

**Sound Transit Operations
September 2015 Service Performance Report**

Ridership

Total Boardings by Mode						
Mode	Sep-14	Sep-15	% Δ	YTD-14	YTD-15	% Δ
ST Express	1,511,775	1,480,382	-2.1%	13,254,615	13,835,339	4.4%
Sounder	308,511	337,171	9.3%	2,447,598	2,800,593	14.4%
Tacoma Link	85,097	77,583	-8.8%	713,679	738,874	3.5%
Link	979,407	1,027,559	4.9%	8,336,227	8,773,770	5.2%
Paratransit	4,564	3,499	-23.3%	42,520	35,336	-16.9%
System Total	2,889,354	2,926,194	1.3%	24,794,639	26,183,912	5.6%

Monthly ridership figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a quarterly basis.

September 2014:	21 Weekdays	4 Saturdays	5 Sundays
September 2015:	21 Weekdays	4 Saturdays	5 Sundays

Total Sound Transit ridership increased by 40K, or 1%, compared to September 2014. System-wide average weekday boardings increased by nearly 4K, or 3.5%, compared to last year.

ST Express ridership decreased by 31K, or 2%, compared to September 2014, and average weekday boardings decreased by about 1%. The small decrease is likely due to the multi-day visit to Seattle by Chinese President Xi Jinping during the month of September. ST Express customers may have shifted their travel patterns to avoid the multiple road closures throughout the region during his visit.

Sounder commuter rail ridership increased by over 28K, or 9%, compared to September 2014. Average weekday boardings increased by over 13%, setting an all-time monthly record for the second month in a row with over 15K boardings per weekday. Also in September, Sounder served its 30 millionth passenger since service began in 2000.

Tacoma Link ridership decreased by 7K, or 9%, with similar decrease in average weekday boardings. Average Sunday boardings increased by 13% when compared to September 2014. Recent monthly declines in ridership for Tacoma Link are likely the result of fewer special events in Tacoma compared to last year.

Link ridership increased by 48K, or 5%, compared to September 2014, and average weekday boardings were up by 3K, or 8.5%. Also in September, Link served its 55 millionth passenger since service began in 2009.

Paratransit services, provided by King County Metro, decreased by 23% compared to same period last year.

Average Daily Boardings									
Mode	Weekday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Sep-14	Sep-15	% Δ	Sep-14	Sep-15	% Δ	Sep-14	Sep-15	% Δ
ST Express	62,723	62,063	-1.1%	25,746	23,737	-7.8%	18,320	16,420	-10.4%
Sounder	13,586	15,373	13.2%	2,812	2,577	-8.4%	4,924	9,178	86.4%
Tacoma Link	3,481	3,263	-6.3%	2,288	1,466	-35.9%	567	640	12.9%
Link	35,157	38,160	8.5%	28,302	26,581	-6.1%	25,580	23,974	-6.3%
Paratransit	152	117	-23.0%	152	117	-23.0%	152	117	-23.0%
System Total	115,099	118,976	3.4%						

Paratransit daily boardings are assumed equal between weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Please refer to Page 2 to view ridership trends by mode.