System Access
PSRC Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

March 12, 2019
Agenda

• System Access Fund – 2019 Call for Projects Overview

• System Access Strategic Plan
System Access Fund

What is it?

› The major piece of the $100M (2014$) ST3 System Access Program that is divided equally between the five sub-areas ($20M per subarea)

› Intended to fund projects such as:
  - safe sidewalks
  - protected bike lanes
  - shared use paths
  - improved bus-rail integration
  - new pick-up and drop-off areas
Approach for Fund Administration

- Conduct a call for projects in 2019
- Make up to $10M per subarea available
  - Program funds between 2019-2025
- This approach preserves:
  - Flexibility for the Board to program funds directly
  - Resources for needs later in the ST3 program
Projects must demonstrate a clear nexus with a Sound Transit-served facility

Eligible sponsors: cities, counties, transit agencies
  » Sponsors limited to 2 applications

Eligible projects: capital, operating, technology, TDM
  » For capital, must be PE/design or construction phases
  » Applicants must show how ongoing operations and maintenance costs would be sustained once System Access Funds are expended
Evaluation Factors

Policy factors
» Customer experience
» Equity
» Safety
» Connectivity
» Human health

Technical factors
» Funding plan
» Delivery plan
Process & Next Steps

Q1 2019
- Call for projects
  - Finalize application and procedures
  - Initiate call for projects
  - Conduct outreach in each subarea immediately following call for project

Q2 2019
- Evaluation
  - Sound Transit staff evaluate projects against policy and technical factors

June 2019
- Project selection
  - Sound Transit Board makes final decision on projects to fund
FAQs

• Who can propose projects?
  Cities, counties, transit agencies

• What years can applicants request funds for?
  2019-2025

• Is match required?
  No, however…
FAQs

• What isn’t eligible for System Access Funds? *Planning & ROW phases; vehicle parking*

• Who decides on awarding System Access Funds? *Sound Transit Board of Directors*

• When will the next call occur? *To be determined*
Key Dates

• February 19: Call for projects opens
• March 11: Screening forms due
• March 18: Screening form feedback
• April 12: Applications due
Application Materials

• Screening form

• Application
  ▪ General information
  ▪ Policy factors
  ▪ Technical factors

• Guidance
Application – Policy Factors

Customer Experience

**Key Metric**

The impact the project will have on making it easier and more convenient for people to get to the transit facility
The impact the project will have on connecting people who rely on transit to the transit facility
Application – Policy Factors

Key Metric
The impact the project will have on improving both the safety and health of people at and surrounding the transit facility
Application – Policy Factors

**Key Metric**
The impact the project will have in increasing the number of people who can use the transit facility
Application – Technical Factors

Key Metric
The project sponsor has all other funds in place to complete the phase/project or a realistic plan to secure them.
Key Metric
The project sponsor has a realistic plan for delivering the project for which they are requesting funds

Application – Technical Factors

Delivery Plan
Key Dates

• April 15-May 31: evaluation period
• May 2: Executive Committee briefing on projects (anticipated)
• June 3-July 8: public comment period opens on projects (anticipated)
• July 18: Sound Transit Executive Committee recommendation on projects to fund (anticipated)
• July 25: Sound Transit Board action on projects to fund (anticipated)
System Access Strategic Plan

Premise

• Responding to the increase in Sound Transit activity on access as a result of the passage of ST3

• Recognizes that there are access needs and issues at existing stations and there is an opportunity to create better access outcomes in project development

• Will inform and support a potential update to the agency’s existing System Access Policy
System Access Strategic Plan

Scope of Work – Data

• Passenger facility inventory

• Passenger intercept surveys

• Data analysis, collection, and monitoring plan
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Scope of Work – Planning Process

• Process & procedures for new resources
  ▪ System Access Fund
  ▪ Station access allowances

• Access planning guidelines
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Scope of Work – Space Allocation

• Capacity estimation methodologies
  ▪ bike parking
  ▪ curb space

• Parking
  ▪ management strategy
  ▪ parking in capital project development
SASP Schedule

Q3-Q4 2018
» Project launch
» Initiate work on multiple tasks

Q1 2019
» Work underway on all tasks
» Initial task-specific deliverables

Q2 2019
» Most work wrapping up
» Draft System Access Strategic Plan

Q3-4 2019
» Final System Access Strategic Plan
» Initiate potential update to System Access Policy