
February 15, 2008



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a community commitment to our future."*

The Honorable Sound Transit Executive Committee
Attn: Board Administration
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Committee Members:

Re: Funding for Eastside Rail Service Pilot Project

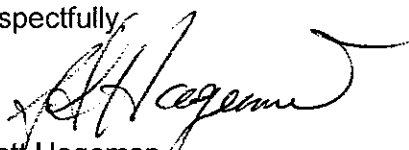
On behalf of the citizens and City Council of Woodinville, I encourage you to allocate and approve up to \$10 million to run a 3-year pilot program to test eastside rail service from Renton to Snohomish. The pilot program would run through or nearby: Downtown Renton and the Renton Park-and-Ride; Downtown Bellevue; the SR520 Park-and-Ride; Downtown Kirkland; Downtown Woodinville; and Downtown Snohomish.

Preliminary data that has been presented to us appears to indicate this is the most cost-effective and efficient way for Sound Transit to determine real demand for commuter rail service on the eastside. Compiling real ridership data is much more effective than spending a reported \$17 million to project demand along this corridor.

Funding of this pilot program could come from surplus taxes collected from the East King County sub-area or from funds reported already set-aside to study ridership demand along this corridor.

We encourage you to take the appropriate action to ensure that funds are appropriated for this purpose so that immediate improvements can be made to address our critical transportation needs.

Respectfully,



Scott Hageman
Mayor

cc: Sound Transit Finance Committee
Woodinville City Council