

***Sound Transit
Innovation and Research Program
UW Master Research Agreement***

Rider Experience and Operations Committee

5/7/2026



Why we are here

Action Requested: Approve Master Research Agreement (Motion No. M2026-19)

- Supports research needs across the agency
- Creates a framework to engage any department of UW to support research and innovation areas of need
- Establishes consistent guidelines for intellectual property, licensing and data security
- Eliminates staff time of ad-hoc, one-off negotiations
- Simplifies administration of collaboration with UW, other research institutions

ST/UW Relationship Overview

Current and upcoming research projects

Sound Transit Business Unit	Agreement Name	Agreement Purpose	Agreement Amount
Innovation & Research	On-Call Research and Development Support Agreement (GA 0012-24)	Research and Development of a Unified Control Center that supports expansion and collaboration between all Sound Transit modes	\$1,900,000
Service Delivery	Research and Development Support Agreement (GA 0115-24)	Conduct research study to understand drivers of disruptive passenger behaviors that impact service quality and ridership	\$4,500,000
Innovation & Research	Economic Impact Analysis	Implement a study on access to economic opportunity from Sound Transit Services	\$107,000

Thank you.



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