



June 10, 2015

Sound Transit Board
c/o Board Administration
Sound Transit
401 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Boeing Access Road Multimodal Station

Dear Sound Transit Board,

I am writing to request that the Sound Transit Board give high priority to the Light Rail and Sounder Rail Multimodal Station at the Boeing Access Road. Both projects are currently in the proposed ST3 Priority Projects List.

As you know, this multimodal station was originally approved by the voters and subsequently deferred in 2001. Since then, the area and the District have continued to grow and continue to be attractive to large employers. However, transportation alternatives are becoming essential to our area businesses to attract and retain a qualified workforce and adhere to the goals of the Transportation Management Plan.

You are no doubt aware that the Tukwila area is considered to be among, if not the most diverse city in the United States. With that comes an obligation for us to invest in transportation alternatives that benefit everyone involved to support the citizens, the work force and their employers. One of Sound Transit's core priorities for the system plan development is socio-economic equity. Our neighborhood is one of the most diverse in the region, reflecting Tukwila's overall diversity. By example, the demographic makeup in the neighboring Allen Town Census Tract area, 32% are Asian, 16% Black, 10% are Hispanic and 40% are White. Tukwila's median income is 40% that of the county's as a whole, and 50% of the households speak a language other than English at home.

The Boeing Access Road projects also align with Sound Transit's other core priorities for the system plan, including ridership, connecting designated centers, advancing "logical next steps" and multimodal access. In fact, Boeing Access Road is the only place in the system where light rail and commuter rail can converge.

Our neighborhood and the surrounding employment center need these additions. Please ensure they are a part of the final package that goes in front of voters.

Other incontrovertible facts are these:

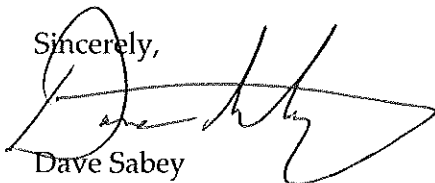
- We have commissioned a Station analysis study with Fehr & Peers that conservatively estimates that if we opened the Boeing Access Light Rail Station tomorrow we would anticipate an additional 1,400 riders before considering the multi modal add-ons which is considerably more ridership than some of the existing stations. Additionally, the most conservative growth estimate over the next 20 years is a 230% increase in ridership.*
- The project meets six of the seven core priorities for Sound Transit's System Plan Development and Evaluation Plan.
- More than 15,000 jobs with large employers are aggregated in this area/district and growing.
- The Museum of Flight alone receives 600,000 visitors annually although access to it is for all practical purposes, restricted to private cars. Attendance is forecast to grow by 25% with a new Light Rail station.

**Fehr & Peers report, March 6, 2015*

The most important point to convey is that we have a one of a kind opportunity to create a transformational multimodal transportation district in the center of the intersection of the greater Puget Sound area. Between I-5 and I-405, SR-599 and Airport Way, Seatac Airport and the King County Airport there is not a better place to connect a transportation district to the King County regional vision and smart growth prescription that we all embrace.

It isn't often that a project aligns so well to serve all constituencies: citizens and residents, businesses and government. I urge you to maintain the Boeing Access Road multi-modal Station as a priority in the ST 3 Projects list.

Sincerely,



Dave Sabey
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Sabey Corporation