

A low-angle, close-up photograph of a Sound Transit train. The train is white with a teal and blue stripe running along its side. Several windows are visible, some reflecting the sky and others showing the interior. The train is positioned under a glass and steel structure, likely a station platform. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

# **ST3 Draft Plan**

Results from Spring 2016 Draft Plan comment period (March 29 – May 2, 2016)

May 5, 2016

 **SOUNDTRANSIT**

# Level of participation

**>183,800** Unique page views at [soundtransit3.org](https://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*

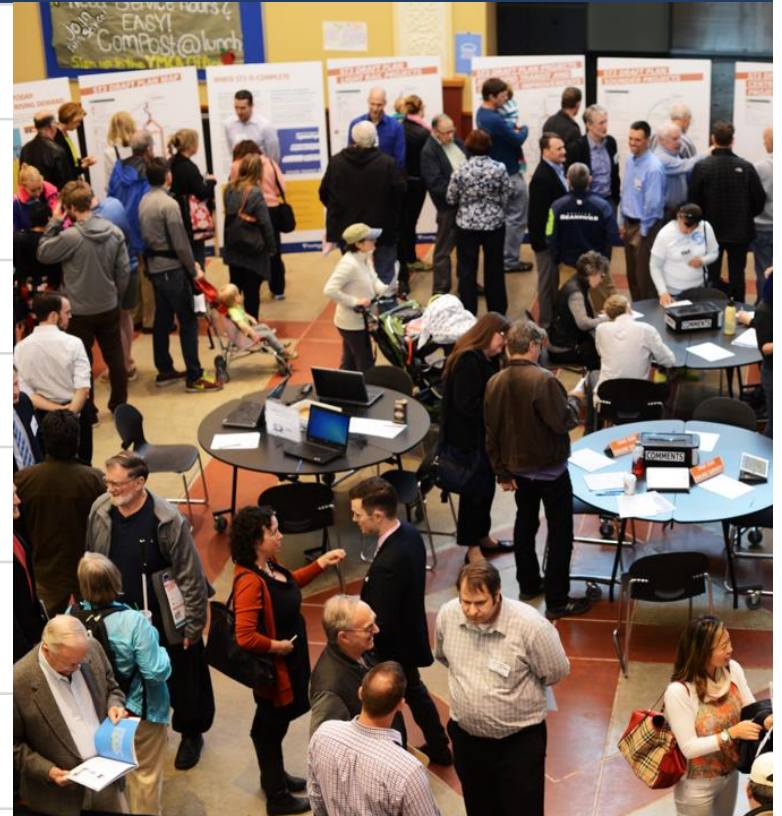
**18,032** Answers to open-end survey question

**>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



# 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



# Themes across the region

- **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.

# Themes from 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

# Themes from 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

# Themes from 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”

# Themes from 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



# Themes from 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