



# System Access Program

Executive Committee

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 **SOUNDTRANSIT**

# System Access Program Assumptions



System Access Fund	Station Access Allowance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocated based on an evaluation of needs of customers using ST existing &amp; planned bus and rail stations <u>and</u> connectivity with other modes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional access improvements outside footprint of ST3 light rail and BRT stations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>safe sidewalks</li> <li>protected bike lanes</li> <li>shared use paths</li> <li>improved bus-rail integration</li> <li>new pick-up/drop-off areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create safe, direct walking and bicycling routes to surrounding neighborhoods, businesses and community gathering places</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding partnerships encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allowance amount based on station type</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100M (2014\$) allocated equally across all 5 subareas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$270M (2014\$) for ST3 stations</li> </ul>



# How does ST3 address parking?

- ❑ New parking facilities included in ST3:
  - up to 9,695 new parking stalls (a net increase of up to 8,235 stalls)
  - plus additional south Sounder parking stalls yet to be determined
  
- ❑ In planning for new parking:
  - Look at opportunities for leased or shared parking and parking built in conjunction with new TOD projects
  
- ❑ Parking management to increase availability and reliability of access



# Startup activities underway



- Determine how to manage **System Access Fund**
- Establish Sound Transit **Interdepartmental Team**
- Establish **Interagency Advisory Group**
- Develop **Outreach and Community Engagement Plan**
- Identify **Stakeholders**

# System Access Fund Schedule

**Framing the System  
Access Program**  
Q2 – Q4 2017

**Develop  
System Access  
Fund**  
Q1 2018

**Begin Implementation  
of System Access  
Fund**  
Q2 2018

**Initiate  
Projects**

**Policy Review and Update**

- Establish fund management
- Establish governance structure
- Interdepartmental and Interagency Advisory Teams
- Develop Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Identify Stakeholders

- Define evaluation criteria and selection process
- Mode of Access Data Collection
- Implement Outreach and Engagement Plan

- Call for potential projects
- Evaluation and selection of projects
- Negotiate funding agreements

# System Access Fund policy discussion



**ST's System Access Policy states that:**

- **ridership,**
- **total cost of ownership, including partnerships with third parties,**
- **ST and local jurisdictions' plans and planning documents and**
- **public input,**

**Should all be taken into consideration in design of and investment in transit facilities and access infrastructure.**



# System Access Fund policy discussion



- What **criteria** should we use to evaluate potential access projects?
  - needs of customers using Sound Transit's **existing and planned** bus and rail stations
  - **connectivity** with other modes
  - Other criteria?
- Partner with other jurisdictions and other stakeholders to leverage grants and matching funds. Projects that leverage funds through **funding partnerships will receive strong consideration.**
- What **process** should we follow for funding access projects?
- Set aside funding for projects **originating within ST?**

