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Transit Fact of the Day #1

Sound Transit's plan *does not* reduce congestion –

In fact congestion gets much worse.

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*"We've never said
we will reduce
congestion."*

Joni Earl, Sound Transit

Executive Director

Seattle Times 5/12/02

According to Sound Transit's long range plan*, and studies by the Puget Sound Regional Council, daily delay on the freeway will more than double under Sound Transit's current plans.

Delay on our local streets will almost quadruple.

How well does the Sound Transit Plan Address Congestion?

According to [Sound Transit's long range plan](#), even with 125 miles of light rail:

"In the four-county Central Puget Sound region (including Kitsap County), delay due to traffic congestion will almost quadruple between 1998 and 2030, increasing from about 263,000 hours of delay per day in 1998 to about 1.03 million hours of delay per day in the year 2030."

Additional detail from the [Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2040 document](#) adopted in 2008:

Even with 125 miles of light rail, daily delay (hours) is now forecast to increase over the base year of 2000:

On Freeways:

- King County: 107,519 to 245,216 hours
- Kitsap : 1,120 to 5,044 hours
- Pierce County : 24,603 to 42,350 hours
- Snohomish: 20,907 to 81,312 hours
- Region: 154,148 to 373,921 hours (more than double)

On Arterials (city/county streets)

- King: 58,905 to 174,200 hours
- Kitsap: 1,093 to 9,996 hours
- Pierce: 14,328 to 64,220 hours
- Snohomish: 16,885 to 99,612 hours
- Region: 91,211 to 348,027 (almost quadruple)

That's a fact.

[Data sources.](#)

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*The Long Range Plan includes 125 miles of light rail built sometime beyond 2030. Even at the maximum tax rate, if Proposition 1 passes this November, only a total of 53 miles of light rail is scheduled to be built in the next 15 years.



The Truth
About Sound Transit