

A photograph of a Sound Transit train, showing the side of the car with windows and the entrance. The train is white with a teal and blue stripe. The Sound Transit logo and name are visible on the side. The background shows a station platform with a glass roof.

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
- Station budgets accommodate design for station access by all modes of transportation
- Sound Transit's Long Range Plan and System Access Policy provide a strong basis for additional investment in improved access
- Draft ST3 Plan includes \$1.2 billion to increase parking, improve bus transfers at Sound Transit stations, and facilitate bicycling and walking from surrounding areas



Additional Access Funding in Draft ST3 Plan

Transit, Non-Motorized, Other Investments:

- Non-Motorized Access Allowance
\$270 million
- Bus-rail integration facilities
\$100 million
- System Access Fund
\$100 million

Parking: **\$660 million**

Other sources:

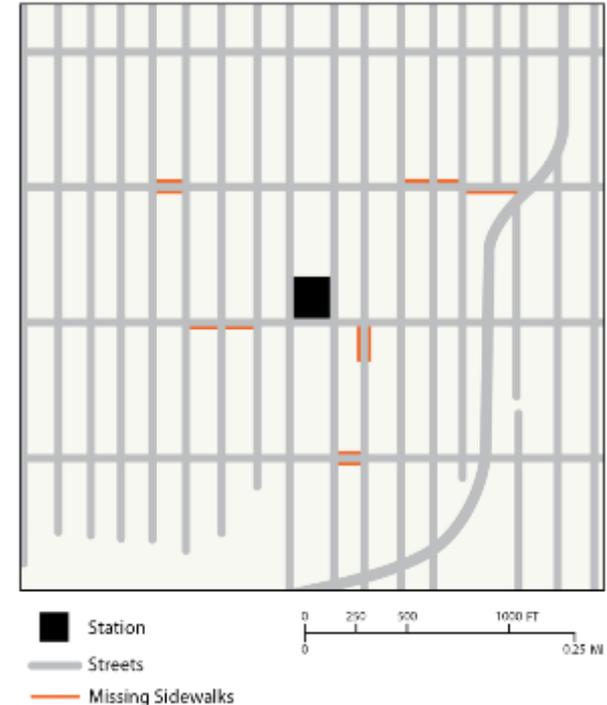
- South Sounder Capital Improvement Program
- Early Deliverables – Passenger amenities at stations

Total: \$1.2 billion



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 for stations with high volumes of transfers
- Coordinating with transit partner agencies to refine locations as future bus networks take shape



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

Additional Parking

- ST3 projects in several new rail and BRT corridors include parking expansion
- Parking expansion for North Sounder included in early deliverables projects
- South Sounder Capital Improvement Program could build approximately 1,000 park and ride stalls



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

