

The Truth about Sound Transit's Performance.

In 1996, Sound Transit made several promises to voters in their *Sound Move Plan*. This is a look at the results to date.

Promised: To live within the \$3.9 billion budget approved by voters in 1996.

Result: *To date, nearly three times over budget. Plus, new taxes will be needed to pay off even more cost overruns. In addition, many of the projects promised for the original budget have been eliminated.*

Promised: That the new tax levied beginning in 1996 for *Sound Move* could be rolled back after ten years.

Result: *Sound Transit bonded the revenues, then went to court to force taxpayers to keep paying the taxes - indefinitely! (Sound Transit forecasts \$4.8 billion tax collections just through 2012).*

Promised: To be on time with completion of 21 miles of Central Link Light Rail by 2006.

Result: *0.0 miles in operation now; earliest possible partial opening is 2009.*

Promised: Sound Transit promised voters their light rail plan would serve 8 employment and neighborhood centers in 2006.

Result: *Reduced initial segment scheduled for 2009 opening serves just 3 centers, because costs for the complete line have tripled.*

Promised: Comprehensive annual performance audits through independent audit services

Result: *Yet to be started.*

Promised: Sound Transit promised voters in good faith that they would not come back with another proposal, or for more taxes, until all of the first phase was finished and all of their original promises fulfilled.

Result: *This fall, Sound Transit is coming to voters with a new proposal costing 10 times their first request, having failed in all of their initial commitments.*

“ At every turn, Sound Transit has failed at the Light Rail effort. ”

- Former Governor Booth Gardner