ST2 UPDATE

Second Quarter Public Input

June 26, 2008
Public Involvement Overview

• Open Houses
  – May 22 Lynnwood
  – May 28 Des Moines
  – June 3 Sumner
  – June 4 Seattle
  – June 5 Bellevue
  – June 10 Tacoma
  – June 11 Everett

• Website information

• Questionnaires
  – Web
  – Phone

• Mailed comments

• E-mailed comments

• Stakeholder and speakers bureau outreach
Summary of Public Input

Quantitative input
- Web questionnaire
- Recorded telephone questionnaire

Qualitative input
- Open house comment forms
- Mail and e-mail
- Responses to Web questionnaire’s open-ended question
Quantitative Input

Questionnaire results

• 6,077 responses
  – 5,661 Web participants
  – 416 phone participants

• Fielded May 14 through June 19

• Promoted via mailer and advertising
Key Questionnaire Findings

• Respondents strongly support expanding mass transit

• After explaining two 12-year options at 0.4% and 0.5%, a plurality of respondents prefer the 0.5% option over the 0.4%

• Given a choice between a 20- and 12-year option, a plurality prefer 20

• Respondents prefer voting in 2008 by a wide margin
Web & Telephone Questionnaire Results
Demographics

Web (% of Total Responses)  93%

Tel (% of Total Responses)  7%

Male  40%  57%
Female  40%  41%
Not Answered  3%  19%
<25  6%  4%
25 to 39  9%  39%
40 to 54  22%  31%
55 & Up  20%  43%
Else  4%  21%
Reported ST District (by entered zip)

- North King: 30%
- East King: 21%
- Pierce: 18%
- South King: 12%
- Snohomish: 9%
- Not Answered: 2%
- Outside/Other: 9%
Expansion Option

How urgent do you think it is to…

- **Expand The Mass Transit System**  
  - Extremely Urgent: 76%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 14%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 10%

- **Adding More Light Rail**  
  - Extremely Urgent: 61%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 20%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 18%

- **Adding More Commuter Rail**  
  - Extremely Urgent: 53%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 28%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 19%

- **Adding More Regional Express Bus**  
  - Extremely Urgent: 48%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 33%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 18%
How urgent do you think it is to expand the mass transit system by adding more light rail, commuter rail, and regional express bus service?

- EXTREMELY URGENT: 76%
- SOMEWHAT URGENT: 14%
- NOT URGENT/DO NOT SUPPORT/OTHER: 10%

ALL: 76% 14% 10%
Web: 77% 14% 10%
Tel: 60% 14% 27%
Expand the Mass Transit System?

How urgent do you think it is to expand the mass transit system by adding more light rail, commuter rail, and regional express bus service?

- Extremely Urgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

### All Regions
- **ALL**
  - Extremely Urgent: 76%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 14%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 10%

### Individual Regions
- **North King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 83%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 11%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 6%

- **Snohomish**
  - Extremely Urgent: 78%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 14%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 8%

- **Pierce**
  - Extremely Urgent: 74%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 15%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 11%

- **South King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 73%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 15%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 12%

- **East King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 69%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 17%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 14%
Add More Light Rail?

What do you think about adding more light rail?

- Extremely Urgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**ALL**
- 61% Extremely Urgent
- 20% Somewhat Urgent
- 19% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**North King**
- 72% Extremely Urgent
- 16% Somewhat Urgent
- 12% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**Snohomish**
- 60% Extremely Urgent
- 21% Somewhat Urgent
- 19% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**East King**
- 61% Extremely Urgent
- 17% Somewhat Urgent
- 22% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**South King**
- 54% Extremely Urgent
- 24% Somewhat Urgent
- 22% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other

**Pierce**
- 51% Extremely Urgent
- 26% Somewhat Urgent
- 23% Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other
Add More Commuter Rail?

What do you think about adding more commuter rail?

- **ALL**
  - Extremely Urgent: 53%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 28%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 19%

- **Pierce**
  - Extremely Urgent: 65%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 22%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 13%

- **South King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 61%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 24%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 15%

- **North King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 49%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 33%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 18%

- **Snohomish**
  - Extremely Urgent: 52%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 28%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 20%

- **East King**
  - Extremely Urgent: 44%
  - Somewhat Urgent: 32%
  - Not Urgent/Don't Support/Other: 24%
Add More Regional Express Bus?

What about adding more regional express bus service, with projects to help buses travel more quickly?

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Preferred 12-Year Option

Of these two 12-year options, which do you prefer?

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0.4% option vs 0.5% option

Don't like either

Don't Know/No Answer

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Which of the following best expresses your view?
Preferred Package Size

Which of the following best expresses your view?

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Ballot Timing

When do you think the region should vote on whether to expand mass transit?

- 76% in 2008
- 78% in 2010
- 51% After 2010
- 10% Never
- 21% Don't Know/No Answer
When do you think the region should vote on whether to expand mass transit?

- Snohomish: 82% 74% 73% 74% 73%
- North King: 13% 8% 10% 11%
- East King: 3% 2% 5% 3% 4%
- South King: 5% 3% 6% 6% 6%
- Pierce: 5% 4% 5% 7% 6%
- 2008: 74%
- 2010: 73%
- After 2010: 73%
- Never: 73%
- Don't Know/No Answer: 20%
Qualitative Input

Narrative comments

• 4,105 responses
  – 3,667 from Web questionnaire
  – 208 submitted at public meetings
  – 204 via e-mail
  – 26 transcribed from voicemail messages
Overarching Themes

- **Region needs more transit** to respond to growth, existing congestion, rising gas prices

- ‘**Get something done’**
  - Taking action now a pervasive theme
    - Less prevalent: voters should see light rail ‘proof’ (Link opening) before considering expansion vote

- **Fuel costs spark urgency for action**
  - ‘*Strike while the iron is hot*’
Mode-specific Comments

• **Most support light rail extension**
  – Excitement about Link opening
  – Region needs rail to stay competitive
  – Fewer say light rail not right solution, prefer BRT

• **Call for more Sounder, bus service**
  – Parking concerns pervasive
Concerns Voiced

• **Areas outside Seattle need more investment**
  – Need more east-west connections
  – Don’t want to transfer in Seattle

• **Reservations about funding source**
  – ‘Regressive’ sales tax, taxes already too high
Questions