

“Whatever light rail is about, it’s not about moving people.”

RTA campaign contributors seek contracts

They invested in the chance to bid

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RTA campaign contributors

Cash contributions for the 1996
Total: \$890,750

“unfortunately there has not been more” attention to campaign contributions from companies that could profit from transit and highway projects.

“If it’s about high-paying jobs and making a few select people rich, then let’s say that ... instead of misleading people into believing it has anything to do with reducing traffic congestion.”

...interviews with engineering firm executives reveal how central it is to the transit industry to win elections. The key word is opportunity.”

“One way you can characterize our campaign finance system is that it is set up for special interests to finance our campaigns,” says Common Cause state director Chuck Sauvage.

“If these initiatives don’t get passed, we don’t have any work,” said John Bergerson, an

Company	Amount
ACM Inc. / Seattle	5,000
Peter Kiewit & Sons / Omaha	5,000
STV Inc. / Los Angeles	5,000
Washington Natural Gas / Seattle	5,000
Zimmer-Gunsul-Frasca / Portland	5,000
Bechtel Infrastructure / San Francisco	4,000
Contributions of more than \$4,000	\$657,500
Total of all contributions	\$890,750

Source: State Public Disclosure Commission

Go to truthabouttraffic.org and see a full list of those who stand to gain from ST-2’s passage - and who will likely fund the program to sell you!