

## DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR ST3

### SUSTAINABILITY

Sound Transit's mission to build, operate and expand regional transit is essential to central Puget Sound's sustainable future. The agency is committed to making long-term investments that improve the region's economy, communities, and environment.

For Sound Transit, sustainability is both about fulfilling the agency's mission as a transit provider, as well as how that mission is accomplished. The proposed ST3 expansion projects create a sustainable central Puget Sound region by enabling more people to travel affordably and reliably throughout the area's growing communities on environmentally-friendly buses and trains.

Operating sustainability is about efficiency; expanding the regional mass transit system is good for the region's environment and communities, and increases the value of Sound Transit services to the public. Under ST3, the agency will implement the goals articulated in the agency's Sustainability plans. Sustainability approaches will be integrated into all aspects of agency activities consistent with Board-adopted policy - from planning and design to construction and operations. Sound Transit's ongoing sustainability efforts include its commitment to environmental stewardship.

Sound Transit Sustainability policies and plans contemplate that the agency will:

- Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution generated during construction and operation of the ST3 System Plan;
- Procure and manage fleets that demonstrate increasing fuel efficiency, including alternative fuels and low and no emission vehicles;
- Work to make the agency's electricity use carbon-neutral and maximize energy efficiency;
- Implement green building and infrastructure designs and meet third party green building and infrastructure standards, where eligible;
- Plan, design and construct a transit system that is resilient to the long-term impacts of climate change and other natural hazards; and
- Pursue innovative sustainability features and approaches over the duration of the ST3 plan as industry best practices and national standards continue to evolve.