

## Motion No. M2023-63

### Transit Development Plan 2023-2028 and 2022 Annual Report

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	08/03/2023	Recommend to Board	Don Billen, PEPD Executive Director
Board	08/24/2023	Final action	<b>Matt Shelden, Deputy Executive Director of Planning &amp; Integration, PEPD</b> <b>Brian de Place, Director of System Planning, PEPD</b>

### Proposed action

Approves the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2023-2028 to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

### Key features summary

- This action allows Sound Transit to satisfy Washington state requirements by providing an updated Transit Development Plan (TDP) to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Washington State Legislature by September 1.
- The report provides an overview of the agency's current services, equipment, and facilities for all operational modes (ST Express, Sounder, T Line, and Link) for 2022 as well as planned capital expenses, operating financial plans, and planned operating changes from 2023-2028, based on information known as of June 2023.
- This year's TDP also includes descriptions of how Sound Transit's strategic priorities and agency goals align with state transportation system policy goals (i.e., Preservation, Safety, Stewardship, Mobility, Economic Vitality, and Environment) along with illustrative examples of agency accomplishments from 2022 to demonstrate progress. A discussion of how the agency coordinates its activities with local jurisdictions and partner transit agencies is also included.
- The TDP references agency performance measures and targets for 2023 (such as Transit Asset Management and Safety goals), which are included per WSDOT guidelines.
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### Background

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The TDP must be filed with WSDOT, which uses TDPs to prepare the annual Washington State Summary of Public Transportation. The annual summary is reported to the Washington legislature and is an avenue by which uniform data is provided to other transit agencies, legislative transportation committees, and local and regional government bodies such as the Puget Sound Regional Council.

### **Fiscal information**

Not applicable to this action.

### **Disadvantaged and small business participation**

Not applicable to this action.

### **Public involvement**

RCW 35.58.2795 requires one or more public hearings on the annual Transit Development Plan. A public hearing was held on August 3, 2023.

### **Time constraints**

In accordance with RCW 35.58.2795, Sound Transit must prepare a Transit Development Plan by September 1 of each year. A delay in Board approval would require Sound Transit to request an extension from WSDOT and any further delay may mean that updated agency information may not be available in WSDOT's state records such as the Washington State Summary of Public Transportation.

### **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Motion No. M2022-65: Approved the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2022-2027 and 2021 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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**Environmental review** – KH 7/17/23

**Legal review** – AJP 7/20/23



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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 24, 2023.



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Dow Constantine  
Board Chair

### Attest:



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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator