

SEATTLE TRANSIT MEASURE RENEWAL

At-A-Glance

The Seattle Transit Measure is up for Renewal

The Seattle Transit Measure will appear on the November 2026 ballot. If approved by voters, the 2026 Seattle Transit Measure Renewal would authorize the city to collect a 0.3% sales tax for 10 years to improve transit service at all times of day and increase transit access, connecting people to opportunities and meeting their daily travel needs.

The 2026 Seattle Transit Measure Renewal would replace the expiring 2020 Seattle Transit Measure. The expiring STM generates over \$50 million annually until April 2027 to fund transit investments.

WHAT WOULD THE SEATTLE TRANSIT MEASURE RENEWAL FUND?

Through approximately \$138 million in annual investments, the 2026 STM Renewal seeks to fund:



275,000 bus trips in Seattle each year, 950,000 more trips than today



Better bus service 24/7. That means more trips on Saturdays and Sundays, and more trips midday and overnight outside traditional commuter peaks



Continued focus on service for populations who depend on transit the most



Free ORCA cards for 22,000 people to lower the barrier to riding transit for low-income people, older adults, and families with young children



Operating the two Seattle Streetcar lines, providing access to local destinations, jobs, schools, and the regional light rail network



Targeted street improvements in places where buses get delayed, decreasing travel times and increasing reliability

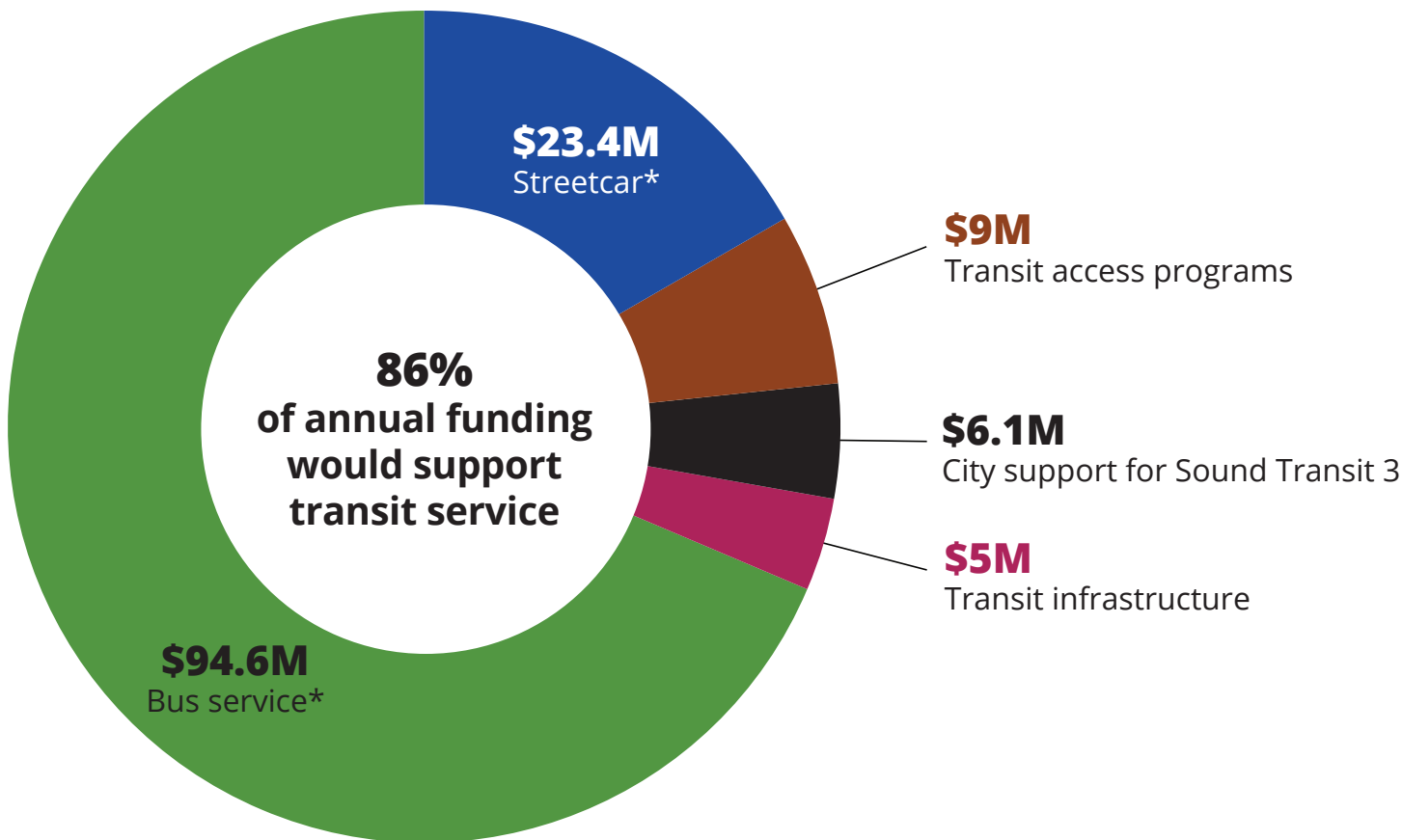


City staff to provide permits and construction oversight to build light rail quickly and safely. This will also improve access to future stations including Graham Street and along Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension projects

Every STM dollar that goes toward transit service helps make transit safer by supporting Metro's security efforts and delivering more frequent, reliable service. 6 million dollars would be invested annually in Metro's security efforts. Additionally, more buses and shorter waits mean a safer, more comfortable trip for everyone.



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What will this proposal cost Seattle taxpayers?

The cost for the median two-person Seattle household, making \$124,000 per year, is expected to be approximately **\$58 a year, or \$4.83 per month**. This is \$29 more per year, or \$2.42 more per month, than the median Seattle household pays today towards the Seattle Transit Measure.

Sales tax as a funding source

Sales tax is paid by everyone who purchases eligible items in the City, including residents, workers, visitors, and businesses.

Essential items are exempt



Medication
& medical
equipment



Groceries



Rent &
mortgage
payments



Personal
care & baby
products

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