

2025 Sustainability Progress Report

Executive Committee Meeting
8/6/2026



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Agenda

- Defining Sustainability.
- 2025 Sustainability highlights & data trends.
- External recognition.
- Continual improvement.

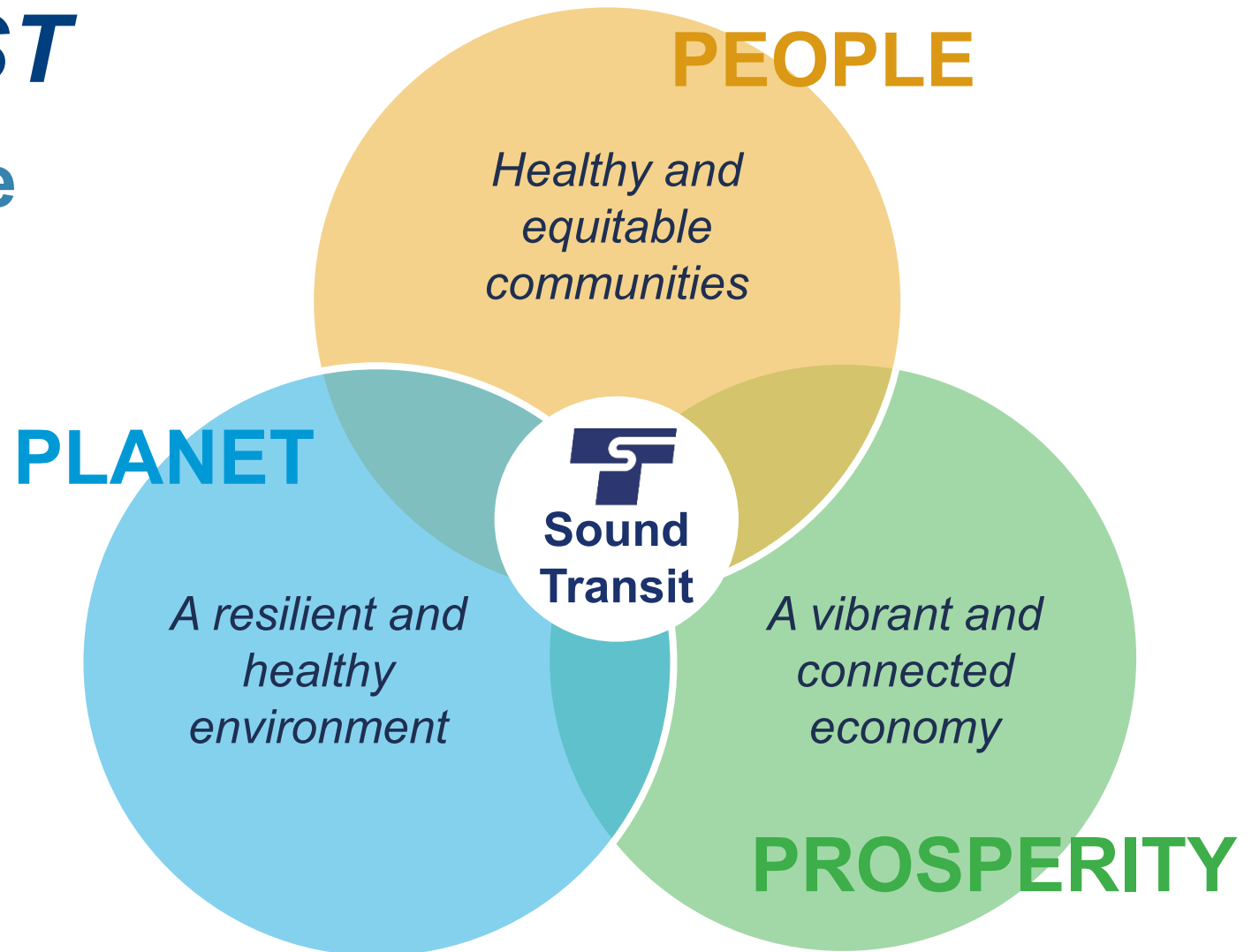
Sustainability at ST

Improving quality of life

Transit is sustainable.

**It's what we do,
and how we do it.**

The triple bottom line shapes
program priorities.



Sustainability reporting timeframe



- **2019 Sustainability Plan – completed 84% of 45 goals.**
 - 2025 is the final progress report and GHG Analysis aligned to 2019 Sustainability Plan.
- **Updated Sustainability Plan (2026-2030) adopted February 2026**
 - 2026 progress report and GHG analysis will align to new Plan's metrics and action items.

Sustainability
Plan



Five-Year
Goals



Annual
Targets



2025 Implementation

Environmental and Sustainability target completion status:

- 14 Targets.
- Completed 86%.
- Targets not finished in 2025 are on track to be completed in 2026.

Annual targets are the focused, measurable work plan items undertaken in a calendar year to advance Sustainability Plan goals.

Connecting more people to more places

2025 by the numbers



37%

Increase in light rail
PMT compared to
2024



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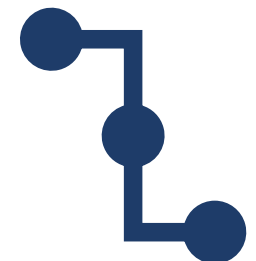
Newly opened light
rail stations

*Downtown Redmond
Link + Federal Way Link*



23K

New area residents
live within ½ mile
walking distance to
light rail



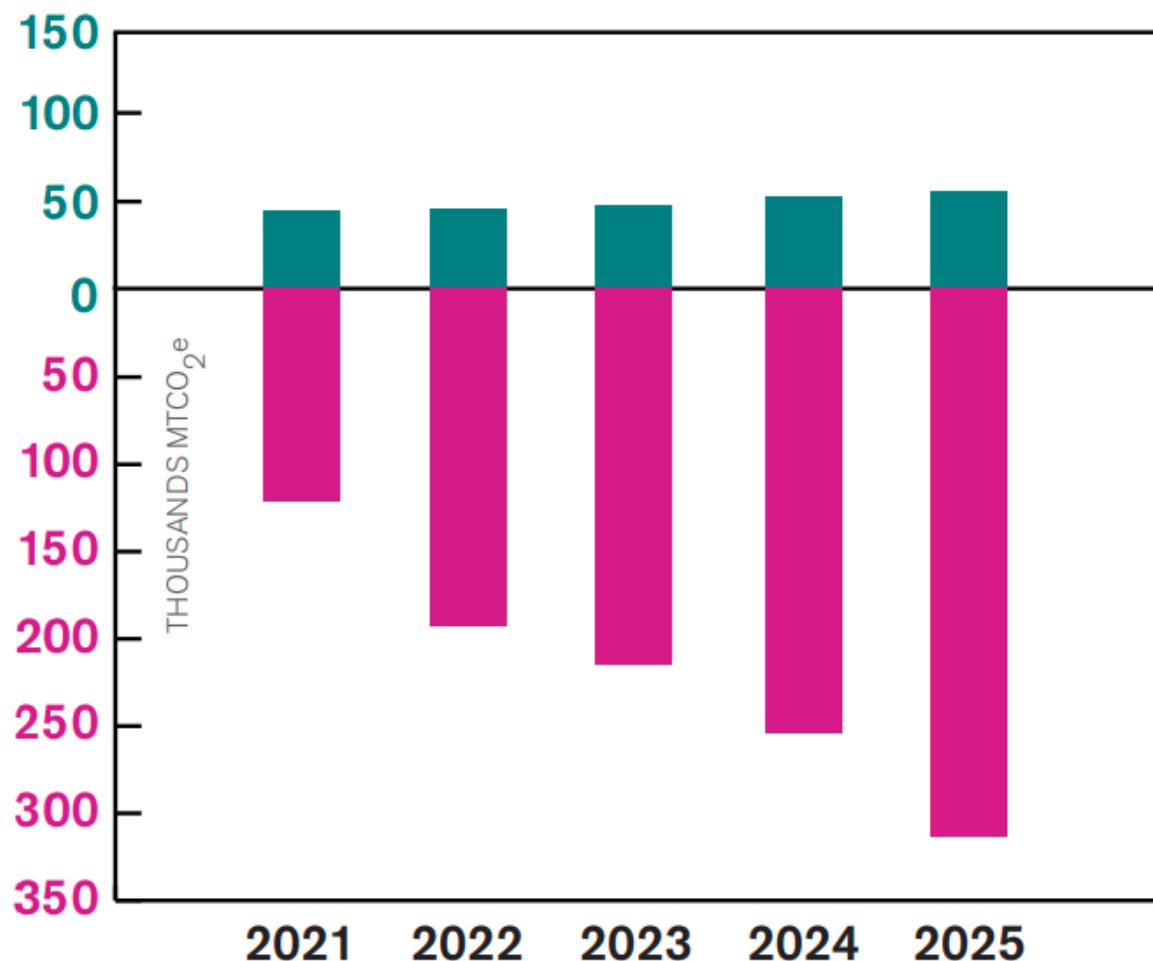
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Miles of
added track



Committing to equity

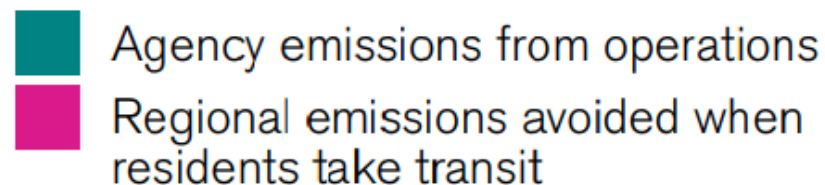
- Opened Mercy Housing NW's Connection Angle Lake.
 - 100% affordable – 130 units
- Selected Multi-Service Center and Shelter Resources Inc. adjacent to Federal Way Downtown Station.
 - 100% affordable – 230 units
- Hosted a Youth Conference for 90 young adults to explore how transit shapes our region.



Expanding regional environmental benefits

2025 by the numbers

- Continued to offset the agency's operational GHG emissions while growing service.



Expanding regional environmental benefits

2025 by the numbers

Sound Transit services avoided 314,000 tons of GHG emissions.

This is equivalent to:



65,000

Homes powered by
electricity



35 Million

Gallons of gasoline
burnt

Preserving environmental quality

Achieving carbon-free operations

- Developed practical transition and implementation plan for a carbon-neutral non-revenue fleet.

Enhancing ecosystem functions

- Installed educational signs at agency mitigation sites to inform public of ecosystem benefits, wildlife, and cultural significance.



Sustainability saves money

2025 by the numbers

- A selection of resource conservation projects saved \$876,000 in 2025.



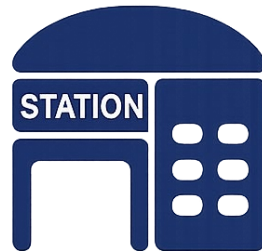
\$485K

Fleet Upgrade
Projects



\$70K

Irrigation
Projects



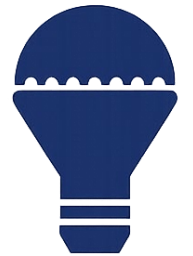
\$56K

Facilities
Upgrade Projects



\$23K

Solar
Installations



\$243K

LED Lighting
Upgrade Projects

Sustainability makes money

2025 by the numbers



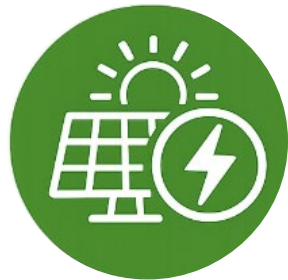
\$2.3 MILLION IN TOTAL REVENUE

from three years of participation in WA State Clean Fuel Standard program.



\$911,000 IN 2025 REVENUE

from participation in the WA State Clean Fuel Standard program



\$245,000 IN CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS

for electric vehicles and solar energy generation.



Maximizing operational efficiency

\$25M Efficiency and Sustainability Program:

- Completed two projects and approved two new projects in 2025.
- Launched new initiatives focused on habitat restoration and stewardship.
- Conducted 17 projects to date.



8 renewable energy and zero emission studies



4 pilots (solar powered lighting and ecosystem monitoring)



5 energy efficiency, electric vehicle, and solar energy projects

Sustainability program recognition

Sound Transit has gained national and international recognition





Advancing sustainability 2026 and beyond

- Finalizing sustainability design standards and specifications with a focus on deconstruction, salvage, and reuse.
- Continuing to educate new leadership about the Sustainability program and the ESMS.
- Ensuring alignment between the Enterprise Initiative's Network Plan and the Sustainability Plan

Implementing updated Sustainability Plan

2026 and beyond



Achieve zero emissions fleets by 2050

2030 Action Item

Sunset purchases of fossil fuel-powered revenue fleet vehicles by 2030.



Achieve zero emissions facilities by 2050

2030 Action Item

Develop a plan to eliminate natural gas usage at Sound Transit-owned facilities



Reduce embodied emissions of capital projects

2030 Action Item

Assess and incorporate embodied emissions limits for select materials in design criteria



Build agency resilience to climate change and natural hazards

2030 Action Item

Update Climate Resilience Plan for the existing system.



Champion sustainability

It's what we do, and how we do it.

Thank you.



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