

Eastside Transportation Association

"Dedicated to improving our quality of life and environment by reducing congestion through increased mobility"

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ETA's Accomplishments for 2013

Our recent efforts continue to be focused on:

- The defense and promotion of the approved **I-405 Master Plan** to reduce congestion.

Specific tasks of your ETA Board and members in 2013 included:

- ETA participated as a Plaintiff in the **Freeman v State** lawsuit to prevent WSDOT from transferring the I-90 Center Roadway to Sound Transit for Exclusive Light Rail use. The Washington State Supreme Court upheld WSDOT's authority to transfer the I-90 Center Roadway to Sound Transit for non-highway purposes.
- ETA has published two papers on Metro Transit issues impacting bus transit funding for the east side of King County:
 - **IS METRO CRYING WOLF?** points out that METRO is requesting an extraordinary tax increase from the legislature on top of their current law growing revenue stream.
 - **METRO IS UNFAIR!** Identifies the significant lack of equity between taxes raised and transit service provided in the three subareas of King County.
- ETA's web site has been updated, including adding the two papers above and the on the home page, at www.eastsideta.com.
 - The Bellevue Reporter published an OP-ED piece on January 4, 2013 on the **State needs a Transportation Package now** written by Dick Paylor, ETA Board Member.
 - ETA submitted a comment letter to WSDOT on the **Scoping for the I-90 Tolling EIS** on February 22, 2013.
 - On April 8, 2013 former State Senator and current ETA Board Member Jim Horn published a paper titled **Public Policy Changes Making Things Worse, Not Better**, found on our web page.
 - ETA submitted a comment letter to Sound Transit on the **Scoping for ST's Long Range Plan Update** on November 22, 2013.
- ETA's Board Members attended and testified at four meetings of the I-405 Executive Advisory Group (EAG). ETA continues our opposition to the proposed **Two-lane HOT Lane** concept for I-405 currently under construction and planned for opening in late 2015 with a 2+/3+ HOT lane operation.
- ETA Board Members testified and submitted comments at three of the 10 **community meetings** held by the Senate Transportation Committee to gather citizen ideas for a transportation funding package.
- ETA Board Members provided ongoing monitoring of Sound Transit's use of East King County **sub-area revenues**.
- Dick Paylor, ETA's Past-President, represented ETA on the **Eastside Transportation Partnership**.
- Other ETA Board Members represented ETA on the Washington State Good Roads and Transportation (**WSGR&T**) Board, the national American Dream Coalition (**ADC**) Board and the **PSRC Freight Mobility Roundtable**.
- ETA held **monthly meetings** on relevant transportation topics for the East King County community.