

Matt Shelden 2019 Bio

Matt Shelden, AICP has been working to develop expanded transit options in the Puget Sound region for 30 years. He helped develop Sound Transit's 1996 Sound Move plan that led to the first light rail, commuter rail and multi-county express bus service in the region, and spearheaded development of the 2008 ST2 plan that is extending light rail north, east and south of Seattle. He helped initiate the region's first bus rapid transit services and led Sound Transit's Lynnwood Link light rail extension through environmental review, preliminary design and federal oversight in support of a \$1.1 billion grant. As Deputy Executive Director of Planning & Innovation, he is leading the agency's exploration of opportunities for public-private partnerships and efforts to improve first mile-last mile access as the 25-year ST3 system expansion program unfolds. Matt is a Puget Sound native and holds planning degrees from Rutgers University and the University of Washington.