# Ridership

Total Boardings by Mode								
	Jan-16	Jan-17	$\mathcal{M} \Delta$	YTD-16	YTD-17	<b>%</b> Δ		
ST Express	1,433,007	1,503,335	4.9%	1,433,007	1,503,335	4.9%		
Sounder	331,257	363,506	9.7%	331,257	363,506	9.7%		
Tacoma Link	75,121	74,823	-0.4%	75,121	74,823	-0.4%		
Link	908,411	1,760,914	93.8%	908,411	1,760,914	93.8%		
Paratransit	3,633	4,781	31.6%	3,633	4,781	31.6%		
System Total	2,751,429	3,707,359	34.7%	2,751,429	3,707,359	34.7%		

Monthly ridership figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a quarterly basis.

January 2016:	20 Weekdays	5 Saturdays	6 Sundays
January 2017:	21 Weekdays	4 Saturdays	6 Sundays

*Sound Transit* ridership increased by 956K, or 34.7%, compared to January 2016. System-wide average weekday boardings increased by 27% during the month. There was one additional weekday in 2017 than in the previous year.

*ST Express* ridership increased by 70K, or 4.9%. Average weekday boardings increased slightly by 0.7%. Weekend ridership increased significantly, with average Saturday boardings up 19.5% compared to January 2016. Ridership growth is attributed to the service investments made throughout 2016.

*Sounder* ridership was up 32K, or 9.7%, compared to January 2016. Similarly, average weekday boardings on Sounder were up 2.5% compared to same period last year, reaching an all time high of 17K average weekday boardings.

*Tacoma Link* ridership remained largely constant in January 2017, decreasing by 0.4%. Average weekday boardings were down 7.2%, while average Saturday boardings were up by 5.7%.

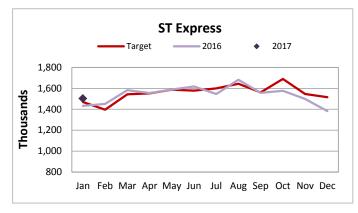
*Link* ridership was up 853K, or 93.8%, compared to the same period last year. Average weekday boardings were up by 89% to over 66K per weekday. The continued increase in monthly ridership and average weekday boardings is due to the Link extension, which opened in 2016.

*Paratransit* services increased by 31.6% compared to January 2016. The increase in ridership is attributed to the opening of the University Link and Angle Lake extensions and additional customers requesting access to the Link system.

Average Daily Boardings									
Mode	Weekday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Jan-16	Jan-17	% $\Delta$	Jan-16	Jan-17	<b>%</b> Δ	Jan-16	Jan-17	<b>%</b> Δ
ST Express	62,693	63,144	0.7%	19,296	23,068	19.5%	13,635	14,173	3.9%
Sounder	16,642	17,057	2.5%	0	5,313	N/A	0	0	N/A
Tacoma Link	3,311	3,072	-7.2%	1,464	1,548	5.7%	700	685	-2.0%
Link	34,956	66,060	89.0%	21,237	49,853	134.7%	19,472	31,741	63.0%
Paratransit	117	154	31.6%	117	154	31.6%	117	154	31.6%
System Total	117,719	149,488	27.0%						

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

# Monthly Ridership Trends by Mode



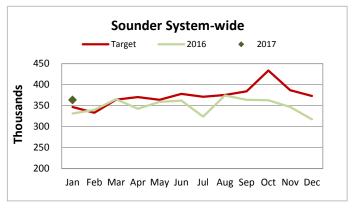
ST Express ridership increased by 4.9% and average weekday boardings increased by 0.7%.



Tacoma Link ridership decreased by 0.4% compared to January 2016. Average weekday boardings were also down by 7.2% compared to the same period last year.



Link ridership was up 93.8% compared to January 2016, while average weekday boardings increased by 89.0%. Link's impressive ridership gains are largely a result of the service extensions to the University of Washington and Angle Lake.



Sounder system-wide ridership increased by 9.7% compared to January 2016. Average weekday boardings increased by 2.5%.



Sounder North ridership increased 36.7% overall and average weekday boardings increased 18% compared to January 2016.

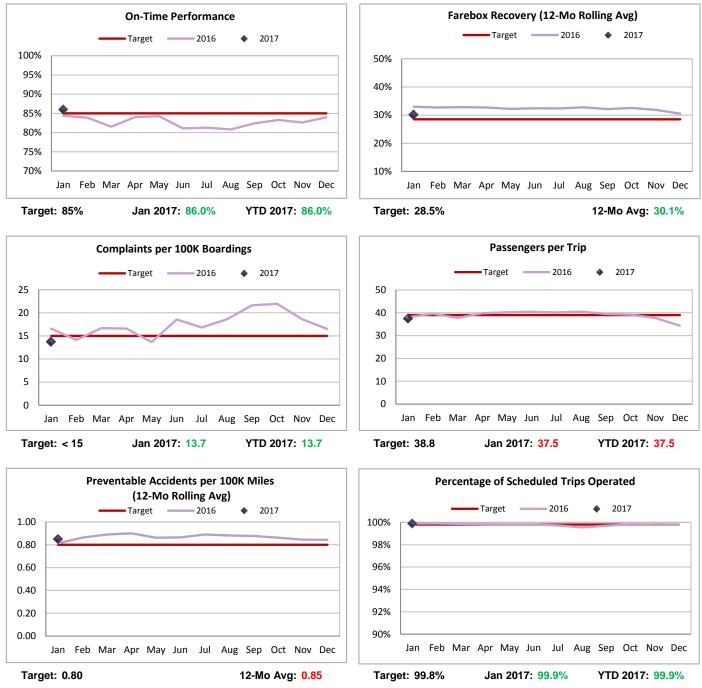


Sounder South ridership increased by 7% compared to January 2016 and average weekday boardings increased by 1%.

# ST Express

### **Highlights**

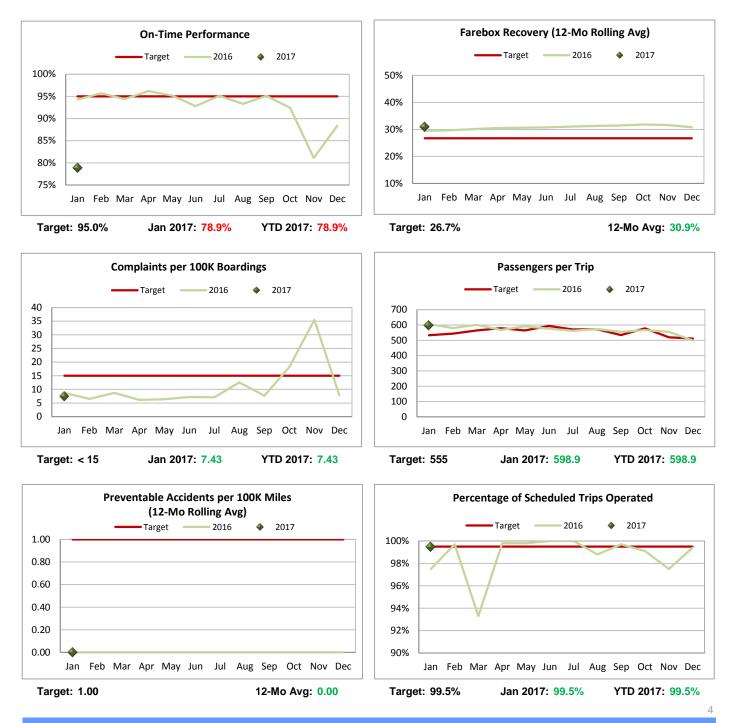
- Traffic congestion and overcrowding continue to impact on-time performance and the customer experience.
- Preventable accidents per 100K miles was slightly above target at 0.85. Safety is the top priority as staff and partners continue working together to identify and address the issues.



# Sounder Commuter Rail

#### **Highlights**

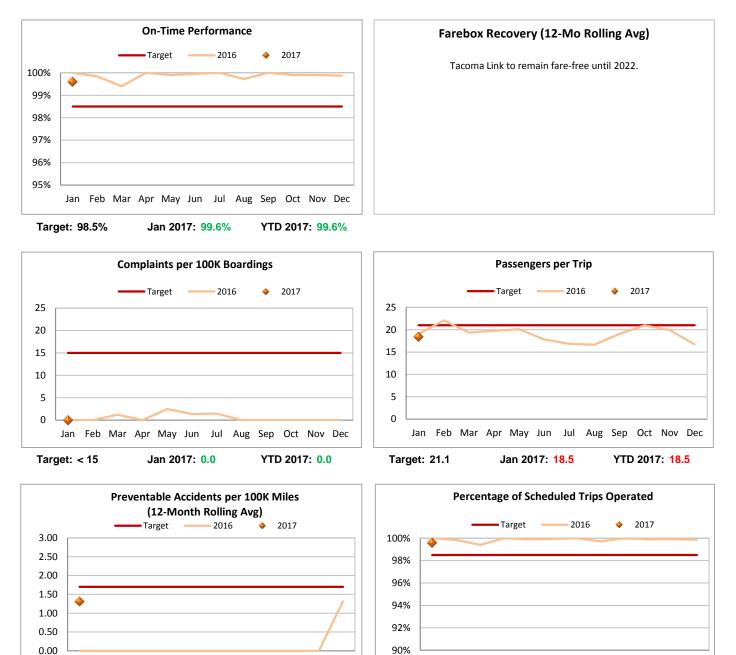
Train delays caused by BNSF track construction continue to affect customer experience and on-time
performance. As a result of construction in the Auburn area on a third mainline track and platform
modifications, train speeds were dramatically reduced to protect railway workers and only one mainline track
was available, creating increased traffic congestion. The project concluded at the end of January.



# **Tacoma Link**

#### **Highlights**

- Tacoma Link consistently performs better than target for on-time performance, complaints per 100K boardings, and percentage of scheduled trips operated.
- Passengers per trip was below target at 18.5 for the month of January.
- Preventable accidents per 100K miles is based on a 12-month rolling average. In January, Tacoma Link's 12month rolling average was 1.31 due to one preventable accident that occured in the yard during non-revenue hours in December 2016.



Target: < 1.7

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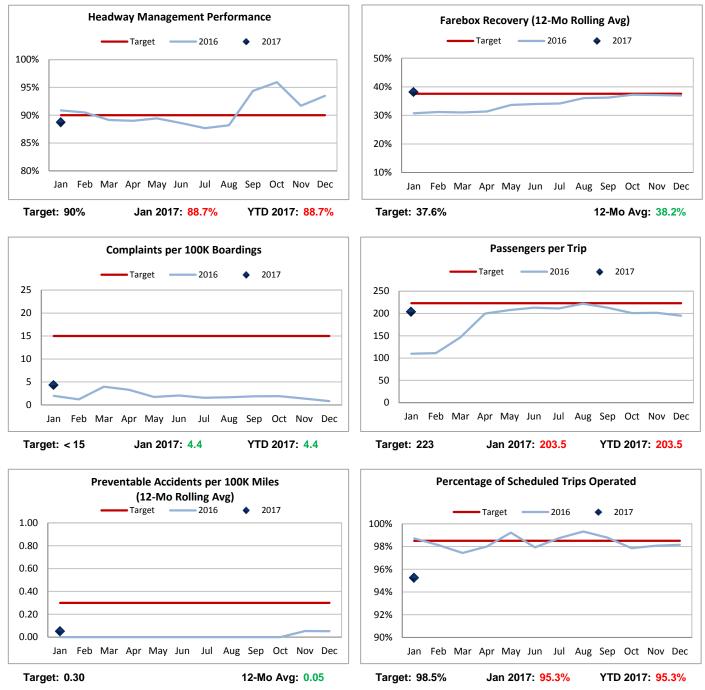
Jan 2017: 99.6%

Target: 98.5%

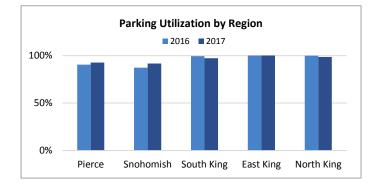
# Link

#### **Highlights**

- In January, headway management and percentage of scheduled trips operated were below target at 88.7% and 95.3%, respectively. Track blockage events on MLK affected performance.
- Preventable accidents per 100K miles is based on a 12-month rolling average. In January, Link's 12-month rolling average was 0.05 due to one non-revenue preventable accident in the wash bay in November 2016.



# **General Transit**



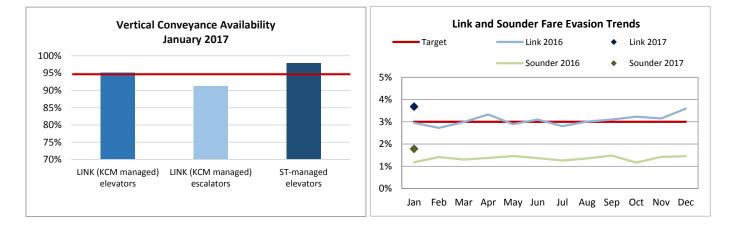
System-wide Permanent & Leased Parking						
January 2017						
Region	Available	Utilized	% Utilized			
Snohomish	3,613	3,317	92%			
North King	239	236	99%			
East King	1,488	1,494	100%			
South King	5,031	4,899	97%			
Pierce	4,913	4,556	93%			
System Total	15,284	14,502	95%			

A total of 15,284 parking stalls are available at 31 locations in Pierce County, Snohomish County, as well as North, East, and South King County. Temporary (leased) parking is available in all regions except East King County.

Utilization continues to be at or near capacity at many of our parking facilities. Overall utilization increased by 2% compared to January 2016, reflecting 95% system-wide utilization.

The Pierce County region experienced 2% growth, and Snohomish County increased by 4%. North, East, and South King regions decreased by 2% compared to the same period of last year.

Angle Lake garage and surface lot introduced 1,160 parking spaces with the opening of the new station. In its fourth full month of operation, the spaces are well utilized at 95% capacity, compared to 90% in December, 86% in November, and 80% in October.



Targeted availability is set at 95% to match contract standards.

Link elevators, which are managed by KCM, were at targeted availability levels of 95% during the month of January.

KCM managed Link escalators were down for the period at 91.2% availability, driven by lengthy repairs at University of Washington station.

Sound Transit managed elevators at ST Express and Sounder locations consistently perform above the 95% target availability and achieved 97.8% in the month of January.

**Fare Evasion** on Link increased compared to January 2016, with final results of 3.69% exceeding the 3% targeted range. January Link boardings increased 93.8% compared to last year, resulting in a lower inspection rate on Link.

Sounder fare evasion also increased compared to the same time last year, with final results of 1.79% for the month.

Overall, combined fare evasion was 3.39%, above the targeted range of 3%. Fare inspections trended over 5% of all rail passengers in January 2017, below the targeted inspection rate of 10%.

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