

Eastside Transportation Association

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

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We are a private-sector group dedicated to improving our quality of life and the environment by reducing congestion in the Puget Sound Region through increased mobility. Our membership includes concerned citizens, business representatives, and transportation professionals from the east side of Lake Washington.

We strive to bring a degree of objectivity and simplification to the political decision-making process for defining, selecting and funding transportation projects for design and implementation. We must first improve the understanding of the interaction between density of the region and market share for various modes of transportation. We support development of policies, which encourage each mode of transportation to operate efficiently and economically within that market share while meeting demand. We want to insure that all transportation projects are done in an environmentally sensitive manner and that transportation projects are seen as the vehicle to correct many of our environmental problems of the past. Finally we want to avoid using costly transportation projects in order to try to change or influence human behavior. Rather we support the development of a transportation system to support increased efficiency, productivity and quality of life by allowing us choices to go where we want to go, how we want to go, when we want to go and with whom we want to go.

We recognize that State funding must be uniform and therefore its capabilities are limited by the economies of our rural areas. Therefore, our State funding foundation must be supplemented by regional funding to meet the growth demands of our three county region of King, Pierce, and Snohomish. This region is the economic engine of the state and has the wealth to afford continued growth and development. We seek ways to reduce project costs in order to have money to build other needed projects. We support financing plans that relate the use of the system and the benefits of its expansion to meet the costs. Although we recognize that capital costs of a transportation system may initially need to be subsidized by general taxes, we believe that the operational costs of any transportation system should ultimately be born by its users. We work to find financing solutions that meet these criteria and oppose financing schemes that subsidize the operational costs of travel at general taxpayers expense.

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