



ST3 City Team | City Council Transportation Committee

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Sound Transit 3 in Seattle

In 2016, over 70% of Seattle voters said yes to ST3.

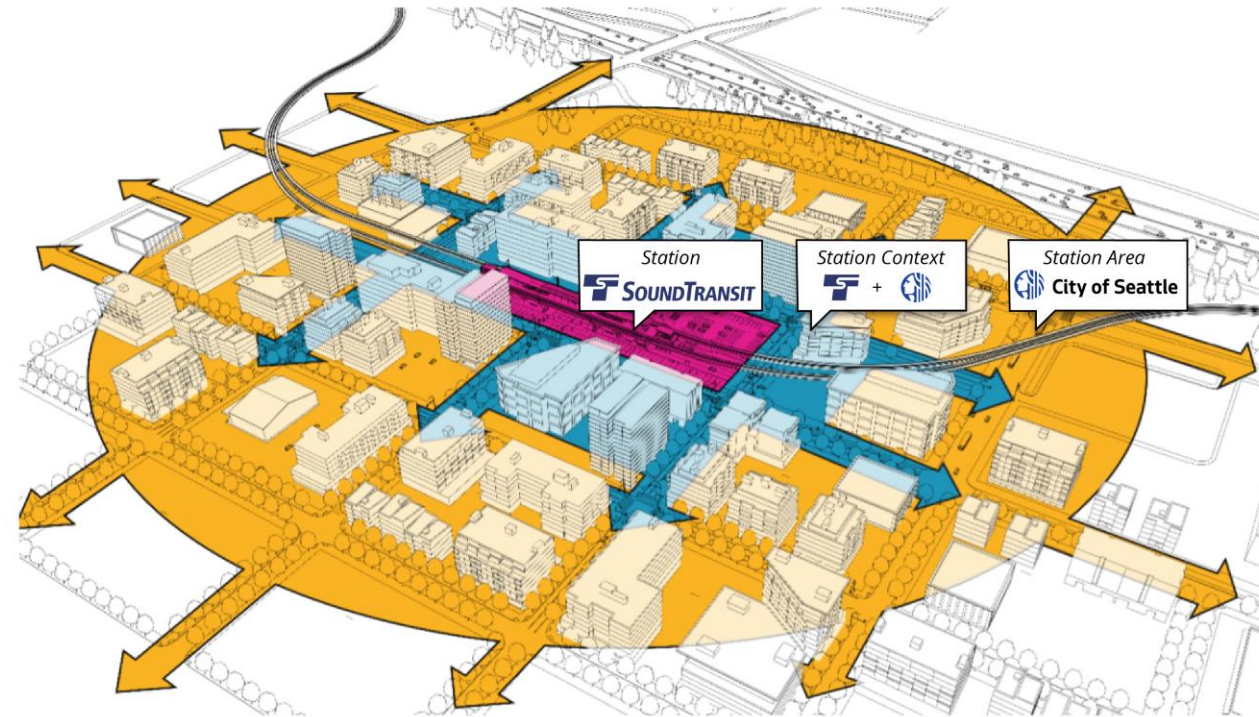
ST3 is the largest infrastructure investment program in Seattle's history. These projects, including the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions, bring tremendous opportunity to transform how people reach their homes, jobs, and destinations.

The ST3 City Team is an interdepartmental *One Seattle* effort that partners with Sound Transit to help deliver these investments to Seattle communities.



How the ST3 City Team supports ST3 projects

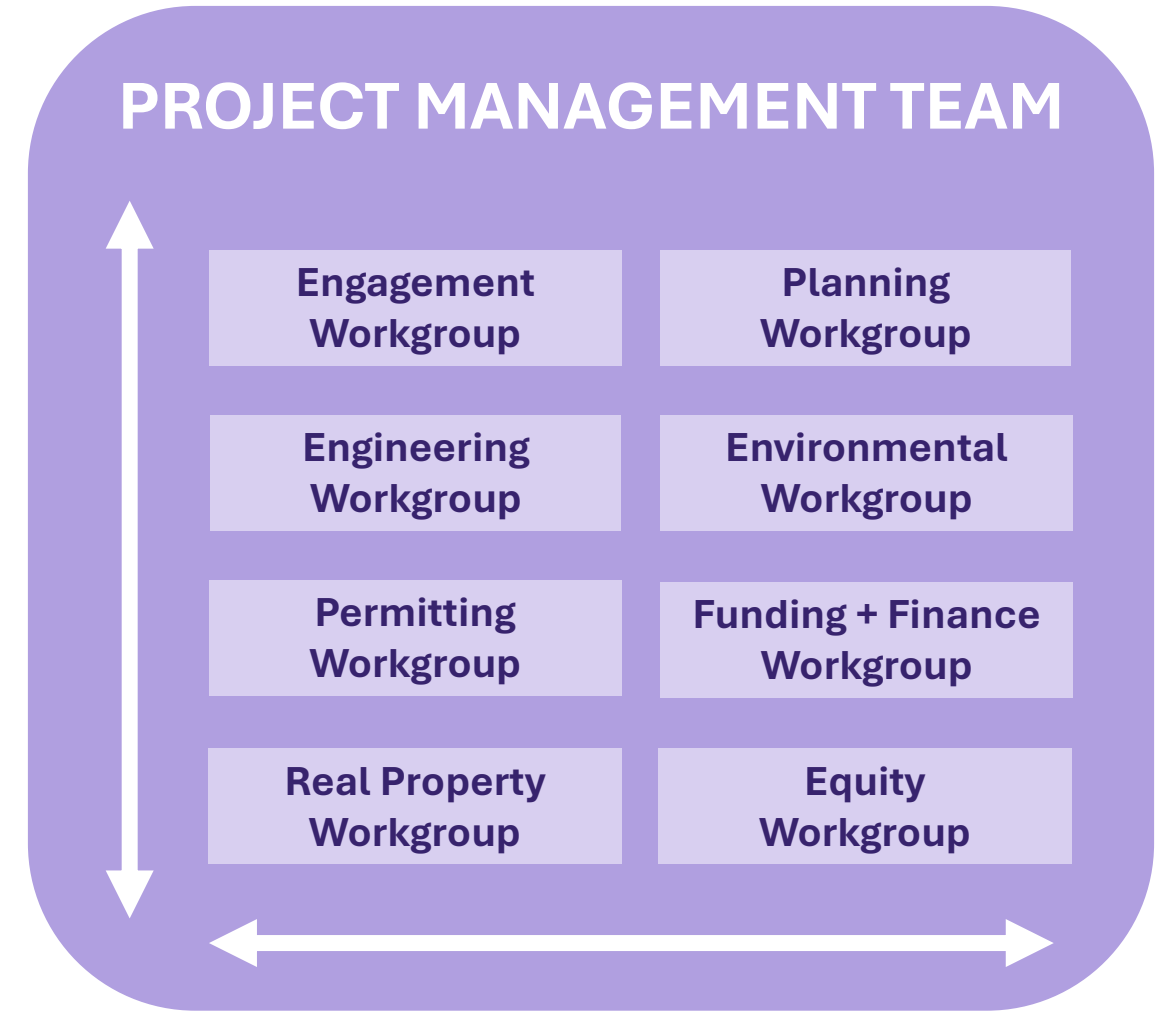
- **Regulatory roles** defined by statute and code, including project review and permitting.
- **Partnering roles** via our 2018 Partnering Agreement with a focus on leadership across departments, intensive staff coordination, and streamlined permitting.
- **Delivery roles** to develop and deliver numerous plans and projects to support ST3, including station area planning and access projects.



ST3 City Team interdepartmental structures

The **Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit**, leads the ST3 City Team—coordinating efforts of **eight interdepartmental workgroups** with staff spanning over a dozen City departments.

A **project management team** liaises with Sound Transit managers, and coordinates issue elevation and resolution across workgroups and departmental leadership.



Example: Pigeon Point

The ST3 City Team and Sound Transit are minimizing and mitigating impacts to Pigeon Point and the West Duwamish Greenbelt through pre-permitting collaboration, including:

- Develop a restoration plan that prioritizes ecological functioning and habitat preservation. *(Leads: SDCI)*
- Support creation of a Tree and Vegetation Management Plan that describes impacts and tree replacement approach per established City policy. *(Leads: SDCI, SDOT, OSE)*
- Identify new parkland to mitigate the loss of 3+ acres from the WSLE guideway construction, in compliance with Initiative 42. *(Leads: SDOT, SPR, FAS)*



Image: Sound Transit, Presentation to the Seattle Design Commission, Potential terraced design concept, July 2024

Executive Order 2025-02

A One Seattle Commitment to Expedite Light Rail Expansion

- Organization: Expand of the Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, & Sound Transit
- Permitting: Develop legislation to streamline the permit process for these major projects
- Resources: Fund additional staff across City departments to support design, permitting, construction, and station area planning
- Rider experience: Create a four-year work plan to ensure a safe and excellent transit experience, including station design, access improvements, safety enhancements, and equitable transit-oriented development



City Legislation to Support ST3

The ST3 City Team will transmit several bodies of legislation to support ST3 project delivery in 2025-2027.

Why is City legislation necessary?

- RCW 36.70A.200 identifies light rail transit as an essential public facility that may be “typically difficult to site” and provides that “no local comprehensive plan or development regulation may preclude the siting of essential public facilities.”
- The 2018 City and Seattle and Sound Transit Partnering Agreement (Resolution 31788) establishes our mutual interest of collaboration in advance of permitting to streamline the permit review process.



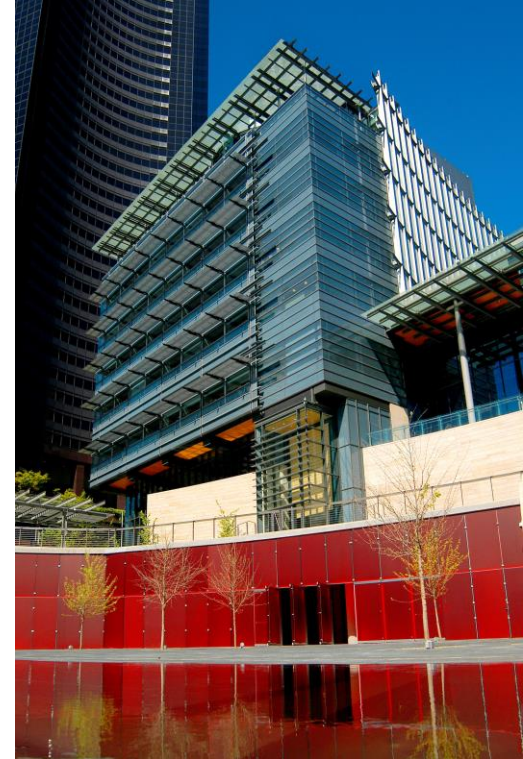
Expected City Legislation to Support ST3

2025

- Land use code amendments for light rail facilities (*Leads: SDCI, SDOT*)
- Adoption of the West Seattle Link Extension project (*Lead: SDOT*)
- ST3 City Team resourcing plan (*Leads: SDOT, CBO*)

2026-2027

- Adoption of the S Graham Street infill station project and the Ballard Link Extension project (*Lead: SDOT*)
- Various agreements for real property/ROW transfers, joint development, other partnership agreements (*Leads: FAS, SPR, OPCD, others*)





**THANK
YOU!**

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