

Lynnwood Police Services Agreement

Motion No. M2026-31

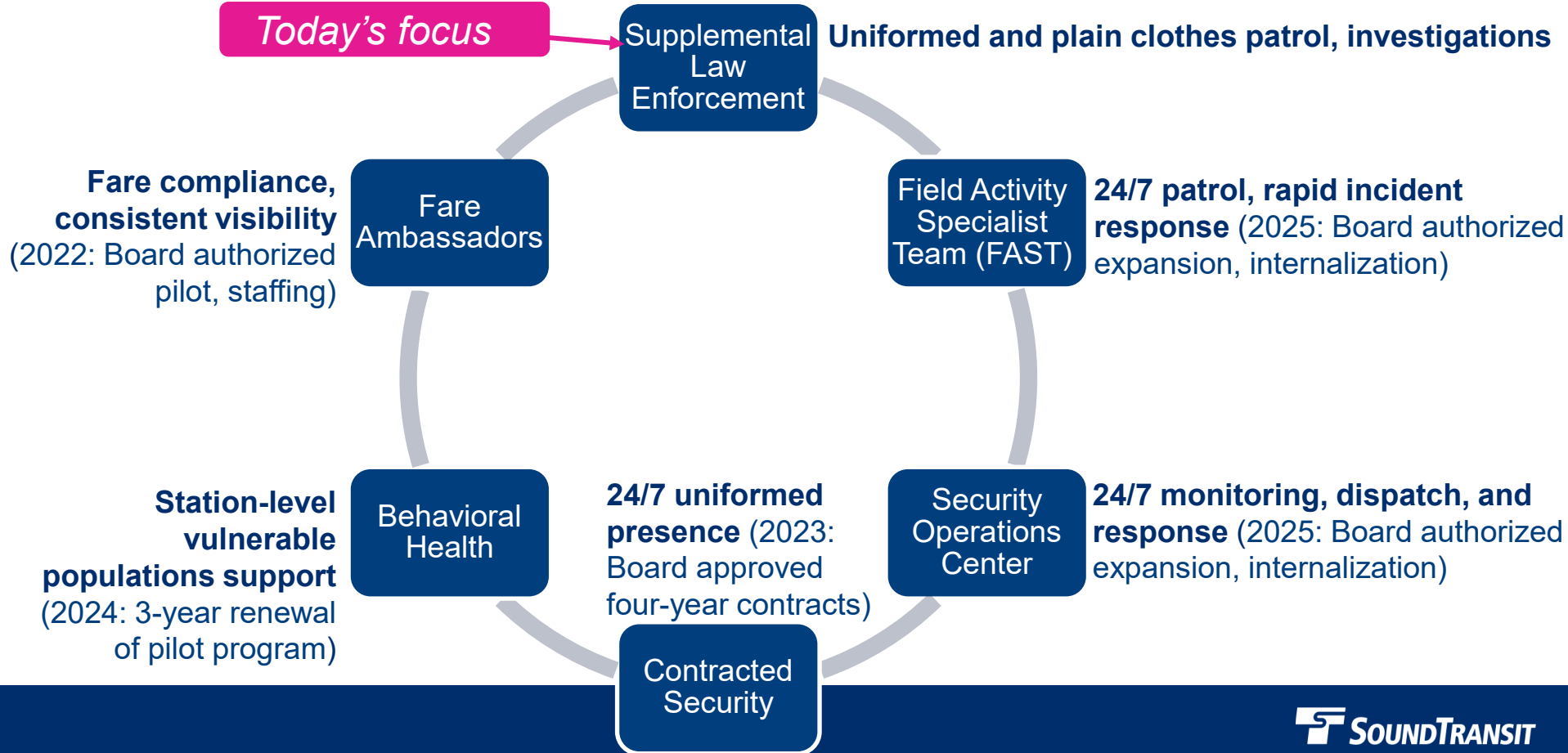
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Why we are here

- Provide an overview of how Sound Transit's front-line resources deliver critical passenger support functions.
- Review how law enforcement partnerships fit within the broader public safety strategy.
- Request a recommendation for Board approval of a two-year extension to the City of Lynnwood Police Services Agreement.

Sound Transit's Front-Line Passenger Support



Sound Transit Police Contracts

Generally, incidents are handled by each jurisdiction's local law enforcement.

Sound Transit's Law Enforcement Agreements supplement local law enforcement services by providing additional monitoring, support, and incident response.

In King County: King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) provides enhanced police services on Link and Sounder. Current agreement began in 2019.

In Pierce County, Tacoma Police officers support T-Line and Sounder services. The agreement renews annually.

In Snohomish County, the Board approved a one-year Police Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood in July 2025 following the opening of light rail in Snohomish County.

In addition, Sound Transit maintains a security presence at stations, on trains and throughout the system.

City of Lynnwood Police Services Agreement

- Approved in 2025 as an interim solution following Link entering Snohomish County
 - One-year agreement with two one-year extension options, (~\$335K annually).
- Implemented in December 2025 following hiring, training and onboarding.
 - 63% in increase in proactive security checks, ~1500 incidents handles, ~200 arrests
- With proposed two-year extension, Lynnwood Police will continue to:
 - Manage emergency and non-emergency calls
 - Patrol Sound Transit property
 - Engage with customers
 - Maintain visible platform and train presence
 - Investigate incidents

Progress on Regional Safety since Lynnwood Agreement Approval ***Accomplishments align with Regional Safety Task Force recommendations***

Strengthened front-line safety capabilities through continued internalization of SOC and FAST (~50% staffing).

Safe FIFA World Cup operations and crowd management supporting record Link ridership.

Reduced copper-theft related service disruptions through expanded security deployments.

Ongoing assessment of KCSO deployment supporting local communities as the system expands.

Today's recommendation

Action Requested

Recommendation for Board approval of Motion No. M2026-31 the City of Lynnwood Police Services Agreement extension.

Next Steps: *Ongoing assessment and implementation of Sound Transit's front-line passenger support functions.*

- Continue to implement Regional Safety Task Force Action Plan.
- Complete Security Operations Center and FAST internalization.
- Develop and procure successor security contracts in 2027.
- Evaluate law enforcement agreements including KCSO.
- Assess behavioral health and vulnerable populations programs.

Thank you.



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