

A low-angle shot of a white and blue Sound Transit train. The train is moving towards the right, with its windows reflecting the sky. The blue section of the train features the Sound Transit logo and name. A dark grey horizontal band is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the main title in yellow text.

# **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