

The Truth about Sound Transit.

Dear Commuting Friend,

This fall, Puget Sound residents will be voting on the largest tax increase in history. Sound Transit is proposing a "roads and transit" package that is, in actuality, 10 percent roads, and 81% light rail. Many folks would have supported the roads plan, (*albeit not the best it could be*) had the legislature not combined both choices into one ballot vote. In doing so, Sound Transit's message is clear: if you want road capacity improvements (*what everyone knows will relieve congestion*) then you'll have to let us build light rail, which will cost more than you can imagine, and deliver almost nobody to nowhere.

Whatever light rail is about, it's not about moving people. Nor is it about reducing traffic congestion. Anyone with a calculator and a few moments can figure (from Sound Transit data) that the ST2 package only increases transit's share of daily trips by a mere ½%. Two-thirds of those riders will simply be moving over from buses onto light rail. Digging deeper one discovers that all of this will cost a whopping \$157 billion dollars, or \$42,000 per person by the time it's all paid for. And the end result? Traffic congestion will double! That is a fact!

Our purpose here is to share important facts and information surrounding Sound Transit's proposal, past performance, and what it will all mean to your commute now and in the future. Visit us at www.truthabouttraffic.org and you will find links to get what you need to make an informed choice.

Traffic congestion is costing all of us way too much - business and personal. We had better answer this question right. If we don't, there will be no money left for years to come to go back fix the problem right. Get informed, inform those around you, and we can resolve this dilemma before it's too late. Traffic congestion can be reduced while giving every person their choice of transportation.

Sincerely,



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Then, what is it about?

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