



System Access

Seattle Transit Advisory Board

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System Access Policy (2013) – Goals

- Increase transit ridership
- Encourage safe, convenient connections by all access modes



Access is Multi-Dimensional



Station

- physical location
- station type
- entry & exit points
- transit service volume & frequency
- curb space
- bike lockers
- canopy
- wayfinding
- user experience

Access is Multi-Dimensional



Station area

- land use
- development patterns
- urban form
- pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- public realm
- transfer environment
- curb space
- parking

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Mobility framework

- ‡ street network
- ‡ system role
- ‡ topography
- ‡ barriers
- ‡ pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- ‡ transit integration
- ‡ curb space
- ‡ parking

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Getting to shared values and priorities



Establishing roles, responsibilities, and timing



Balancing trade-offs within existing resources

System Access Program



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Strategic Plan



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Parking



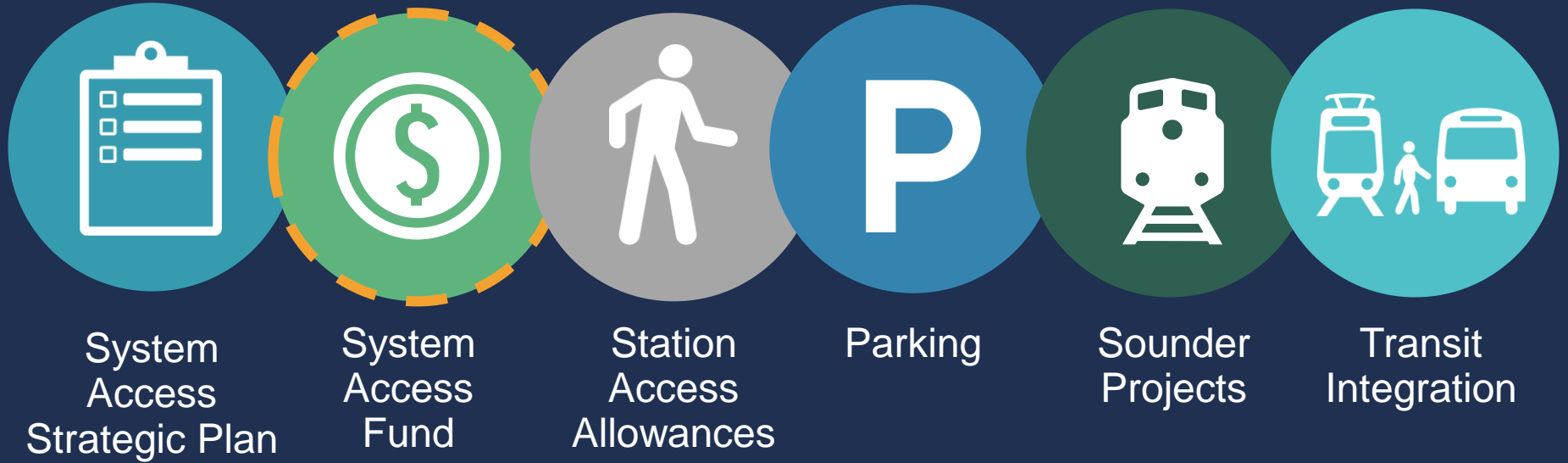
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System Access Policy & ST3






System Access Program



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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



Administrative Features

- › 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

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