

TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: ST3 Candidate Project Scopes Comment Letter

Per Council direction on January 11, several revisions have been incorporated in the City of Bellevue Sound Transit 3 (ST3) System Plan Candidate Project Scopes Comment Letter. **Staff is seeking Council approval of the revised documents in order to meet the January 21 comment deadline.**

The attached comment letter displays tracked changes (~~additions/deletions~~) reflecting revisions from the January 11 draft document in the Council agenda packet. Following is a summary of the revisions:

- Restructured the letter into three clear sections of (1) maintaining subarea equity, (2) Enhancing intra-eastside connections, and (3) demonstrating multi-agency coordination.
- Added language to the subarea equity section about transparency for the voters, the balance of funds with projects, rather than borrowing funds across subarea lines, and inviting Sound Transit staff to attend the February 8 Council meeting to discuss subarea equity.
- Emphasized early project delivery for I-405 BRT and the LRT extension to Redmond.
- Described the NE 6th Street crossing extension as reaching to 120th Avenue NE.
- Described three park-and-ride lots to be added to the I-405 BRT scope.
- Included information about the social equity implications of transit.
- Encouraged planning coordination between City and Sound Transit staff, particularly in regard to the Grand Connection.
- Invited King County Metro and Sound Transit staffs to update Council on their coordination work at an upcoming Council meeting.

If Council approves the revisions, staff is seeking direction from Council in the form of a Motion. Draft motion language:

“Move to approve the Bellevue ST3 candidate project scopes comment letter and direct staff to transmit it to the Sound Transit Board to meet the January 21 deadline.”

Attachment 1: Revised City of Bellevue ST3 System Plan Candidate Project Scopes Comment Letter
Attachment 2: January 11 Council ST3 System Plan Candidate Project Scopes Agenda Memo
Attachment 3: Eastside Cities’ Joint ST3 Candidate Projects Comment Letter
Attachment 4: December 7 Letter from Sound Transit Board Chair Constantine