

# *System Access Policy Update*

*Executive Committee*

*5/5/22*

# *Why we are here*

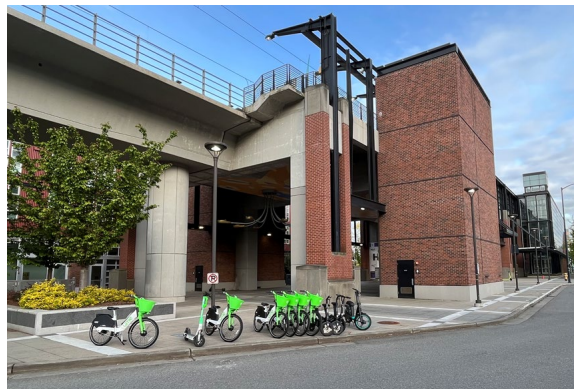
- Follow-up to Nov 2021 Executive Committee briefing.
- Review existing System Access Policy and ST3 policy direction.
- Share proposed approach for Executive Committee engagement to update the Board's System Access Policy.
- Information only – no action today.

# ***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



# System Access Policy

## 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*

# System Access Policy

## 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*

# System Access Policy

## 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*



# System Access Policy

## 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.

# System Access Policy

## 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.

# ***System Access Policy update***

## **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.

# ***System Access Policy update***

## **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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