

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 2014

ETA's Research Committee was instrumental in the defeat of King County METRO's Proposition 1 on April 22, 2014. ETA conducted research and provided data to the 'Vote NO on Prop 1' campaign. ETA Board members Dick Paylor and Will Knedlik were two of the three members of the 'Con' committee in the Voters Pamphlet. The Seattle Times published [Vote "no" on Proposition 1, money better spent on roads](#), Guest Opinion by Bill Eager, Chair of the Board, ETA.

The result was a stunning victory for road user taxpayers in King County with 56% of the voters voting NO county-wide and all non-Seattle county council districts and legislative districts voting NO, some up to 70% NO.

Our recent efforts continue to be focused on:

- The defense and promotion of the approved [I-405 Master Plan](#) to reduce congestion.
- Support of an effective Transportation Funding bill for roads by the 2015 Legislature.

Specific tasks of your ETA Board and members in 2014 included:

- ETA has included four 2014 papers by Jim MacIsaac on our web site regarding transportation funding:
 - [The Major Neglect of Roadway Funding](#) by James W. MacIsaac, June 2014.
 - [Annual Transportation Revenue, King County – Current Law, Feb. 19, 2014](#). Prepared by James W. MacIsaac, P.E.
 - [Sound Transit Financing and 3-County Road & Transit Funding](#) - Presentation to the ETA November 19, 2014 By James W. MacIsaac, P.E.
 - [New taxes for Sound Transit? Now is not the time](#) | Other Voices, link to Bellevue Reporter article, December 31, 2014, James W. MacIsaac, P.E.
- ETA's web site has been updated, including adding the papers and published Opinion articles above to the home page, at www.eastsideta.com.
- ETA continues our opposition to the proposed [Two-lane HOT Lane](#) concept for I-405 currently under construction for opening in late 2015 with a 2+/3+ HOT lane operation and up to one-way tolls of \$10.
- ETA Board Members provided ongoing monitoring of Sound Transit's use of East King County [sub-area revenues](#) and legislative request for [Sound Transit 3 Funding Authorization](#).
- Dick Paylor, ETA's 2015 Chair, represented ETA on the [Eastside Transportation Partnership](#) at its monthly meetings and serves on its Planning Committee.
- Other ETA Board Members represented ETA on the Washington State Good Roads and Transportation ([WSGR&T](#)) Board, the national American Dream Coalition ([ADC](#)) Board
- ETA held [monthly meetings](#) on relevant transportation topics for the East King County community.