

February 2013

Boardings	Monthly Total Boardings			Annual YTD Boardings			Average Weekday Boardings			Average Saturday Boardings			Average Sunday Boardings		
Mode	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	% Change	2013	2012	% Change	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	% Change	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	% Change	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	% Change
ST Express regional bus	1,233,689	1,190,788	+ 3.6%	2,576,979	2,327,978	+ 10.7%	54,640	50,805	+ 7.5%	19,903	17,151	+ 16.0%	15,321	11,251	+ 36.2%
Sounder commuter rail	226,091	218,494	+ 3.5%	471,226	410,976	+ 14.7%	11,305	10,404	+ 8.7%	0*	0*	+ N/A	0*	0*	+ N/A
Tacoma Link light rail	85,327	94,064	- 9.3%	171,556	169,702	+ 1.1%	3,870	3,960	- 2.3%	1,976	2,636	- 25.0%	781	863	- 9.6%
Central Link light rail	631,191	571,563	+ 10.4%	1,307,520	1,168,606	+ 11.9%	25,370	22,186	+ 14.4%	18,015	14,886	+ 21.0%	12,934	11,530	+ 12.2%
Paratransit	4,932	5,240	- 5.9%	10,121	10,682	- 5.3%	176	181	- 2.5%	176	181	- 2.5%	176	181	- 2.5%
System Total	2,181,230	2,080,149	+ 4.9%	4,537,402	4,087,944	+ 11.0%	95,166	87,348	+ 9.0%	40,070	37,062	+ 8.1%	29,407	24,400	+ 20.5%

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.

Ridership Analysis

February 2013: 20 weekdays, 4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays for ST Express and Central Link; 19 weekdays, 4 Saturdays, 5 Sundays for Tacoma Link; 20 weekdays for Sounder

All Sound Transit modes experienced ridership growth during February 2013 except for Tacoma Link and Paratransit. ST Express continued an upward trend partly because downtown Seattle boardings are now included in the totals since the Ride Free Area was discontinued. While total Sounder commuter train ridership was up only 3.5%, average weekday boardings increased by 8.7%. This was due to one less weekday of operation compared with the same month in 2012, and the fact that no weekend event trains were operated in February 2013. Average weekday Sounder boardings increased by 21% on the North Line and by 9% on the South Line. On Central Link, total boardings increased by an impressive 10.4% despite having one less weekday of operation; average weekday boardings increased by 14.4%. Ridership on Tacoma Link decreased by 9% as there were fewer special events scheduled along the corridor, particularly on weekends. In addition, Tacoma Link operated a Sunday schedule on President's Day.

^{*} Sounder event service



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Trends

