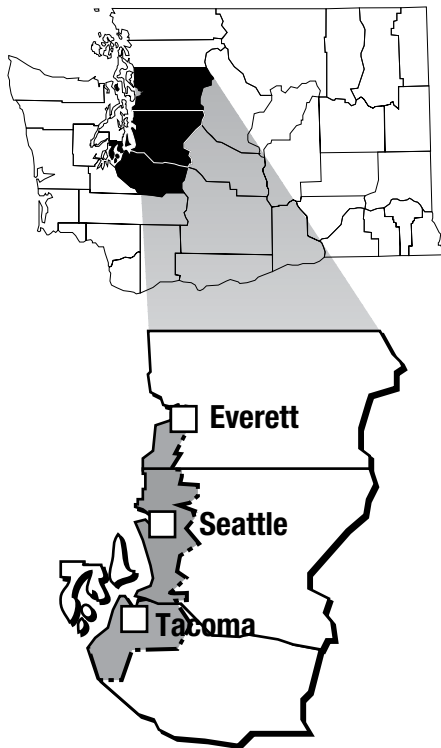




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## System Snapshot

- Operating Name: Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)
- Service Area: Urbanized area of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
- Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Legislative Districts: 1, 2, 5, 11, 21, 25, 27-34, 36-38, 41, and 43-48
- Type of Government: Regional Transit Authority
- Governing Body: 18 member board currently consists of the state Secretary of Transportation; the King County executive and four King County councilmembers; the Pierce County executive; the Snohomish County executive; the mayors of Seattle, Sumner, Lakewood and Bellevue; one councilmember each from Issaquah, Edmonds, Kirkland, Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, and Everett.
- Tax Authorized: 0.4 percent sales and use tax, 0.8 percent rental car tax and 0.3 percent motor vehicle excise tax approved in November 1996.
- Types of Service: Express bus routes within and between Pierce and King Counties, and between Snohomish and King Counties, commuter rail between Tacoma and Seattle and between Everett and Seattle, and light rail service in downtown Tacoma.
- Days of Service: Daily, between 2:45 a.m. and 12:15 a.m.
- Base Fare: Zone-based structure, \$1.50 single zone fare for express bus service and \$2.55 base fare for Sounder commuter rail, Tacoma light rail service is free.

## Current Operations

Sound Transit contracts with:

- Pierce Transit to provide service on the following routes:
  - Lakewood to Sea-Tac Airport serving Tacoma and Federal Way,
  - Bonney Lake to Tacoma serving Sumner and Puyallup,
  - Tacoma to University District (Seattle),
  - Tacoma to downtown Seattle,
  - Lakewood to downtown Seattle.
- Pierce Transit also co-funds service between Gig Harbor and downtown Seattle.
- King County Metro Transit to provide service on these routes:
  - Woodinville to downtown Seattle serving Bothell, Kenmore, and Lake Forest Park,
  - Redmond to University District serving Kirkland,
  - Redmond to downtown Seattle,
  - Bellevue to downtown Seattle,
  - Issaquah to downtown Seattle,
  - Northgate to Issaquah serving Bellevue,
  - West Seattle to Bellevue serving Burien, SeaTac and Renton,

- South Hill Puyallup to Overlake serving Sumner, Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Bellevue,
- Federal Way to Overlake serving Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Bellevue,
- Federal Way to downtown Seattle.
- Community Transit to provide service along these corridors:
  - Everett to downtown Seattle,
  - Ash Way (Lynnwood) to downtown Seattle,
  - Everett to Bellevue serving Bothell and Kirkland,
  - Lynnwood to Bellevue serving Bothell and Kirkland.

Sound Transit contracts with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) to provide Sounder commuter rail service between Seattle and Tacoma, with four round trips daily and stops at seven stations. Sounder also provides service between Seattle and Everett, with two daily round trips and stops at three stations. Sound Transit contracts with Amtrak for maintenance of Sounder trains.

Sound Transit operates Tacoma Link Light Rail directly with in-house employees. The 1.6-mile light rail line runs seven days a week between Tacoma Dome Station at Freighthouse Square and the city's historic Theater District.

## Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route – 228 buses, all ADA accessible; models years ranging from 1999 to 2005.

Commuter Rail – 58 rail cars and 11 locomotives.

Light Rail – three electric-powered light rail cars.

## Facilities

Sound Transit has administrative offices at Union Station in downtown Seattle and community offices at key locations in Seattle. In addition, Sound Transit has a light rail maintenance facility in Tacoma.

Sound Transit also has seven commuter rail stations in Seattle, Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Puyallup, Sumner, and Tacoma. There are five light rail stations along the Tacoma Link line. Bus facilities owned by Sound Transit include the Federal Way Transit Center, the Overlake Transit Center, and the South Hill Park and Ride.

## Intermodal Connections

Sound Transit's services (ST Express and Sounder Commuter Rail) provide connections with Amtrak and intercity carriers at multi-modal terminals in Tacoma and Everett. In addition, connections can be made to Amtrak and intercity carriers at various locations within downtown Seattle. Sounder Commuter Rail also serves the same stations as Amtrak in Edmonds and Tukwila. Connections to Washington State Ferries can be made in downtown Seattle, Edmonds and Fauntleroy. Connections to other public transit agencies can be made at nearly all stops that Sound Transit makes. Connecting public transit agencies include: Community Transit, Everett Transit, Intercity Transit, Island Transit, King County Metro Transit, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit, and Skagit Transit.

The Tacoma Link Light Rail serves the Tacoma Dome Station providing connections to ST Express regional bus service; Pierce Transit local bus service; Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail; Greyhound buses; nearby Amtrak intercity rail service; and two parking garages with a total of 2,400 park and ride spaces.

Sound Transit serves a total of 66 transit facilities in the Puget Sound region.

## 2006 Achievements

- Began Beacon Hill tunneling on Link light rail project.
- Completed road and track work for first Seattle Link light rail segment.
- Broke ground for Link light rail connection to Sea-Tac Airport.
- Broke ground for Issaquah Transit Center, and Mercer Island Park and Ride lot.
- Broke ground for Canyon Park Freeway Station, and South Everett Freeway Station.
- Received first Central Link light rail train in Seattle.
- Opened Federal Way Transit Center and HOV Access Ramps.
- Opened Issaquah Highlands and Sammamish Park and Ride lots.
- Opened Bellevue Transit Center Riders Services Building.
- Opened Eastgate HOV Access Ramps.
- Tacoma Link light rail surpassed two million riders.
- Sounder commuter rail surpassed five million riders.
- ST Express bus ridership surpassed 50 million riders.
- Completed five year plan for Regional Special Needs Transportation Coordination.
- Released final environmental study for Link light rail extension from downtown Seattle to Northgate.
- Received approval from board concerning Link light rail project extension from downtown Seattle to University of Washington, followed by federal approval for the final design.
- Certified permits for third Everett-Seattle Sounder commuter train.

## 2007 Objectives

- Open Central Link light rail Operations and Maintenance base.
- Break ground on several projects in the Puget Sound area such as: Lakewood Station, Redmond and North Everett Transit Centers, Mukilteo and South Tacoma Sounder Stations, I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Lanes Project (west-bound from Bellevue to Mercer Island), and Everett Station parking improvements and pedestrian bridge.
- Begin final assembly of Link light rail vehicles in Puget Sound area, and begin testing of Central Link light rail on test tracks.
- Begin construction on Central Link light rail SeaTac/Airport Station, and complete rail guideway improvements.
- Complete excavation for Beacon Hill Station, including the boring of the east portal of the Central Link light rail tunnel.
- Complete Central Link light rail projects including: Tukwila International Boulevard Station rail guideway structures.
- Complete Central Link light rail stations, trackway, and roadway on Martin Luther King Jr. Way South.

- Install closed-circuit television system at Tacoma Link stations.
- Open transit stations along the freeway in Canyon Park and Totem Lake.
- Introduce new Sounder services including: Tacoma-to-Seattle run, reverse Sounder commute between Seattle and Tacoma, and third Sounder Everett-to-Seattle run.
- Complete Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel conversion to light rail/bus operations, and reopen for bus service, including the resurfacing of Pine Street in downtown Seattle.
- Build support for the public vote on Sound Transit 2 package.
- University Link light rail federal grant application submitted.



## Long-range Plans (2008 through 2012)

- Complete track and signal work for Sounder commuter rail between Seattle and Everett and Seattle and Tacoma.
- Complete the South Everett Freeway Station.
- Complete SR 522 HOV enhancements in Kenmore and Bothell.
- Complete transit improvements along NE 85th Street between Kirkland and Redmond.
- Complete South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations.
- Open track between Tacoma and Lakewood.
- Complete construction of Mukilteo Station.
- Complete Central Link initial segment of construction.
- Recall leased Sounder equipment.
- Complete I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Stage One.
- Complete Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Transit Improvements.
- Complete Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station.
- Complete Kirkland Transit Center.
- Continue service on ST Express, Sounder commuter rail, and Link light rail.

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Operating Information</b>								
Service Area Population	2,771,127	2,653,000	<b>2,670,000</b>	0.64%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Express Bus Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	378,529	418,167	<b>423,832</b>	1.35%	436,775	461,760	467,142	473,062
Total Vehicle Hours	541,089	562,163	<b>574,586</b>	2.21%	586,164	627,772	638,202	642,962
Revenue Vehicle Miles	9,232,465	10,254,710	<b>10,393,638</b>	1.35%	10,711,040	11,323,736	11,455,732	11,582,307
Total Vehicle Miles	11,767,141	11,874,577	<b>12,035,450</b>	1.35%	12,402,990	13,112,470	13,265,316	13,408,312
Passenger Trips	8,394,273	8,815,793	<b>9,677,654</b>	9.78%	10,100,000	10,700,000	12,200,000	12,700,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	1,846,997	2,081,424	<b>2,157,354</b>	3.65%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
CNG Fuel Consumed (Therms)	738,290	625,500	<b>612,732</b>	-2.04%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	24	21	<b>5</b>	-76.19%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions*	117	3	<b>301</b>	9933.33%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs**	26.0	99.2	<b>18.0</b>	-81.85%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$52,064,990	\$61,860,000	<b>\$62,914,000</b>	1.70%	\$73,991,000	\$80,274,000	\$84,684,000	\$96,957,000
Farebox Revenues	\$10,942,521	\$12,833,000	<b>\$12,941,435</b>	0.84%	\$14,683,000	\$15,974,000	\$16,678,000	\$18,699,000
<b>Souder Commuter Rail Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	11,732	14,201	<b>16,855</b>	18.69%	20,047	32,287	41,343	41,503
Total Vehicle Hours	11,732	17,766	<b>21,086</b>	18.69%	25,080	40,392	51,722	51,922
Revenue Vehicle Miles	434,096	533,047	<b>632,664</b>	18.69%	752,493	1,211,916	1,551,860	1,557,869
Total Vehicle Miles	434,096	540,028	<b>640,950</b>	18.69%	762,348	1,227,788	1,572,184	1,578,271
Passenger Trips	955,298	1,267,973	<b>1,692,971</b>	33.52%	1,800,000	1,900,000	2,300,000	3,200,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	603,441	703,844	<b>764,665</b>	8.64%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	2	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	<b>30</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs**	17.0	49.4	<b>23.0</b>	-53.44%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$16,019,009	\$22,198,000	<b>\$22,700,320</b>	2.26%	\$29,498,000	\$33,435,000	\$36,069,000	\$41,063,000
Farebox Revenues	\$2,263,014	\$2,684,000	<b>\$5,108,179</b>	90.32%	\$3,384,000	\$4,156,000	\$5,834,000	\$7,344,000

\*Sound Transit collision data represents both preventable and nonpreventable collisions.

There were 79 preventable collisions in calendar year 2006 for fixed route services.

\*\*FTE count shows -30.77 change since 2004. FTE count for 2005 represents nonstandard methodology.

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	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Link Light Rail Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	9,971	10,093	<b>10,208</b>	1.14%	10,208	10,208	146,766	283,321
Total Vehicle Hours	9,971	10,093	<b>10,208</b>	1.14%	10,208	10,208	146,766	283,321
Revenue Vehicle Miles	96,420	96,322	<b>97,422</b>	1.14%	97,422	97,422	1,400,650	2,703,859
Total Vehicle Miles	97,442	96,322	<b>97,422</b>	1.14%	97,422	97,422	1,400,650	2,703,859
Passenger Trips	794,582	884,895	<b>885,397</b>	0.06%	900,000	1,000,000	3,900,000	12,100,000
Electricity Consumed (Kwh)	742,280	642,311	<b>417,975</b>	-34.93%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	1	2	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	<b>3</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	77.0	231.4	<b>35.0</b>	-84.87%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$2,543,781	\$3,806,000	<b>\$2,904,481</b>	-23.69%	\$4,232,000	\$3,826,000	\$23,173,000	\$43,892,000
Farebox Revenues	\$0	\$0	<b>\$1,930</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Revenues</b>								
Sales Tax	\$221,185,856	\$230,998,000	<b>\$250,830,000</b>	8.59%	\$266,818,000	\$282,602,000	\$296,614,000	\$340,831,000
MVET	\$64,714,218	\$68,645,000	<b>\$68,356,000</b>	-0.42%	\$70,839,000	\$73,223,000	\$76,530,000	\$88,190,000
Farebox Revenues	\$13,205,535	\$15,517,000	<b>\$18,051,544</b>	16.33%	\$18,067,000	\$20,130,000	\$22,512,000	\$26,043,000
Federal Section 5307 Operating	\$0	\$0	<b>\$17,168,000</b>	N.A.	\$18,067,000	\$20,130,000	\$25,012,000	\$36,812,000
Other	\$10,296,359	\$29,941,000	<b>\$26,683,000</b>	-10.88%	\$16,350,000	\$5,800,000	\$6,730,000	\$17,567,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$309,401,968</b>	<b>\$345,101,000</b>	<b>\$381,088,544</b>	10.43%	<b>\$390,141,000</b>	<b>\$401,885,000</b>	<b>\$427,398,000</b>	<b>\$509,443,000</b>
<b>Annual Operating Expenses</b>								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$70,627,780	\$87,864,000	<b>\$88,518,801</b>	0.75%	\$107,721,000	\$117,535,000	\$143,926,000	\$181,912,000
Other	\$128,566,756	\$54,088,000	<b>\$52,838,000</b>	-2.31%	\$36,204,000	\$34,339,000	\$26,571,000	\$32,093,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,194,536</b>	<b>\$141,952,000</b>	<b>\$141,356,801</b>	-0.42%	<b>\$143,925,000</b>	<b>\$151,874,000</b>	<b>\$170,497,000</b>	<b>\$214,005,000</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>								
Interest	\$0	\$29,458,000	<b>\$37,690,000</b>	27.94%	\$37,485,000	\$43,592,000	\$57,494,000	\$81,480,000
Principal	\$17,163,888	\$0	<b>\$10,270,000</b>	N.A.	\$10,727,000	\$18,712,000	\$12,594,000	\$14,070,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,163,888</b>	<b>\$29,458,000</b>	<b>\$47,960,000</b>	62.81%	<b>\$48,212,000</b>	<b>\$62,304,000</b>	<b>\$70,088,000</b>	<b>\$95,550,000</b>
<b>Annual Capital Purchase Obligations</b>								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$98,823,063	\$57,360,000	<b>\$105,353,000</b>	N.A.	\$98,119,000	\$109,124,000	\$128,769,000	\$100,000,000
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$4,442,860	\$68,697,000	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other State Capital Grants	\$10,000	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operational Revenues	\$0	\$0	<b>\$164,165,000</b>	N.A.	\$164,956,000	\$157,562,000	\$115,041,000	\$95,734,000
Bonds Proceeds	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$115,948,000	\$376,710,000	\$165,625,000	\$108,069,000
Other	\$0	\$334,056,000	<b>\$7,635,000</b>	N.A.	\$13,018,000	\$500,000	\$5,038,000	\$379,000
General Fund	\$0	\$0	<b>\$348,159,000</b>	N.A.	\$359,371,000	-\$3,000	-\$32,886,000	-\$77,396,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,275,923</b>	<b>\$460,113,000</b>	<b>\$625,312,000</b>	35.90%	<b>\$751,412,000</b>	<b>\$643,893,000</b>	<b>\$381,587,000</b>	<b>\$226,786,000</b>
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>								
General Fund	\$0	\$0	<b>\$405,861,000</b>	N.A.	\$46,491,000	\$46,494,000	\$239,306,000	\$423,889,000
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$567,569,596	\$795,800,000	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Reserve	\$0	\$0	<b>\$25,451,000</b>	N.A.	\$23,988,000	\$25,312,000	\$28,416,000	\$36,195,000
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$27,186,000	\$55,120,000	\$97,110,000	\$181,740,000
Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	<b>\$39,553,000</b>	N.A.	\$48,627,000	\$78,106,000	\$109,088,000	\$137,406,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$567,569,596</b>	<b>\$795,800,000</b>	<b>\$470,865,000</b>	-40.83%	<b>\$146,292,000</b>	<b>\$205,032,000</b>	<b>\$473,920,000</b>	<b>\$779,230,000</b>

