

September 2012

Boardings	Monthly Total Boardings			Annual YTD Boardings			Average Weekday Boardings			Average Saturday Boardings			Average Sunday Boardings		
Mode	Sep.	Sep.	%	2012	2011	%	Sep.	Sep.	%	Sep.	Sep.	%	Sep.	Sep.	%
	2012	2011	Change			Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
ST Express regional bus	1,246,115	1,145,646	+ 8.8%	11,465,385	10,207,780	+ 12.3%	54,778	47,929	+ 14.3%	22,776	19,211	+ 18.6%	15,243	12,459	+ 22.3%
Sounder commuter rail	228,438	227,560	+ 0.4%	2,048,755	1,859,190	+ 10.2%	10,952	10,142	+ 8.0%	3,428*	2,082*	+ 64.6%	3,376*	4,166*	- 19.0%
Tacoma Link light rail	82,022	68,342	+ 20.0%	759,956	701,471	+ 8.3%	3,645	2,856	+ 27.6%	1,741	1,389	+ 25.3%	675	560	+ 20.6%
Central Link light rail	801,785	693,417	+ 15.6%	6,526,972	5,854,118	+ 11.5%	28,549	25,222	+ 13.2%	27,733	20,134	+ 37.7%	20,115	16,646	+ 20.8%
Paratransit	4,879	7,008	- 30.4%	47,663	66,042	- 27.8%	163	234	- 30.4%	163	234	- 30.4%	163	234	- 30.4%
System Total	2,363,239	2,141,973	+ 10.3%	20,848,731	18,688,601	+ 11.6%	98,086	86,382	+ 13.5%	53,785	41,488	+ 29.6%	38,446	32,399	+ 18.7%

^{*} Sounder event service

Paratransit daily boardings are assumed equal between weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Ridership Analysis

September 2012: 19 weekdays, 5 Saturdays, 6 Sundays (2011: 21 weekdays, 4 Saturdays, 5 Sundays)

Total Sound Transit boardings increased by 10.3% in September compared with the same month in 2011 with weekday system ridership hitting a new record of 98,086 boardings. Weekend system ridership was also strong with Saturday boardings setting a new record for the third month in a row. ST Express was up 8.8% for the month, seeing over 54,000 average weekday boardings. Ridership remains up substantially on many routes, both weekdays and weekends. Sounder boardings were up 0.4% due to fewer weekdays in 2012 despite increased weekday ridership on both lines, though weekend ridership over 2011 was mixed due to the types of events served. Average weekday boardings were up 6.7% on the South Line and up 19.3% with a new weekday record on the North Line. Central Link ridership was up 15.6% overall, with a 13.2% increase in average weekday boardings and a new ridership record for Saturdays. Tacoma Link total ridership was up 20.0% for the month compared with 2011, with substantial increases both weekdays and weekends.



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Trends

