



# System Access in ST3 Draft Plan

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# Overview – System Access in ST3 Draft Plan

- Convenient access to Sound Transit’s bus and rail stations is critical to growing ridership
- ST’s Long Range Plan and System Access Policy provide a strong basis for investment in improved access
- Draft ST3 Plan includes more than \$1.2 billion to increase parking and improve bicycling, walking and bus transfers at existing and future Sound Transit stations



# Funding for System Access in Draft ST3 Plan

## ST3 Project Allowances:

- Non-Motorized Access Allowance  
**\$250-270 million**
- Bus-rail integration facilities  
**\$100 million**
- Parking  
**\$660 million**

System Access Fund - **\$100 million**

**Total: \$1.2 billion**

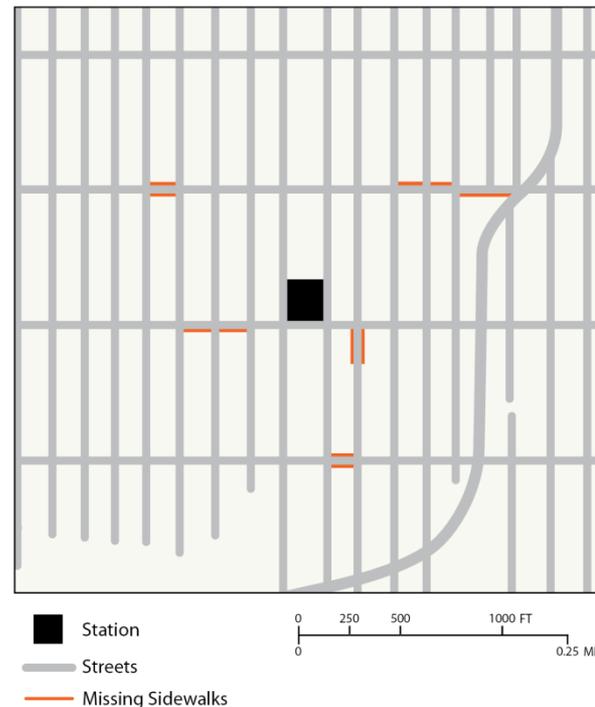
## Other sources:

- South Sounder Capital Improvement Program
- Early Wins – Passenger amenities at stations



# Non-Motorized Access Allowance

- Allowance of up to \$4.5 million for more than 60 ST3 bus and rail stations
- New and improved paths to stations overcome barriers and increase ridership
- Projects will be defined once precise station location is known
- Partnerships/agreements can reduce permitting, timeline, and leverage matching funds and grants



# Bus-rail integration facilities

- Allowance for an off-street transfer location and bus bays at ST3 corridor and station projects
- Logical locations selected for bus operators to truncate routes, and high-transfer locations
- Coordinating with transit partner agencies to refine locations as future bus networks take shape



# Additional Parking

- Parking expansion for North Sounder included in “Early Wins” projects
- South Sounder Access Fund includes approximately 1,000 park and ride stalls
- ST3 projects in several new rail and BRT corridors include parking expansion



# System Access Fund

- ST2 program was deleted due to recession
- ST3 program includes \$100m for:
  - Bicycle and pedestrian access improvements, bicycle parking
  - Transit transfer and pick up / drop off improvements
  - Station access studies to prioritize improvements that improve access
  - Ongoing data collection tracking how ST riders access stations
- Staff will seek Board direction on how to prioritize funds

# Next Steps / Considerations

- Refine bus-rail facility locations with transit partners
- Define project eligibility for System Access Fund
- Develop prioritization criteria for access projects
- Update ridership estimation tools

