



# ST3 Draft Plan Public Involvement Expert Review Panel

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A low-angle, upward-looking shot of a white and blue Sound Transit train. The train has large windows and a teal-colored stripe. The "SOUNDTRANSIT" logo is visible on the side. The background shows a glass and steel structure, likely a train station.

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# ST3 timeline

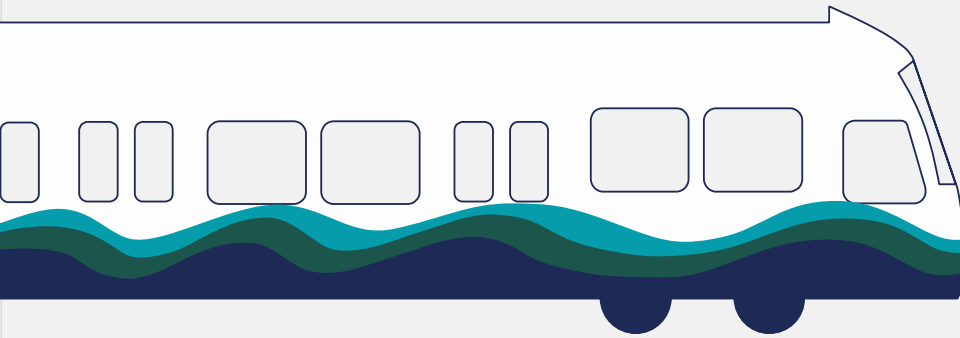
WE ARE HERE

**Long-Range  
Plan Update**  
2014

**Revenue authority  
from Legislature**  
2015

**System planning**  
*(Develop ballot measure)*  
2015 – mid-2016

**ST3 ballot  
measure**  
November 2016





# 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<br>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%               |
| <b><i>Total participation</i></b> |       | <b>34,706</b> | 24,797          | <b>↑ 40%</b>      |

\*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