Regional Transportation Plan Amendment
ST3 System Plan Update

Transportation Policy Board
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Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Discussion and Action

- Summary of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment process
  - Plan consistency, environmental, and financial constraint requirements
- Summary of requested amendment
  - ST3 System Plan update
  - Findings and RTP consistency
- Recommendation of Approval



RTP Amendment Process

- The RTP has a financial strategy that balances planned investments with projected revenues through 2050
- Recognizing that projects and priorities change over time, there are administrative procedures allowing plan amendments before the next plan cycle (every 4 years)



RTP Amendment Process

- All requested amendments are reviewed for consistency with the plan's --
  - air quality conformity finding
  - State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination
  - financial strategy
  - project consistency framework

Requested Amendment

- In July, Sound Transit briefed the board on the results of their "Enterprise Initiative" and resulting board resolution updating the ST3 System Plan
  - The agency's Fall 2025 Long-Range Financial Plan estimated an additional $34.5 billion needed to fully fund the ST3 program through 2046
  - The Enterprise Initiative was a comprehensive effort aimed at delivering the maximum benefits of ST3 within available financial resources

Requested Amendment

- The updated System Plan classifies all ST3 capital projects into one of three categories:

  1. Affordable within available resources

  2. Projects with unfunded construction phases or funded through planning/design

  3. Deferred projects

Requested Amendment

- The requested RTP amendment aligns the updated information from the ST3 System Plan update and updated Sound Transit Long-Range Financial Plan within the RTP financial strategy
- Attachment A (agenda item #6) identifies the requested changes to specific Sound Transit investments in the RTP per the ST3 System Plan update
- PSRC has reviewed the amendment for consistency with the required elements ⇒

Amendment Findings

- The RTP retains a positive finding of air quality conformity with this amendment
- The analysis results of the amendment are consistent with the RTP SEPA Addendum
- As it is based on the updated Sound Transit Long-Range Financial Plan, the amendment maintains the financial constraint of the RTP
- No new projects are being added, so consistency with the RTP project consistency framework is also retained

Amendment Findings

- Key regional analysis results of the amendment include the following:

Metric	RTP	Amended RTP	Change	% Change
Vehicle Miles Traveled	99,051,000	99,395,000	344,000	0.3%
Vehicle Hours of Delay	332,000	342,000	10,000	2.9%
Transit Boardings	1,534,000	1,528,000	-6,000	-0.4%
CO2e	6,670	6,680	10	0.2%

Recommended Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board adopt an amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect the updated ST3 System Plan.

Sound Transit may request a future RTP amendment to readdress investments amended with this action, should additional resources be identified.



Thank You

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