

## DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR ST3

### INNOVATION FUND

Transit, like all other industries, is in a constant state of development and change. While light rail, commuter rail and BRT are the most efficient ways to move the largest number of people around our region, the region needs to continue investing in technologies and innovations to make them even more effective, efficient and convenient for more and more people. As new transportation technologies and approaches develop Sound Transit will work to integrate them with high-capacity transit services and facilities to create a robust and reliable, yet adaptable, network of regional mobility options.

ST3's Innovation Fund invests \$75 million in research and development of programs and technologies to:

- Deliver real-time service availability and travel option information to customers where and when they need it;
- Ensure transit accessibility and ease of use for riders of all ages, abilities and income levels;
- Make fare payment fast and convenient ;
- Understand and meet the needs of employers and bulk-purchasers of transportation services;
- Better manage vehicle and bicycle parking for transit customers;
- Identify ways of improving the connectivity between transit facilities and the communities they serve;
- Partner with other public and private mobility providers including ferry, local transit, bikeshare, carshare, rideshare, shuttle and mobility-on-demand services;
- Identify and adopt best and emerging practices to better serve customers and enhance the environmental, social equity and economic benefits of high capacity transit; and
- Maximize the ability of future transportation technologies such as driverless cars to complement and expand the reach of high-capacity transit.