BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2015

ST3 SYSTEM PLAN

PURPOSE

- Briefing by Sound Transit staff on Phase 3 (ST3) System Plan:
  - Draft Priority Projects List
  - Comment letter due July 15

- Guidance on ST3 Interest Statements:
  - Bellevue – Revise 2014 Draft Long Range Plan Update Interest Statement (agenda packet)
  - Joint Eastside Cities (Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, Kirkland) Interest Statement

EXISTING POLICIES

- Comprehensive Plan
  - Bellevue is a Metropolitan City
  - Downtown is a Regional Growth Center
  - Other growth areas (e.g. Bel-Red, Eastgate)
  - Transportation system support City's & region's land use plans
- Transit Master Plan
  - Connecting Bellevue/Eastside & Bellevue/Region
  - Frequent Transit Network
  - Service within Bellevue
  - LRT, BRT, Bus
- 2005 HCT Interest Statement
  - Basis for draft 2014 ST Long Range Plan Update Interest Statement (in packet)

PREVIOUS INTERESTS

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POTENTIAL ADDED INTERESTS

- Support TOD
- Fund Eastside needs
- Connect urban centers within Eastside
- Connect Eastside with region (cross-lake in particular)
- Support system expansion (e.g. added service, maintenance facilities, ST4 planning studies)

Developing Sound Transit's New System Plan: Bellevue City Council — June 2015

Agenda

- ST3 Schedule Overview
- Draft Priority Projects List- Bellevue and Eastside Projects
- Upcoming Outreach Schedule
- Wrap up

System Plan (ST3) Timeline:

2015

- **Draft Priority Projects List** — May 2015
- **Public Input on Draft Priority Projects List** — June – July 2015 — Public Involvement
- **Board Advances Priority Projects List** — Aug. 2015
- **Detailed Testing and Evaluation of Priority Projects List** — Aug. – Dec. 2015

2016

- **Draft System Plan and Public Involvement** — Jan – Mar. 2016 — Public Involvement
- **Final System Plan Development** — Apr.– May 2016
- **Adopt System Plan** — June 2016
- **Possible Public Vote on System Plan** — Nov. 2016

Draft Priority Projects List Development

- Drawn from hundreds of projects/corridors included in the 2014 Long-Range Plan, deferred capital projects, and ST2 HCT Corridor Studies

- Responding to Board direction

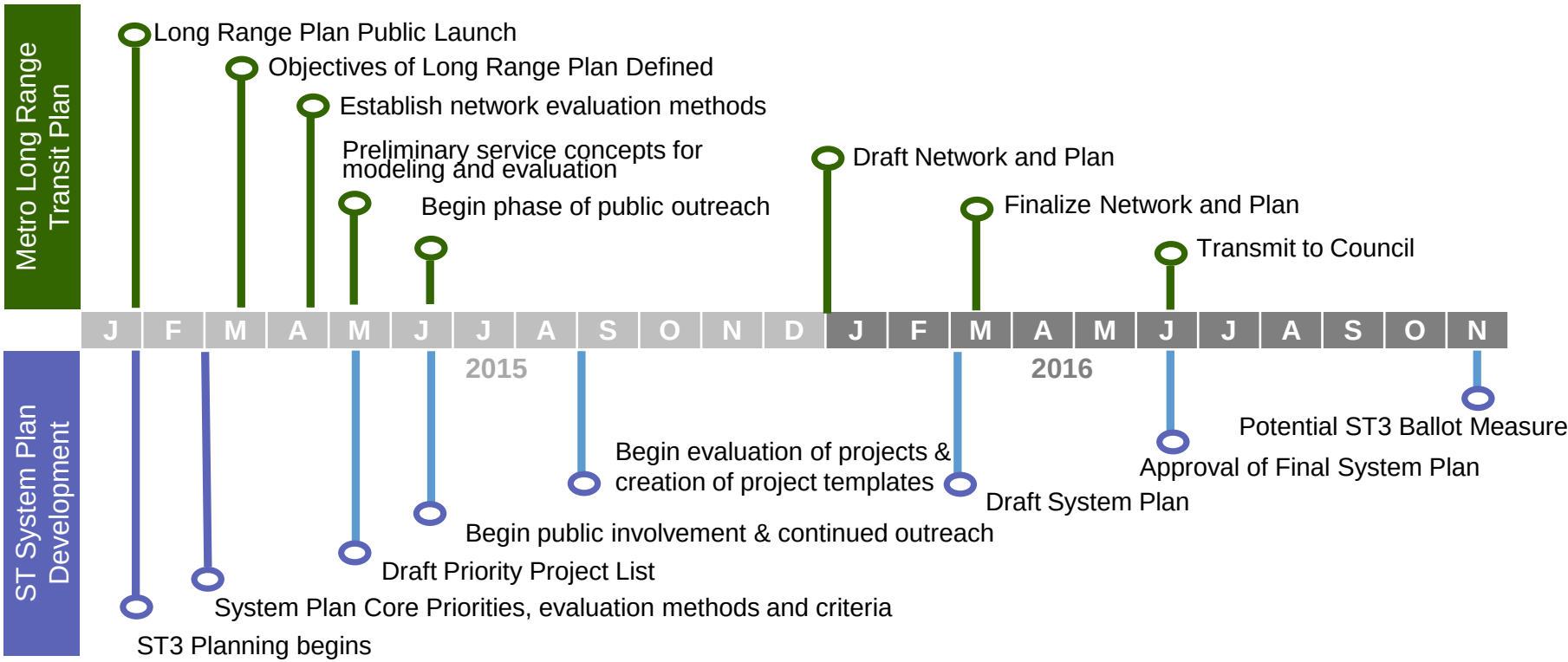
- Sets the **beginning** for developing a financially constrained System Plan and potential ballot measure

- Includes representative projects and corridors
  - Specific alignments, station locations, access improvements, and other design decisions occur later during project development/ full environmental review process

Priority Projects List: Technical Development

- Fall/Winter 2015
  - Templates will be completed for each project that is advanced that will include:
    - Scope/definition of the project
    - Forecasted ridership range
    - Conceptual capital cost ranges
    - Information regarding low-income and minority populations served
    - Population and employment information
  - Specific integration opportunities with King County Metro and other partners analyzed and identified

Sound Transit and KC Metro Coordinated Planning Timeline



Draft Priority Projects List Categories

- **Deferred Projects**
  - Capital projects that were voter-approved in Sound Move and ST2 but were deferred due to funding limitations. These projects, depending on schedules, could be prioritized by the Board and funded out of existing tax levels.

- **Enhancements Supporting the Existing System**
  - Projects that can provide opportunities for improved or additional service along the existing ST HCT system

- **Corridors from ST2 High-Capacity Transit Studies:**
  - Both the LRT Spine and additional corridors

- **System-wide programs and studies from the 2014 Long-Range Plan (LRP)**
  - Programs to fund system-wide enhancements and 2014 LRP listed studies

- **Supporting System Expansion**
  - Facilities and services to support the ST HCT system as it expands

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E-04	**Renton HOV Direct Access/N 8th**
S-06	South Sounder Train Platforms (to 8 Car)
S-09	Auburn Sounder Station access improvements
S-10	Kent Sounder Station access improvements
N-03	Edmonds Permanent Station
S-01	Light Rail Extension from Kent/Des Moines to Redondo/Star Lake (272nd)

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- **Enhancements Supporting the Existing System**
  - Projects that can provide opportunities for improved or additional service along the existing ST HCT system (Sound Move and ST2)

Project Number	Corridor or Representative Project
C-09	Infill Light Rail Station: Boeing Access Rd.
C-08	Infill Light Rail Station: Graham St.
C-10	Infill Sounder Station: Boeing Access Rd.
N-04	Infill Light Rail Station: 130th (Lynnwood Link)
N-05	Infill Light Rail Station: 220th (Lynnwood Link)
R-01	**ST Express interim supporting bus service, including capital and operating elements**
C-06	Light Rail station and platform expansion to accommodate higher passenger volumes (example- Westlake Station)
C-07	Examine options and improvements within Transit Tunnel (International District to Northgate) to increase service frequency
S-08	Additional South Sounder service
S-07	Additional South Sounder platform extensions (Beyond 8-car extension included in RA-2)
R-04	Placeholder for other projects necessary to keep system in a state of good repair and enhance system performance and ridership could also be included. Project list is under development and review by Sound Transit staff.

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- **Corridors from ST2 High-Capacity Transit Studies:**
  - LRT Spine (from Everett to Tacoma and to Downtown Redmond)

Project Number	Corridor or Representative Project
N-01	Light Rail extension from Everett Station to North Everett
N-02a	Light Rail extension from Lynnwood Transit Center to Everett Station via Southwest Everett Industrial Center (Paine Field)
N-02b	Light Rail extension from Lynnwood Transit Center to Everett Station via I-5 and SR 99/Evergreen Way
N-02c	Light Rail extension from Lynnwood Transit Center to Everett Station via I-5
E-01	**Light Rail extension from Overlake Transit Center to SE Redmond to Downtown Redmond (Per the Record of Decision)**
S-02	Light Rail extension from Redondo/Star Lake Light Rail station to Federal Way Transit Center per the environmental process under way
S-03	Light Rail extension from Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome station via I-5
S-04	Light Rail extension from Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome station via 99
S-05	Light Rail extension from Tacoma Dome station to Tacoma Mall

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- **Corridors from ST2 High-Capacity Transit Studies:**
  - Additional Corridors

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C-01a	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to the Market Street vicinity in Ballard, primarily at-grade along Elliott and 15th Avenue
C-01b	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to the Market Street vicinity in Ballard, primarily elevated along Elliott and 15th Avenue with tunnel options into Downtown Seattle
C-01c	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to the Market Street vicinity in Ballard, primarily elevated/tunnel options
C-01d	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to Market Street in Ballard, primarily at-grade along Westlake
C-03a	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to the Alaska Junction vicinity in West Seattle, primarily elevated
C-03b	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle to the Alaska Junction vicinity in West Seattle, primarily at-grade
C-03c	Light Rail from Downtown Seattle on Central Link to Delridge/White Center
C-04	New Downtown Seattle Light Rail Tunnel Connection
C-05	New Downtown Seattle Light Rail Surface Connection: At-grade
C-02	Light Rail from Ballard to University District
E-02	**I-405: Bus Rapid Transit from Lynnwood to SeaTac in HOV/managed lanes where available**
E-03	**Light Rail from Totem Lake to Issaquah via Bellevue**
C-11	Madison St. Bus Rapid Transit
S-11	Tacoma Link extension to Tacoma Community College

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- **System-wide programs and studies from the 2014 Long-Range Plan**

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R-05	System Access Program: Program to fund research, analysis and implementation of facilities for one or more modes, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and private vehicles, to improve access to the HCT system.
R-06	Innovation & Technology Program: Program to fund research, analysis and implementation of innovative best practices, partnerships, and technologies to increase ridership, improve service and enhance regional mobility outside of new investments in large capital projects.
R-07	TOD Program: Program to fund planning and due diligence of transit-supportive land use activities
P-02	**Issaquah Highlands to Overlake via Sammamish, Redmond HCT Study**
P-03	HCT Study to examine access and connection on NE 145th from State Route 522 to Link Light Rail
P-04	**Northern Lake Washington HCT Crossing Study**
R-08	Agency wide capital and operating costs for insurance, reserves, and agency administration

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Project Number	Corridor or Representative Project
R-02	Vehicle purchases to support system expansion
R-03	Maintenance and storage facilities for Bus, Light Rail, and Sounder services as needed to support system expansion
P-01	ST4 Planning

Next Steps

- Jurisdictional input on Draft Priority Projects List
  - Extensive communications and outreach
  - www.soundtransit3.org- Online information and survey
  - Meetings with staff, elected officials and stakeholders
  - Request for letters from **jurisdictions by July 15**
- July 23: Public input presented to Sound Transit Board
- August 27: Update Priority Projects List based on public and jurisdictional input
- Fall/Winter: Evaluate projects and create templates- including

Public meetings

- **Seattle (Evening)** —5:30-7:30 p.m. June 16 at Union Station *
- **Everett**— 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 18 at Everett Station
- **Redmond**—5:30-7:30 p.m. June 23 at Redmond Marriot *
- **Tacoma**—5:30-7:30 p.m. June 24 at Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center
- **Seattle (Daytime)** —11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. June 25 at Union Station *
- **Federal Way –**5:30-7:30 p.m. June 25 at King County Aquatic Center *

* Co-located with King County Metro Transit Long-Range Plan meetings

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RIDE THE WAVE

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BELLEVUE INTEREST STATEMENT

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- Guidance on Council priorities – specific wording will be refined before Council adoption
- Review existing draft – affirm and/or amend

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