

Sound Transit Environmental Policy

Sound Transit is committed to the protection of the environment for present and future generations as we provide high capacity transit to the Puget Sound Region. Sound Transit has been a catalyst and model for engaging federal and state partners to resolve environmental issues that apply to our program. We will continue to be an environmental leader in the State of Washington through the integration of the following principles into our daily business practices:

- We will be in full compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. We will strive to exceed compliance by the continual improvement of our environmental performance through cost-effective innovation and self-assessment.
- We will restore the environment by providing mitigation and corrective action, and will monitor to ensure that environmental commitments are implemented. We will improve our ability to manage and account for environmental risk.
- We will avoid environmental degradation by minimizing releases to air, water, and land. We will prevent pollution and conserve resources by reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling, and preferentially purchasing materials with recycled content.
- We will increase the awareness of environmental issues among agency employees through education and training. We will continue to educate the public about the environmental benefits of our transit system. We will build relationships with our contractors, vendors, consultants, and transit partners during planning, design, construction, and operation to protect and enhance the environment.
- In order to implement this Policy, Sound Transit will establish and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) with environmental objectives and targets that are measurable, meaningful and understandable. The goals and progress of this Policy and the EMS will be communicated to agency board members, officers, employees and the public.

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