

**Joni Earl**  
**CEO**

401 South Jackson  
Seattle, WA 98104  
206-398-5000

[www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)



## System Snapshot

- **Service Area:** The tax district stretches 76 miles and includes the major cities and employment centers in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. It includes 51 cities and about 2.7 million people.
- **Congressional District:** 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- **Legislative District:** 25
- **Type of Government:** Regional Transit Authority
- **Governing Body:** Sound Transit is governed by an 18 member Board, 17 of whom are appointed by the respective member county executives and confirmed by the council of each member county. Membership is based on the population from the portion of each county that lies within Sound Transit's service area. Representation on the Board includes an elected official representing the largest city in each county and ensures proportional representation from other cities and from unincorporated areas of each county. The final board position is held by the Secretary of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation.
- **Tax Authorized:** Sound Transit's taxing and service area boundary lines generally follow the urban growth boundaries created by each county in accordance with the state Growth Management Act. On November 5, 1996, voters approved local funding for Sound Move, a regional high-capacity transit plan that included a 0.4 percent local sales and use tax, a 0.3 percent motor vehicle excise tax, and a 0.8 percent rental car tax to finance construction and operation of the regional transit system. On November 4, 2008, voters approved additional local funding as part of the Sound Transit 2 (ST2) plan. This transit plan included a new 15-year construction program of light rail, commuter rail and regional bus service by extending the Sound Move taxes, as well as increasing the local sales and use tax by an additional 0.5 percent to a total of 0.9 percent.
- **Fares:** On ST Express, Sound Transit employs a zone-based fare structure, consisting of five zones. Trips within Pierce or Snohomish County are one zone. A trip costs more when it crosses a county line, or when crossing a zone boundary within King County. King County is divided into three zones: Seattle/North King County, East King County, and South King County. Single-ride fares for adults are \$2.00 for one zone, \$2.50 for two zones, and \$3.00 for multi-county trips.
- **Transit Development Plan:** [Sound Transit TDP](#)
- **Revised Targets:** [Sound Transit Revised Ridership Targets](#)

## Annual Operating Information

	2008	2009	2010	% Change
<b>Fixed Route Services (Direct Operated)</b>				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	429,483	455,500	465,650	2.23
Total Vehicle Hours	514,723	549,500	557,016	1.37
Revenue Vehicle Miles	8,243,509	8,670,800	9,076,854	4.68
Total Vehicle Miles	10,442,179	11,003,200	11,595,069	5.38
Passenger Trips	10,502,086	11,142,117	10,461,590	-6.11
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	-	2,237,000	2,293,213	2.51
CNG Fuel Consumed (Therms)	252,270	205,900	291,110	41.38
Employees - FTEs	568.2	504.3	502.2	-0.42
Operating Expenses	\$68,995,224	\$71,870,445	\$81,390,458	13.25
Farebox Revenues	\$14,772,810	\$15,110,545	\$15,514,636	2.67
<b>Fixed Route Services (Purchased Transportation)</b>				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	75,226	80,700	87,210	8.07
Total Vehicle Hours	115,898	127,000	136,942	7.83
Revenue Vehicle Miles	2,046,858	2,159,800	2,347,355	8.68
Total Vehicle Miles	2,445,260	2,736,700	3,059,800	11.81
Passenger Trips	2,526,400	2,642,636	2,631,195	-0.43
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	-	581,400	642,310	10.48
CNG Fuel Consumed (Therms)	95,863	-	-	-
Employees - FTEs	-	114.6	137.1	19.63
Operating Expenses	\$12,163,858	\$12,326,703	\$14,094,123	14.34
Farebox Revenues	\$3,641,733	\$3,799,016	\$5,331,173	40.33
<b>Commuter Rail Services (Purchased Transportation)</b>				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	27,006	36,010	38,518	6.96
Total Vehicle Hours	33,799	44,218	47,270	6.90
Revenue Vehicle Miles	1,039,433	1,399,687	1,506,922	7.66
Total Vehicle Miles	1,052,986	1,417,997	1,527,240	7.70
Passenger Trips	2,668,623	2,492,362	2,480,052	-0.49
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	1,049,633	1,119,629	1,112,851	-0.61
Employees - FTEs	4.0	4.0	33.9	747.50
Operating Expenses	\$31,084,795	\$34,020,024	\$32,459,887	-4.59
Farebox Revenues	\$8,196,172	\$7,766,691	\$7,134,458	-8.14
<b>Light Rail Services (Direct Operated)</b>				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	9,708	9,400	9,724	3.45
Total Vehicle Hours	9,888	9,600	9,859	2.70
Revenue Vehicle Miles	94,099	89,400	90,168	0.86
Total Vehicle Miles	94,499	89,600	90,454	0.95
Passenger Trips	926,076	889,620	873,073	-1.86
Electricity Consumed (kWh)	418,365	413,000	407,018	-1.45
Employees - FTEs	14.0	18.5	15.8	-14.59
Operating Expenses	\$3,046,657	\$3,305,619	\$3,099,768	-6.23

	2008	2009	2010	% Change
<b>Light Rail Services (Purchased Transportation)</b>				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	-	60,500	137,531	127.32
Total Vehicle Hours	-	65,500	148,952	127.41
Revenue Vehicle Miles	-	1,113,300	2,586,163	132.30
Total Vehicle Miles	-	1,131,000	2,685,743	137.47
Passenger Trips	-	2,501,151	6,958,832	178.23
Electricity Consumed (kWh)	-	4,812,900	13,327,909	176.92
Employees - FTEs	-	-	190.8	-
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$17,433,090	\$41,377,642	137.35
Farebox Revenues	\$0	\$2,371,968	\$9,608,740	305.10
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Operating Related Revenues</b>				
Sales Tax	\$267,855,957	\$443,797,922	\$506,509,628	14.13
MVET	\$68,620,777	\$67,289,938	\$65,788,394	-2.23
Farebox Revenues	\$26,610,715	\$29,048,220	\$37,589,007	29.40
FTA JARC (§5316) Program	\$33,087	\$19,384	\$123,476	537.00
Other Federal Operating	\$453,674	\$428,743	\$432,565	0.89
Other State Operating Grants	\$47,604	\$230,984	\$0	-100.00
<b>Other Operating Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$27,572,294</b>	<b>\$15,816,627</b>	<b>\$24,003,161</b>	<b>51.76</b>
Other-Advertising	\$1,049,328	\$1,009,892	\$1,031,963	2.19
Other-Interest	\$24,059,751	\$12,359,757	\$14,121,924	14.26
Other-MISC	\$2,463,215	\$2,446,978	\$8,849,274	261.64
<b>Total (Excludes Capital Revenues)</b>	<b>\$391,194,108</b>	<b>\$556,631,818</b>	<b>\$634,446,231</b>	<b>13.98</b>
<b>Federal Capital Grant Revenues</b>				
Federal Section §5307 Capital Grants	\$24,339,650	\$54,502,780	\$22,705,212	-58.34
Federal Section §5309 Capital Grants	\$135,495,391	\$74,903,749	\$128,780,572	71.93
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$1,901,276	\$846,684	\$267,596	-68.39
<b>Total Federal Capital</b>	<b>\$161,736,317</b>	<b>\$130,253,213</b>	<b>\$151,753,380</b>	<b>16.51</b>
<b>State Capital Grant Revenues</b>				
State Regional Mobility Grants	\$0	\$4,407,065	\$9,638,787	118.71
Other State Capital Funds	\$10,643,052	\$10,201,107	\$2,323,934	-77.22
<b>Total State Capital</b>	<b>\$10,643,052</b>	<b>\$14,608,172</b>	<b>\$11,962,721</b>	<b>-18.11</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>				
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Local Capital Expenditures</b>				
Local Funds	\$3,241,787	\$839,751	\$0	-100.00
<b>Total Local Capital</b>	<b>\$3,241,787</b>	<b>\$839,751</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Other Expenditures	\$43,933,408	\$46,944,505	\$0	-100.00
Depreciation (Not included in Total Expenditures)	\$105,426,625	\$102,556,487	\$113,892,117	11.05
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Interest	\$55,009,149	\$58,693,587	\$78,866,807	34.37
Principal	\$27,890,000	\$44,810,000	\$8,065,000	-82.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$82,899,149</b>	<b>\$103,503,587</b>	<b>\$86,931,807</b>	<b>-16.01</b>
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>				
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$304,285,425	\$614,301,339	\$802,173,844	30.58
Operating Reserve	\$27,863,115	\$35,771,891	\$37,136,566	3.81
Capital Reserve Funds	\$47,421,696	\$73,222,956	\$100,525,296	37.29
Debt Service Funds	\$73,830,022	\$71,390,177	\$85,629,885	19.95
Insurance Funds	\$3,085,487	\$3,296,225	\$2,812,129	-14.69
Other (Please Explain in Comments Section at End)	\$108,373,109	\$246,914,796	\$20,152,771	-91.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$564,858,854</b>	<b>\$1,044,897,384</b>	<b>\$1,048,430,491</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Total Funds by Source</b>				
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<b>Operating</b>				
Total Local Investment	\$434,593,151	\$602,897,212	\$633,890,190	99.91
Total State Investment	\$47,604	\$230,984	\$0	0.00
Total Federal Investment	\$486,761	\$448,127	\$556,041	0.09
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$435,127,516</b>	<b>\$603,576,323</b>	<b>\$634,446,231</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Capital</b>				
Total Local Investment	\$3,241,787	\$839,751	\$0	0.00
Total State Investment	\$10,643,052	\$14,608,172	\$11,962,721	7.31
Total Federal Investment	\$161,736,317	\$130,253,213	\$151,753,380	92.69
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$175,621,156</b>	<b>\$145,701,136</b>	<b>\$163,716,101</b>	<b>100.00</b>