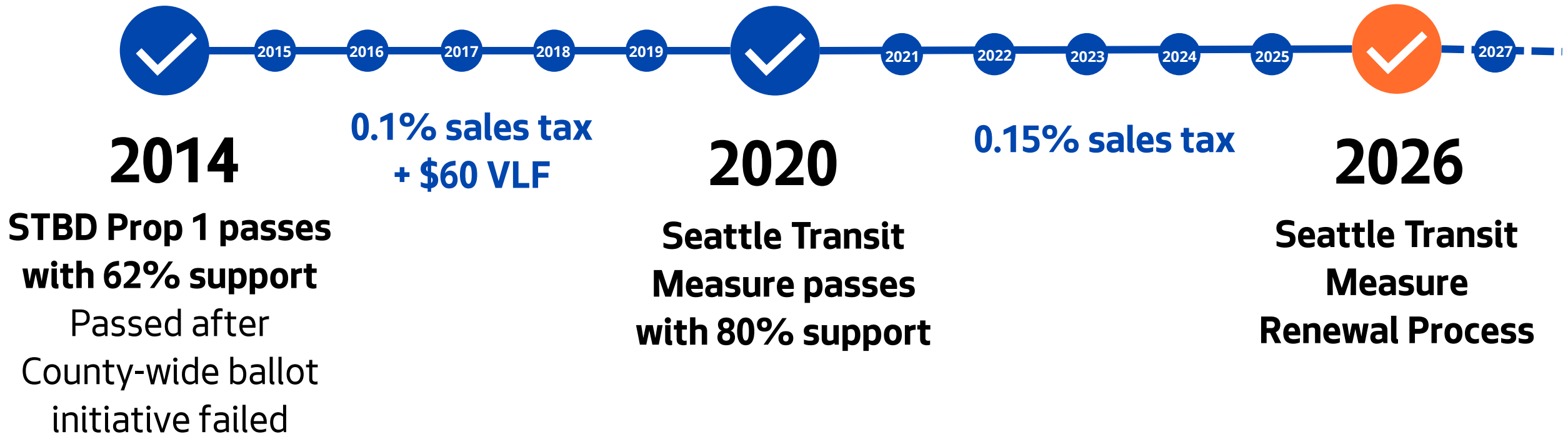


2026 Seattle Transit Measure Renewal



STM History



2020 STM Community Impacts



850,000+ transit service hours



Planning, engineering, and permitting Light Rail Expansion



52,000 free ORCA cards



50+ transit education programs for youth and older adults



\$14M+ for transit safety



Addressing emerging needs



100+ transit capital projects



Support for Seattle Streetcar

2026 Seattle Transit Measure Renewal:

A **0.3%** sales and use tax for **10** years to fund transit service, free transit passes, ST3 planning and development, and transit capital projects

Sales tax as a funding source

Median income 2-person household

	2020 STM	2026 STM	Change
Monthly Cost	\$2.42	\$4.83	+\$2.42
Annual Cost	\$29	\$58	+\$29

Low-income 2-person household

	2020 STM	2026 STM	Change
Monthly Cost	\$1.50	\$2.92	+\$1.42
Annual Cost	\$18	\$35	+\$17

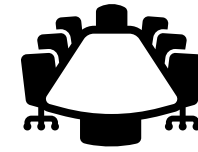
Everyone contributes



Residents



Workers



Businesses



Visitors

Essentials are exempt



Medication and medical equipment



Groceries



Rent and mortgage payments



Personal care and baby products

2026 STM Renewal Components

86%

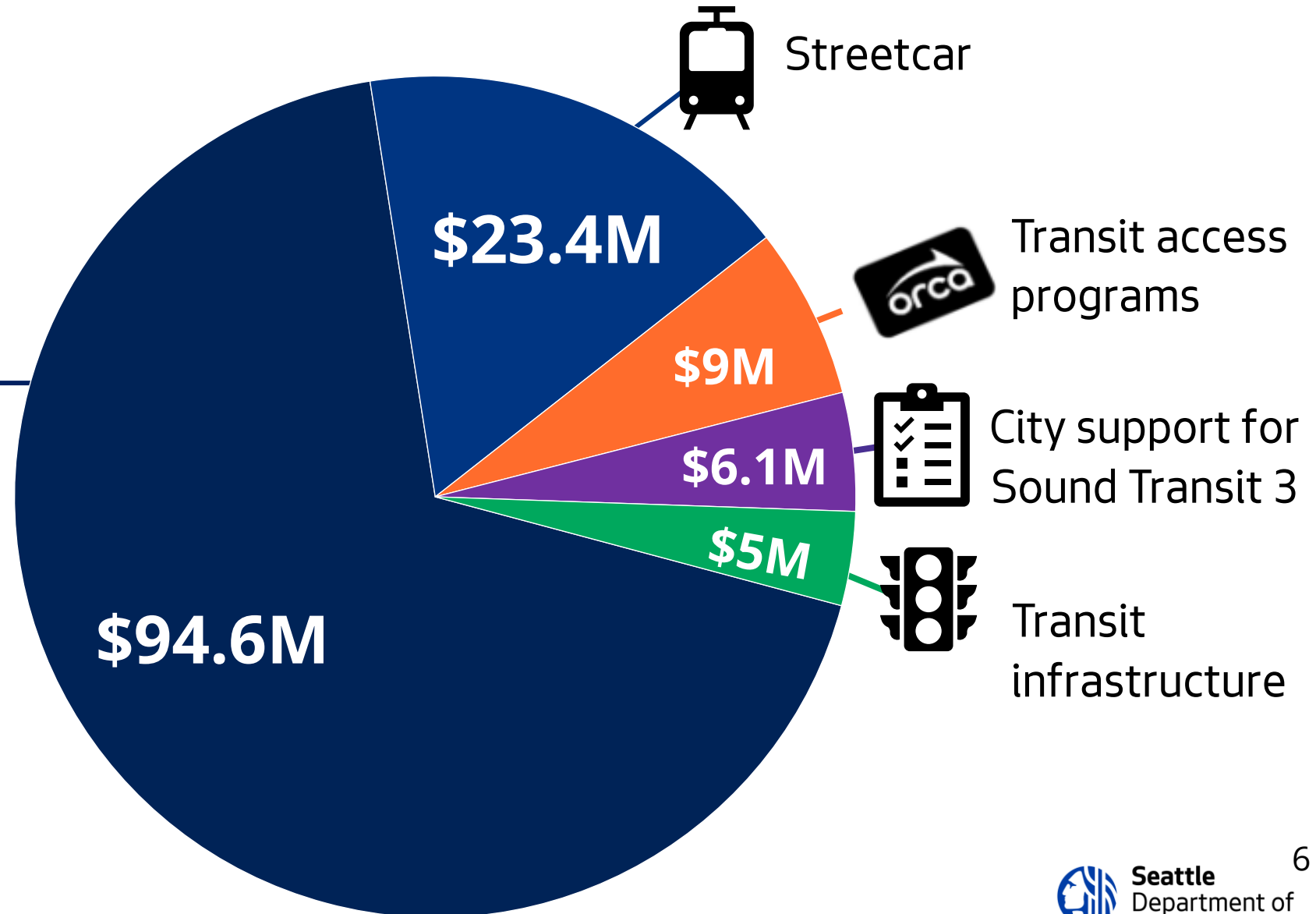
for transit service



Bus
service

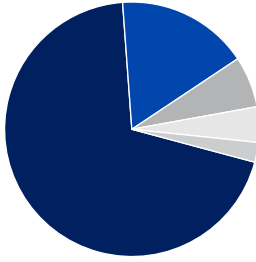
Average expected
revenue:

**\$138 million
per year**



Transit service

\$118M per year

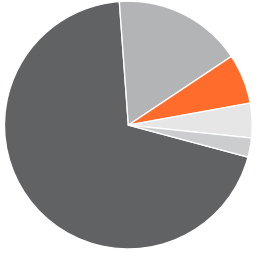


- 275,000 bus trips per year:
 - 95,000 more trips than today
 - 50,000+ more people travel by bus every week
- At least 75% of funds must be spent on transit service
- Investments in transit to support:
 - Consistent schedules 7 days a week
 - Buses that come more often evenings, nights, weekends, mid-day
 - Metro's safety & security efforts
 - Operations and maintenance of the Seattle Streetcar System

Transit access programs

\$9M per year

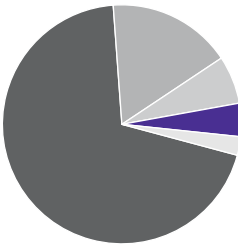
- Continue providing 10,000 people with fully subsidized ORCA cards every year
 - Seattle Housing Authority (SHA): 6,000 residents
 - Seattle Preschool Program: 2,000 low-income families
 - Seattle Promise Scholars: 1,500+ young adults
- Expand SHA partnership to 12,000 Housing Choice Voucher participants
- Continue funding for young adult and senior transit education programs



Sound Transit 3 support

\$6.1M per year

- City staffing to support planning, engineering, design and project delivery of the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension projects and Graham Street station

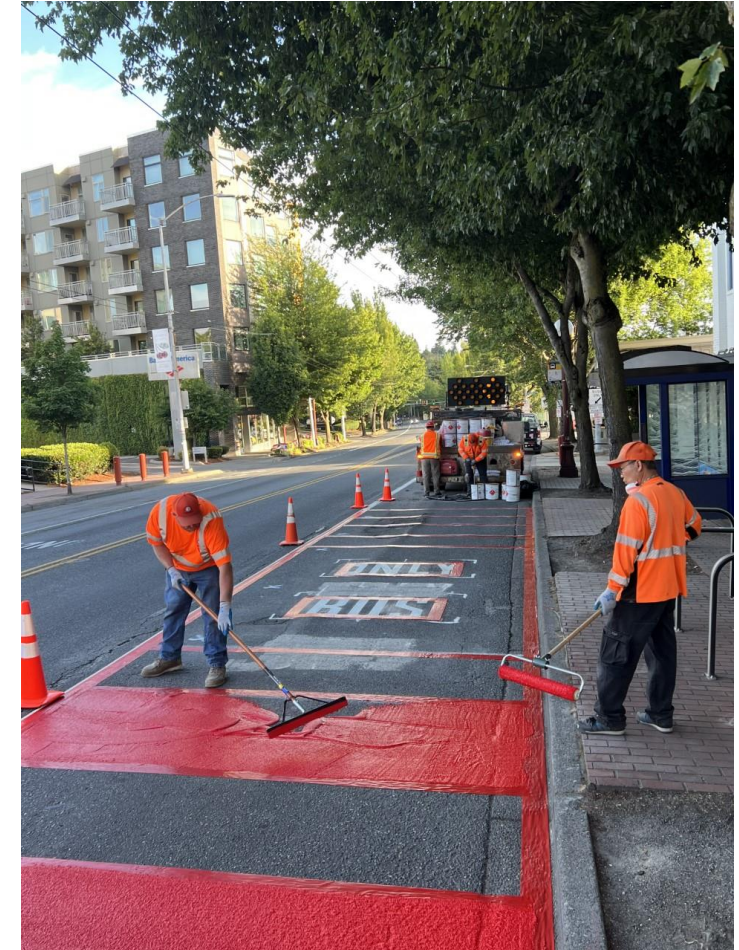
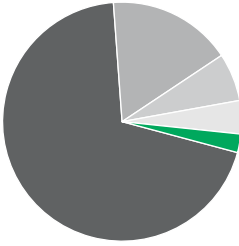


Transit capital projects

\$5M per year

Invest in improving transit travel time and reliability projects to:

- Keep transit on schedule
- Support STM transit service investments
- Improve the rider experience traveling to and waiting at transit stops
- Make it easier for people with disabilities to access transit
- 1-2 transit corridor improvements per year



Accountability and reporting

- Oversight by the Transit Advisory Board
- Annual report on STM investments and outcomes
- Annual report on on-time performance and bus reliability
- Midterm STM evaluation report due in 2032 on expenditures, program outcomes, and policy recommendations for the remainder of the measure



Looking forward

- 950,000 more service hours planned over 10 years
- 89% completion on the Frequent Transit Network
- Return to 2019 levels of bus service in Seattle
- 22,000 free ORCA cards

For consideration on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot

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