



ST3 City Team | Transit Advisory Board

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ST3 in Seattle

In 2016, over 70% of Seattle voters said yes to ST3.

2026: Pinehurst infill station (2&3-Lines)

2031: South Graham Street infill station (1-Line)

2032: West Seattle Link Extension

4-station extension of 3-Line (West Seattle to Everett), with Duwamish River crossing and West Seattle tunnel

2039: Ballard Link Extension

9-station extension of 1-Line (Ballard to Tacoma), with new transit-only downtown tunnel from CID to Seattle Center) and new Ship Canal tunnel crossing



ST3 City Team

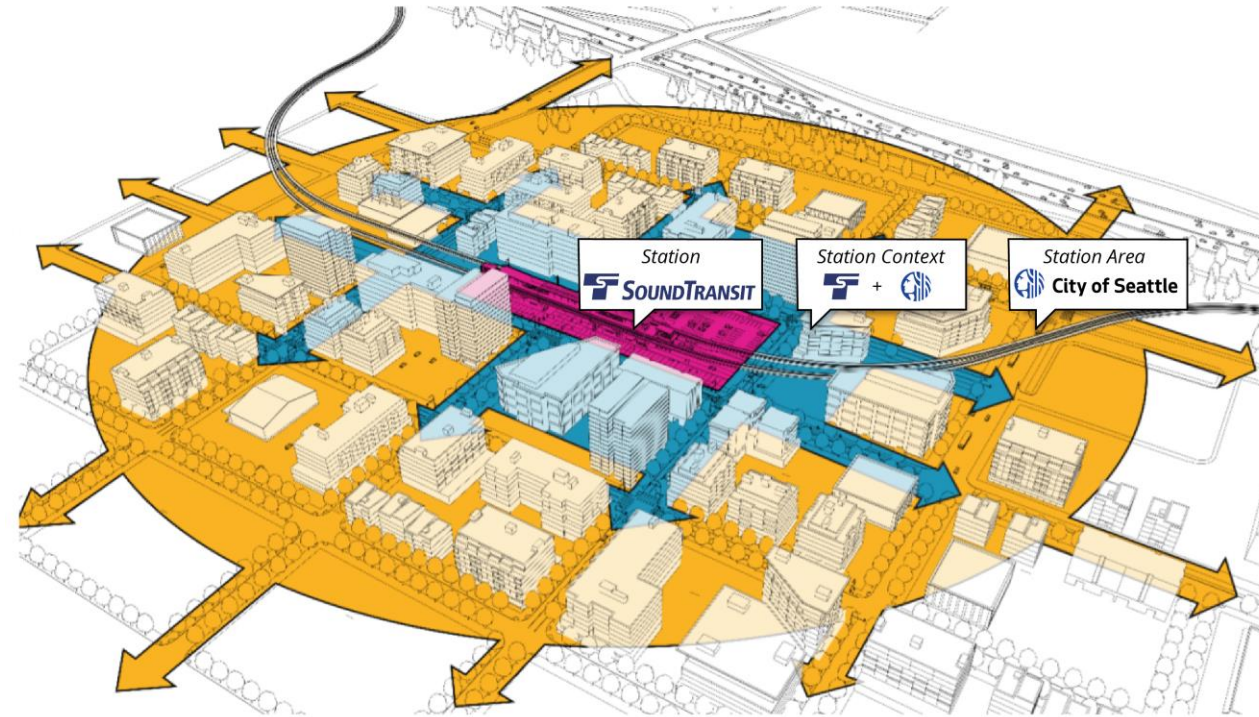
ST3 is the largest infrastructure investment program in Seattle's history. These projects bring tremendous opportunity to transform how people reach their homes, jobs, and destinations.

While Sound Transit is the regional agency delivering these capital investments, the **ST3 City Team** is an interdepartmental *One Seattle* effort that partners with Sound Transit to help bring these projects to Seattle communities.



How the ST3 City Team supports ST3 projects

- **Regulatory roles** defined by statute and code, including project review and permitting.
- **Partnering roles** via our 2018 Partnering Agreement with a focus on leadership across departments, intensive staff coordination, and streamlined permitting.
- **Delivery roles** to develop and deliver numerous plans and projects to support ST3, including station area planning and access projects.



Example: Pigeon Point

The ST3 City Team and Sound Transit are minimizing and mitigating impacts to Pigeon Point and the West Duwamish Greenbelt through pre-permitting collaboration, including:

- Develop a restoration plan that prioritizes ecological functioning and habitat preservation. *(Leads: SDCI)*
- Support creation of a Tree and Vegetation Management Plan that describes impacts and tree replacement approach per established City policy. *(Leads: SDCI, SDOT, OSE)*
- Identify new parkland to mitigate the loss of 3+ acres from the WSLE guideway construction, in compliance with Ord 118477. *(Leads: SDOT, SPR, FAS)*



Image: Sound Transit, Presentation to the Seattle Design Commission, Potential terraced design concept, July 2024

Example: SODO Segment

The ST3 City Team and Sound Transit are collaborating on early critical path efforts for this first ST3 segment, including:

- Support utility relocation, e.g., transmission lines and water mains, to allow for light rail construction. *(Leads: SCL, SPU, SDOT)*
- Manage proximity of new light rail guideway to City properties and structures. *(Leads: FAS, SCL, SFD, SDOT)*
- Redesign 4th Avenue South for the closure of E3 busway and introduction of new bus volumes into the corridor. *(Leads: SDOT)*
- Plan for safe access and transit-oriented development near the future SODO station. *(Leads: OPCD, SDOT)*



Image: Sound Transit, Presentation to the Seattle Design Commission, Potential pedestrian access design concept, November 2024

HOW THE ST3 CITY TEAM SUPPORTS ST3 PROJECTS

Example: Design Guidelines

Adopted in 2024 by Joint Director's Rule (OPCD, SDCI, SDOT), the Guidelines are intended to:

- Improve predictability for designers and planners;
- Share the City's expectations for the station and public realm design to guide the development of stations and station area investments;
- Serve as the basis for evaluation by City staff, Boards, and/or Commissions;
- Supplement the City's various adopted design guidance and development standards for station and right-of-way design.

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LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT FACILITY DESIGN GUIDELINES

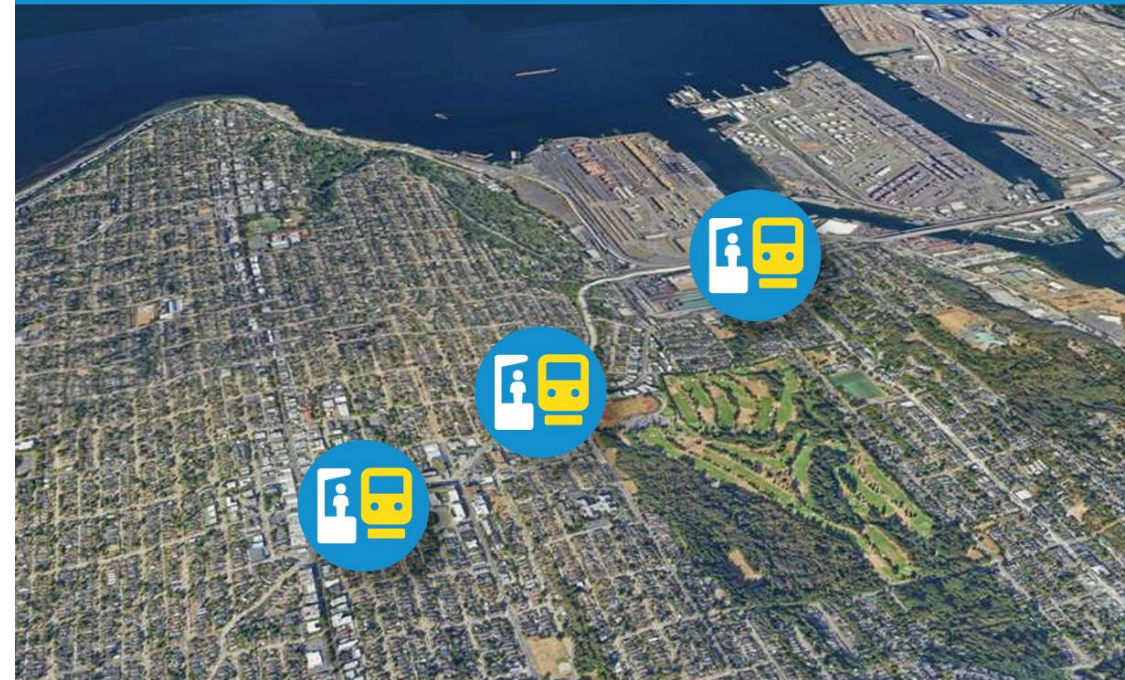
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Example: Street Concept Plan

Adopted in 2024 by Joint Director's Rule (OPCD, SDOT), the Plan is intended to:

- Provide a vision and design for how streets will look in the future
- Align with modal networks in the Seattle Transportation Plan
- Advance Vision Zero principles
- Build on past neighborhood planning efforts
- Guide future project implementation in station areas

West Seattle Light Rail Station Area Street Concept Plan



Executive Order 2025-02

A One Seattle Commitment to Expedite Light Rail Expansion

- Organization: Expand of the Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, & Sound Transit
- Permitting: Develop legislation to streamline the permit process for these major projects
- Resources: Fund additional staff across City departments to support design, permitting, construction, and station area planning
- Rider experience: Create a four-year work plan to ensure a safe and excellent transit experience, including station design, access improvements, safety enhancements, and equitable transit-oriented development



ST3 City Team interdepartmental structures

The **Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit**, leads the ST3 City Team—coordinating efforts of **eight interdepartmental workgroups** with staff spanning over a dozen City departments.

A **project management team** liaises with Sound Transit managers, and coordinates issue elevation and resolution across workgroups and departmental leadership.



2025 Major Activities

Citywide

- Transmit land use code amendments to support light rail transit facilities
- Develop ST3 City Team workplan and resource plan

West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE)

- Transmit legislation to adopt the WSLE project
- Support final design and early permitting
- Prepare for project construction, including impacts to public and private properties and right-of-way
- Develop station access projects and begin station area planning



2025 Major Activities

South Graham Street and Boeing Access Road

- Support selection of preferred station options

Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

- Review the Ballard Draft EIS and support selection of preferred alternative for study in the FEIS
- Update the Joint-Agency Racial Equity Toolkit
- Complete the South Downtown Hub planning process and identify next steps for implementation
- Support preliminary engineering for BLE system
- Develop select street concept plans and begin station access project planning



Discussion

- Questions
- Topics for future briefings





THANK YOU!

Angela Brady, PE, Office of Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit Director
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