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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
Sept. 25th

6PM to 8 PM

Days Inn
Cafe/Bar

2205 7th, just
south of Denny
Way

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notes the true
costs of link
light rail**
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from politician
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Please help out!
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DO THE MATH

FROM JIM MACISAAC

Dave Earling recently let out the news that we have all been expecting: Voters will be asked for a major tax increase to extend Central Link beyond its 14-mile Initial Segment. This is not new news at all within Sound Transit. However, it is news that has been safely guarded from the public.

Central Link Phase I from S. 200th to NE 45th Streets has been reduced to only a 13.5-mile "Initial Segment" (IS) from CPS in downtown Seattle to S. 154th Street in the far west corner of Tukwila. The projected time to

the beginning of operation has been extended to 2009. The current cost estimate for Link is \$2.9 billion

With further extension to Northgate, as promised by Sound Transit in response to Seattle demands, the total Central Link Phase I program is now estimated by outside experts at **over \$7 billion YOE**. The original *Sound Move* budget for all of Central Link was \$1.7 billion (1995\$) or a comparable \$2.3 billion in YOE\$.

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FINALLY, THE REAL REASONS TO BUILD RAIL!

Ron Sims speaking about his support for light rail on the Dave Ross Show
September 12, 2002:

Ron Sims: Dave, I want one day to be on your show and I want people to say, 'we're so sorry we doubted'.

Ross: Awright, we'll I'm looking (interrupted)

Sims: That date will happen.

Ross: OK. I'm taking your word for it at this point Mr. Executive.

Sims: Yeah, I've got a whole career dependent on this so, uh, it's going to happen.

Dwight Pelz—Metropolitan King County Councilmember representing Southeast Seattle, and member of the Sound Transit Board, admits that the Initial Segment will only replace bus routes and attract few riders:

"The billion and a half dollars to replace a couple of bus routes and make it easier for a few commuters to go to work, that's not why you build rail. I'm a believer in rail because it can shape our city 20, 30 or 40 years from now," he said.

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/134527806_ridership03m.html]

Unfortunately, to qualify for federal dollars, the segment needs to stand on its own merits.

CETA OFFICERS ELECTED, WORK GROUPS ORGANIZING, VOLUNTEERS SIGNING UP TO HELP

At the last CETA meeting (08/28/02), members elected the following people to serve on the Board.

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CANDIDATES' POSITIONS ON TRANSIT

If you would like to help distribute and collect a questionnaire to the Candidates please contact
Jean Paul Willynck, j_pwilynck@hotmail.com

We have drafted a list of questions. We have the list of candidates. We can use this newsletter to publish their answers.

We do not plan on endorsing candidates, but we can publish their positions on Sound Transit

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- JOIN THE COALITION
- GET YOUR ORGANIZATION TO JOIN OR PASS A RESOLUTION STATING THAT YOU WANT YOUR TRANSIT DOLLARS SPENT ON EFFECTIVE TRANSIT
- HELP RAISE MONEY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH
- HELP WITH RESEARCH, OUTREACH, GRAPHICS, WRITING

SIGN UP ON THE WEB PAGE

<http://EffectiveTransportation.org>

Our mission:

CETA is a coalition of Puget Sound citizens and groups calling on Sound Transit to immediately cancel its ineffective and prohibitively expensive 14-mile surface light rail project and begin shifting the \$1.4 Billion of local and \$500 million of federal taxes to help fund a range of high quality services which could include: frequent, all day, comfortable, express bus service; monorail; vanpools; and other innovative, cost effective, safe, community friendly transportation options.

In order to increase accountability, we support objective cost / benefit comparisons of alternatives and consolidation of transportation functions under directly elected representatives. Because the current light rail plan differs greatly from what we voted for in 1996, and will not serve regional needs, we support a revote on the plan.

We hope to send this newsletter weekly.