



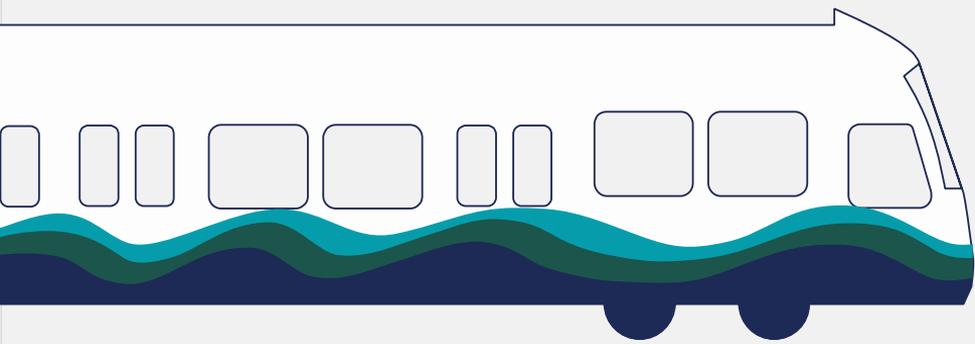
ST3 Draft Plan Public Involvement Expert Review Panel

June 6, 2016

 **SOUNDTRANSIT**



ST3 timeline





Level of participation

>183,800 Unique page views at soundtransit3.org

34,706 Number of surveys completed
**Survey not statistically valid as participants were self-selected and do not represent a demographically representative sample group*

>17,300 Answers to open-end survey question

>2,320 Number of written comments received

>1,250 Number of attendees at 7 public meetings

104 Number of translated surveys completed

90 Letters/emails from jurisdictions and stakeholder organizations



Methods of promotion

- District-wide mailer
- Online, print and TV advertising, including translated ads
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Email notifications
- Media coverage
- Jurisdictional and stakeholder briefings
- ST3 website





Written comments: regional themes

- **Improving project delivery timelines**
 - Opinions to expedite specific projects or order for completion
 - Needing relief from congestion now
 - Perceived lack of transit benefit, given the amount of taxes/timeline required
- **“We can’t afford to wait.”**
- A mix between advancing projects that serve high density neighborhoods first, or focusing on completing the spine.
- **People prioritize projects near their home first, but also see the benefit of a completed regional system** (e.g., “Deliver Everett faster, and complete the spine to Tacoma”).
- **Enhance access to the system**, through additional parking or by ped/bike facilities.
- Debate about **affordability of the plan**, opposition to the plan, based on income and equity for seniors/other at risk populations and existing tax strain.



Written comments: Snohomish County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Lynnwood to Everett Light rail extension
- I-405 Bus Rapid Transit

Other themes from narrative comments

- Speed up delivery of light rail to Everett. Most comments prioritize the timeline to reach Everett, with no clear consensus on desired route.
- “Complete the spine” first, with reference to amount of taxes paid for Sound Transit services and projects since Sound Move



Written comments: North King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Ballard to Downtown light rail extension
- West Seattle to Downtown light rail extension

Other themes from narrative comments

- Ballard to Downtown: timeline, various comments on preferred route and emphasis on grade separation (e.g., “West is Best” comments)
- Add Ballard to UW as a project
- Include 130th Street infill station as a project, not provisional
- Advance timeline for delivery of Graham Street infill station



Written comments: East King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- I-405 BRT
- Bellevue/Overlake to Redmond light rail

Other themes from narrative comments

- Increased service and stations on I-405, with many references and questions to why I-405 would not have light rail
- Concerns about inclusion of a study or any transit suggestion on the Cross Kirkland Corridor; also opposition to removal of a transit project as a “missed opportunity”



Written comments: South King County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma light rail extension
- Parking at rail stations

Other themes from narrative comments

- Perceived need for South King to get more out of the plan, sometimes referenced as an equity issue, especially among Renton commenters
- More concern about tax structure/overall cost of plan, relative to other subareas



Written comments: Pierce County

Most prioritized projects in survey (based on favorite projects tally)

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma light rail extension
- Extension of Tacoma Link to Tacoma Community College

Other themes from narrative comments

- Desire for additional Sounder service hours beyond commuter hours
- Speed up delivery of light rail to Tacoma, and extending Tacoma Link
- More concern about tax structure/overall cost of plan, relative to other subareas

Who participated in the online survey?*

	2016		2015 comparison	% increase YOY
Snohomish County	8.3%	2,871	5.8%	99%
North King County	45.9%	15,912	54.0%	19%
East King County	20.6%	7,142	17.0%	69%
South King County	6.2%	2,156	6.4%	35%
Pierce County	11.5%	3,999	9.6%	69%
Out of District	7.6%	2,626	7.2%	47%
<i>Total participation</i>		34,706	24,797	↑ 40%

*Online survey was conducted during Draft Plan comment period; results are not statistically valid as participants were self-selected



Continued interest for expanded mass transit

91%

Support continued mass transit expansion (strongly or somewhat support)

88%

Prioritize light rail expansion of at least a 5 on scale of 1-7

72%

Prioritize BRT expansion of at least a 5 on scale of 1-7





Priority projects

Snohomish County

- Lynnwood to Everett light rail, via the Paine Field employment/manufacturing area
- I-405 Bus Rapid Transit
- Developing opportunities for buses to use highway shoulders to bypass traffic on selected highways

East King County

- I-405 Bus Rapid Transit
- Bellevue/Overlake to Downtown Redmond light rail
- Bellevue to Issaquah light rail via Eastgate



Priority projects continued

South King County

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma light rail
- Parking at rail stations
- West Seattle to Downtown Seattle light rail

Pierce County

- Kent/Des Moines to Tacoma Dome light rail
- Tacoma Link light rail connecting downtown Tacoma to Tacoma Community College
- Extending Sounder South commuter rail from Lakewood to DuPont, including a station at Tillicum/Joint Base Lewis McChord



Priority projects continued

North King County

- Ballard to Downtown Seattle light rail via Seattle Center and South Lake Union (including new downtown rail tunnel)
- West Seattle to Downtown Seattle light rail
- Tie:
 - Lynnwood to Everett light rail
 - Capital Improvements to increase bus speed and reliability on King County Metro Rapid Ride C and D serving Ballard and West Seattle