

TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers

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DATE: April 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Draft Sound Transit 3 System Plan Comment Letter

Per Council direction on April 18, staff has prepared a draft comment letter on the draft ST3 System Plan for Council review. **Staff is seeking Council approval of the draft letter in order to meet Sound Transit's April 29 comment deadline.**

The attached draft comment letter reflects direction previously provided by Council, and specific Council comments from the April 18 study session:

- Advocated for improvements to the scope of I-405 BRT, in accordance with the I-405 Master Plan.
- Articulated the need for more information and careful study, including potential BRT service in the I-90 corridor, for the proposed light rail line from Bellevue to Issaquah.
- Included language about subarea equity, transparency for the voters, concern over the duration and cost of the draft plans, and the balance of funds with projects, rather than borrowing funds across subarea lines.

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

“Move to approve the Bellevue Draft ST3 System Plan comment letter and direct staff to transmit the letter to the Sound Transit Board to meet the April 29 deadline.”

Attachment 1: City of Bellevue Draft ST3 System Plan Comment Letter (forthcoming)

Attachment 2: April 18 Council Draft ST3 System Plan Agenda Memo