



Transit Development Plan 2026-2031

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Why we are here

Progress with submittal of the annual TDP to WSDOT

Proposed Action

- Request recommendation to full Board for approval of the 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan

Other Goals

- Provide an overview of the various elements of the TDP
- Share a few highlights from this year's TDP

Background & Context

Per RCW 35.58.2795, by September 1 of each year Sound Transit must prepare a six-year TDP for that calendar year and the ensuing five years

The TDP must be filed with WSDOT, which uses TDPs to prepare the annual Washington State Summary of Public Transportation



Transit Development Plan Elements

1. Public
Hearing and
Distribution

2. Service Area,
Operations and
Facilities

3. State &
Agency Goals,
Objectives, and
Strategies

4. Local
Performance
Measures and
Targets

5. Plan
Consistency

6. Planned
Capital
Expenses

7. Planned
Operating
Changes

8. Multiyear
Financial Plan

9. Projects of
Regional
Significance

Agency Goals

2026 Goals	Preservation	Safety	Stewardship	Mobility	Economic Vitality	Environment
Open the Crosslake Connection Connecting across Lake Washington, extending the 2 Line to Lynnwood, and increasing service in the busiest parts of our system.		x	x	x	x	x
Reduce service disruptions and recover quickly Delivering a safe, clean, and reliable ride — ensuring a Great Ride during planned disruptions and swift recovery from the unexpected.	x	x	x			
Establish long-term financial stability Thinking creatively and outside the box, updating the Long-Range System and Finance Plans and ST3 System Plan, and ensuring we deliver the objectives of ST3.	x		x	x	x	

Plan Consistency

How we align projects to local comprehensive plans and coordinate with other agencies

- Participating in the Model Code Partnership to align design standards
- Providing input on local code amendments to support various access modes
- Contributing to the development of transportation elements of comprehensive plans
- Coordinating operations and service integration as major corridor projects open

Planned Capital Expenses and Operating Changes

2026

- Open Pinehurst Infill Station
- Evaluate ST Express bus routes
- Adjust Sounder to clock-face departure schedules
- New cab and coach railcars for Sounder
- Test prototype buses for Stride BRT

2027

- Start new ST Express overnight route 517
- Open NE 85th Street BRT Station for ST Express use
- New articulated and double-decker buses for Stride BRT
- Accept additional Siemens light rail vehicles
- New parking garages at Sumner, Auburn, and Kent stations

2028

- Open Stride BRT stations along SR 522 between Bothell and Shoreline (S3 Line)
- Open Stride BRT stations along I-405 South between Burien and Bellevue (S1 Line)
- Evaluate ST Express bus routes
- New Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility (Bothell)

2029

- Open Stride BRT stations along I-405 North between Lynnwood and Bellevue (S2 Line)
- Open Tukwila International Blvd Inline BRT Station for S1 Line
- Evaluate ST Express bus routes

Projects of Regional Significance

Link projects

- T400047: WEST SEATTLE LINK EXTENSION
- T400052: EVERETT LINK EXTENSION
- T400053: TACOMA DOME LINK EXTENSION
- T400066: BALLARD LINK EXTENSION
- T400115: NE 130TH STREET INFILL STATION
- T400136: GRAHAM ST INFILL STATION
- T400137: BOEING ACCESS RD INFILL STN

Souder projects

- T300044: SUMNER, KENT & AUBURN SPAI
- T300136: TDS PARKING AND ACCESS IMPROV
- T300140: DUPONT EXTENSION

Stride BRT projects

- T500050: I-405 BRT
- T500051: SR 522-NE 145TH ST BRT
- T500054: I-405 BRT GARAGES
- T500055: SR-522 BRT GARAGES

Next Steps

- Requesting recommendation for approval to full Board
- Staff will submit the TDP to WSDOT by September 1, following Board approval

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Thank you.



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