## **SoundTransit** Ridership Summary

## November 2012

Boardings	Monthly Total Boardings			Annual YTD Boardings			Average Weekday Boardings			Average Saturday Boardings			Average Sunday Boardings		
Mode	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	% Change	2012	2011	% Change	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	% Change	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	% Change	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	% Change
ST Express regional bus	1,300,845	1,144,673	+ 13.6%	14,236,816	12,551,453	+ 13.4%	54,609	48,403	+ 12.8%	20,223	17,643	+ 14.6%	14,631	11,530	+ 26.9%
Sounder commuter rail	257,131	240,249	+ 7.0%	2,595,347	2,341,913	+ 10.8%	11,250	10,762	+ 4.5%	0*	6,581*	+ N/A	10,439*	9,212*	+ 13.3%
Tacoma Link light rail	82,791	85,462	- 3.1%	947,275	884,325	+ 7.1%	3,507	3,774	- 7.1%	1,576	1,598	- 1.4%	569	598	- 4.8%
Central Link light rail	713,059	644,040	+ 10.7%	8,015,463	7,178,684	+ 11.7%	26,205	23,720	+ 10.5%	19,709	18,736	+ 5.2%	16,785	14,196	+ 18.2%
Paratransit	5,046	6,742	- 25.2%	58,218	79,966	- 27.2%	168	225	- 25.2%	168	225	- 25.2%	168	225	- 25.2%
System Total	2,358,872	2,121,166	+ 11.2%	25,853,120	23,036,341	+ 12.2%	95,739	86,191	+ 11.1%	41,677	39,847	+ 4.6%	36,329	30,352	+ 19.7%

ST Express and System Total ridership includes downtown Seattle only ridership (formerly Ride Free Area) as of October 2012.

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

\* Sounder event service

## **Ridership Analysis**

November 2012: 21 weekdays, 4 Saturdays, 5 Sundays (2011: 21 weekdays, 4 Saturdays, 5 Sundays)

For the 10th month in a row, average weekday boardings ridership increased over the same month last year with a double-digit percent increase. ST Express ridership remained strong partly due to the elimination of the Ride Free Area (all boardings now being included in the totals). The effects of the holidays can be seen as ridership for the month in addition to average daily boardings are down from October. Tacoma Link ridership is down from November 2011. In 2011, Sound Transit participated in the "Be Downtown" during November as mitigation for the Pacific Avenue overpass construction project. Sounder boardings were up 7% in spite of the North Line being cancelled on all but Monday morning the week of Thanksgiving. Boardings on the North Line were down 7% from November 2011 which was cancelled on the day before Thanksgiving only. By contrast, the South Line ridership was up 9.2% mostly due to the Lakewood extension that opened last month. One record was broken in November 2012: Ridership on the North Line Seahawk special event service reached a new all-time high.

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