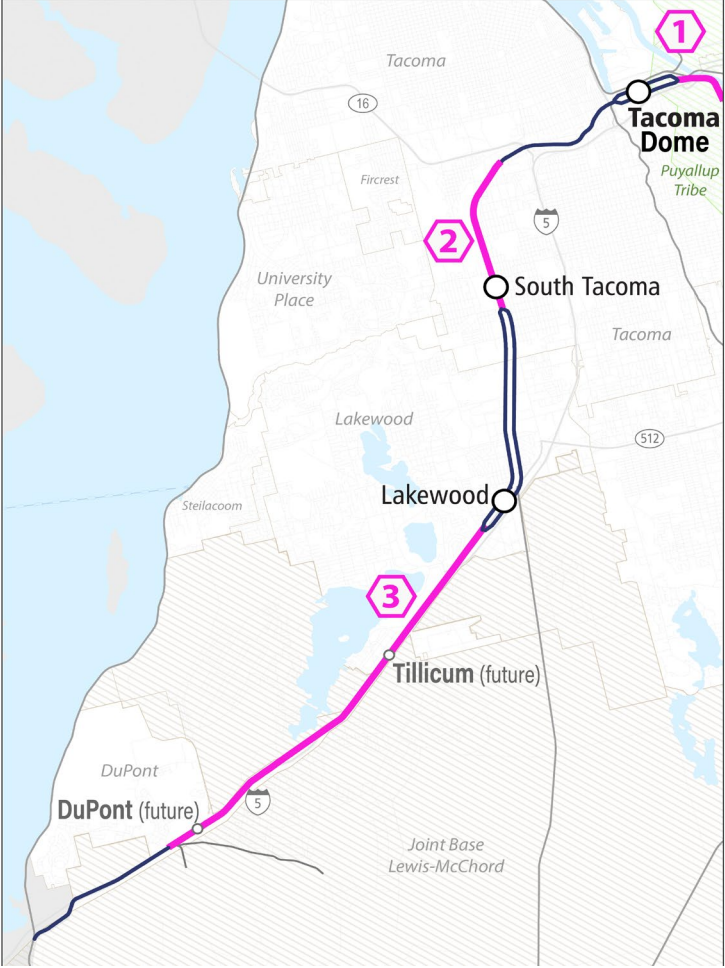
***For ST, only Sounder is eligible to apply for these grants***

# Realignment Impacts

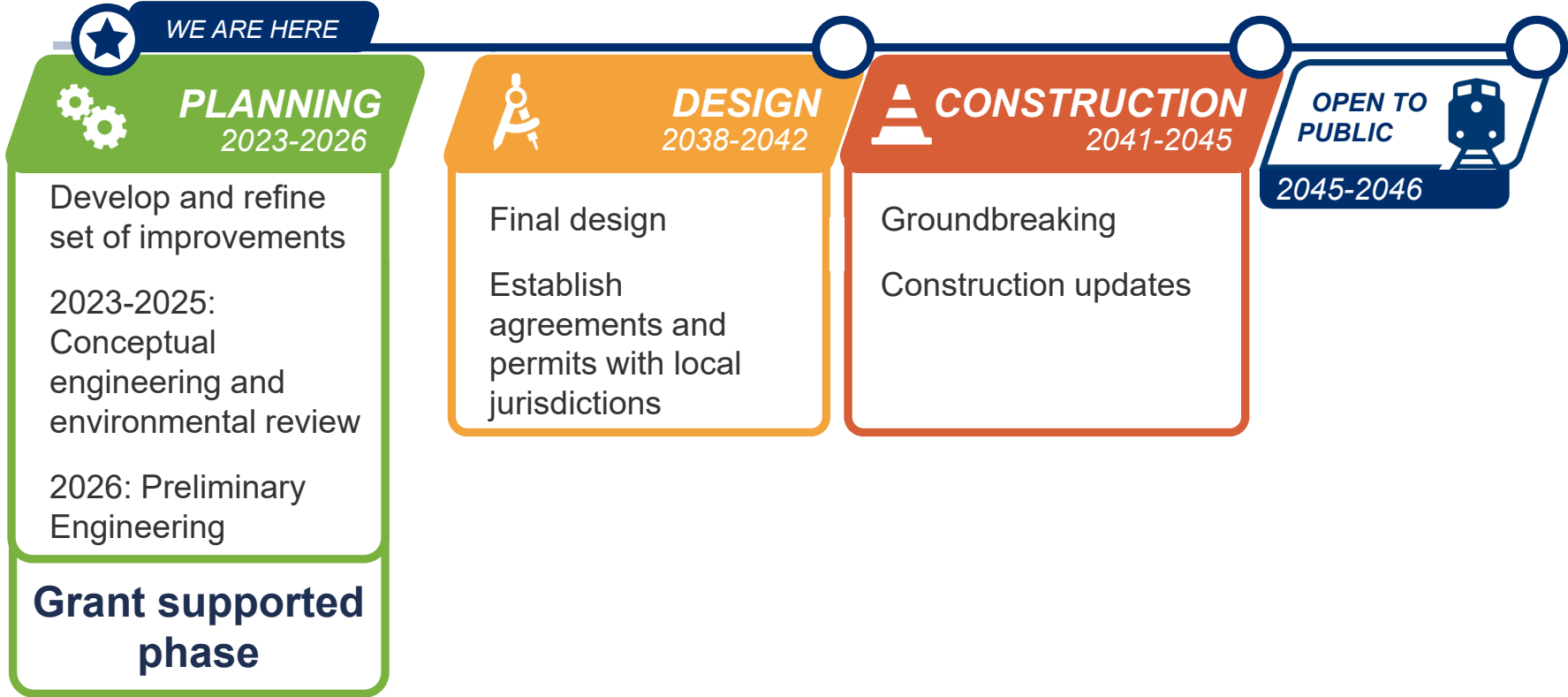
***Sounder projects categorized as “Tier 3 projects” with at least a 9-year delay***

PROJECT		Affordable/ Target Date
<b>Sounder South Capacity Expansion</b>	Platform Extensions	2036
	Access Improvements (Pierce)	2036
	Access Improvements (South King)	2041
	Additional Round Trips	2046
<b>DuPont Sounder Extension</b>		2045

# Why these projects are needed



# Project timeline



# *Financial Plan Effects*

- No negative impact to affordable schedule for accelerating planning (as a result of the CRISI grant)
- Grant (\$10M) provides offset to earlier project spending (\$20M) which results in slight benefit
- This is reflected in Fall 2022 Financial Plan (9.1% remaining available debt capacity)

# *Next Steps*

- ***December 2022***

- Board approves 2023 agency budget and TIP

- ***Q1 2023***

- System Expansion Committee considers contract modification to begin Environmental & Preliminary Engineering

- ***Q1 to Q2 2023***

- Sound Transit obligates FRA CRISI grant



*Thank you.*



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