



Service Delivery Quarterly Performance Report

System-wide Boardings								
Boardings by Service Mode	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	%∆	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	%Δ	YTD Budget	%YTD
ST Express	3,371,243	902,037	-73.2%	3,371,243	902,037	-73.2%	910,000	99.1%
Sounder	919,928	135,174	-85.3%	919,928	135,174	-85.3%	528,500	25.6%
Tacoma Link	211,384	71,663	-66.1%	211,384	71,663	-66.1%	93,000	77.1%
Link	5,548,924	1,256,675	-77.4%	5,548,924	1,256,675	-77.4%	1,194,000	105.2%
Paratransit	15,656	7,137	-54.4%	15,656	7,137	-54.4%	5,000	142.7%
Total Boardings	10,067,135	2,372,686	-76.4%	10,067,135	2,372,686	-76.4%	2,730,500	86.9%
Average Weekday Boardings	135,657	31,536	-76.8%	135,657	31,536	-76.8%		

Total Sound Transit system-wide ridership in first quarter of 2021 dropped by over 7 million, or 76.8%, compared to the same quarter of 2020, and the average weekday boardings were also down by 76.8%. Ridership continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

ST Express ridership and average weekday boardings declined by 73.2% compared to the first quarter of last year.

Sounder ridership decreased by 85.3% compared to the first quarter of 2020.

Tacoma Link ridership dropped by 66.1%, compared to the first quarter of last year.

Link light rail ridership declined by 4.2 million, or 77.4%, compared to the first quarter of 2020.

Paratransit ridership services decreased by 54.0% for the first quarter of 2021.

Future Service Delivery Quarterly Performance Reporting will be delivered through an interactive dashboard that will be found on soundtransit.org

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ST Express								
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 Budget	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD Budget		
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	154,560	133,495	138,023	154,560	133,495	138,023		
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	2,976,498	2,565,869	2,668,533	2,976,498	2,565,869	2,668,533		
Trips Operated	122,306	102,800	106,657	122,306	102,800	106,657		
Platform Hours Operated	204,752	171,880	177,024	204,752	171,880	177,024		
Boardings	3,352,386	976,957	2,417,250	3,352,386	976,957	910,000		
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	22	7	18	22	7	7		
Boardings per Trip	27	10	23	27	10	9		
Cost per Boarding ²	\$9.20	\$33.45	\$9.09	\$8.37	\$21.74	\$8.33		
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	99.7%	99.9%	99.8%	99.7%	99.9%	99.8%		
On-Time Performance ³	89.4%	90.4%	85.0%	89.4%	90.4%	85.0%		
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	20.5	24.3	< 15.0	18.6	20.8	< 15.0		
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.83	0.35	< 0.80	0.83	0.35	< 0.80		

ST Express Average Weekday Boardings by Route						
		Q1 2020	Q1 2021	%∆	YTD	
508	Mountlake Terrace - Seattle	-	-	0.0%	-	
510-513	Everett-Seattle	6,795	1,916	-71.8%	1,916	
522	Woodinville-Seattle	3,935	1,127	-71.4%	1,127	
532	Everett-Bellevue	1,348	228	-83.1%	228	
535	Lynnwood-Bellevue	1,496	384	-74.3%	384	
540*	Kirkland-U. District	429	-	0.0%	-	
541*	Overlake-U. District	1,253	-	0.0%	-	
542	Redmond-U. District	2,063	334	-83.8%	334	
544*	Overlake - SLU	14	-	0.0%	-	
545	Redmond-Seattle	6,154	1,208	-80.4%	1,208	
550	Bellevue-Seattle	5,388	1,415	-73.7%	1,415	
554	Issaquah-Seattle	2,714	773	-71.5%	773	
555/556*	Issaquah-Northgate	935	-	0.0%	-	
560	West Seattle-SeaTac-Bellevue	1,471	645	-56.1%	645	
566/567	Auburn-Kent-Overlake	1,566	364	-76.8%	364	
574	Lakewood-SeaTac	1,996	984	-50.7%	984	
577/578	Seattle-Federal Way/Puyallup	3,141	1,461	-53.5%	1,461	
580	Lakewood-Puyallup	702	72	-89.7%	72	
586	Tacoma-U. District	373	115	-69.2%	115	
590-595	Lakewood/Tacoma-Seattle	4,725	1,705	-63.9%	1,705	
596	Bonney Lake-Sumner	463	59	-87.2%	59	
	Total Average Weekday Boardings	46,959	12,790	-72.8%	12,790	

 $^{^*}$ A number of routes were temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 in the end of March.

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Sounder Commuter Rail								
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 Budget	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD Budget		
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	18,507	12,342	12,800	18,507	12,342	12,800		
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	547,732	379,233	393,950	547,732	379,233	393,950		
Trips Operated	2,109	1,315	1,450	2,109	1,315	1,450		
Boardings	839,752	139,459	528,500	839,752	139,459	528,500		
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	45	11	41	45	11	41		
Boardings per Trip	398	106	365	398	106	365		
Cost per Boarding ²	\$13.30	\$101.03	\$12.41	\$11.94	\$40.73	\$12.55		
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	98.8%	97.1%	99.5%	98.8%	97.1%	99.5%		
On-Time Performance ³	97.1%	97.4%	95.0%	97.1%	97.4%	95.0%		
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	7.8	15.4	< 15.0	6.8	7.9	< 15.0		
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.00	0.40	≤ 1.00	0.00	0.40	≤ 1.00		

Sounder Commuter Rail Average Weekday Boardings by Corridor							
Q1 2020							
North Line, Everett - Seattle	1,239	737	-40.5%	360			
South Line, Tacoma - Seattle	13,121	776	-94.1%	4,606			
Total Average Weekday Boardings	14,361	1,513	-89.5%	4,966			

Tacoma Link Light Rail								
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 Budget	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD Budget		
Service Hours Operated	2,430	2,426	2,450	2,430	2,426	2,450		
Service Miles Operated	18,707	18,677	18,825	18,707	18,677	18,825		
Trips Operated	12,146	12,128	12,265	12,146	12,128	12,265		
Boardings	203,931	71,663	159,000	203,931	71,663	93,000		
Boardings per Service Vehicle Hour	84	30	65	84	30	38		
Boardings per Trip	17	6	13	17	6	8		
Cost per Boarding ²	\$6.62	\$13.33	\$7.42	\$5.81	\$12.12	\$6.54		
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	99.7%	99.7%	98.5%	99.7%	99.7%	98.5%		
On-Time Performance ³	99.9%	99.9%	98.5%	99.9%	99.9%	98.5%		
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	0.4	1.3	< 15.0	0.3	0.9	< 15.0		
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.70	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.70		

Sounder Commuter Rail Average Weekday Boardings by Corridor							
Q1 2020 Q1 2021							
Total Average Weekday Boardings	2,900	909	-68.7%	1,438			

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Link Light Rail								
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 Budget	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD Budget		
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	71,636	15,324	67,825	71,636	15,324	67,825		
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	1,312,001	305,266	1,428,300	1,312,001	305,266	1,428,300		
Trips Operated	30,876	16,644	22,325	30,876	16,644	22,325		
Boardings	4,408,790	1,382,467	3,693,750	4,408,790	1,382,467	1,194,000		
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	62	90	54	62	90	18		
Boardings per Trip	143	83	165	143	83	53		
Cost per Boarding ²	\$5.82	\$26.12	\$5.56	\$5.16	\$14.18	\$5.06		
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	87.6%	94.4%	98.5%	87.6%	94.4%	98.5%		
Headway Performance ⁴	94.5%	97.4%	90.0%	94.5%	97.4%	90.0%		
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	2.3	2.3	< 15.0	2.2	3.8	< 15.0		
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.24	na	< 0.30	0.24	na	< 0.30		

Link Light Rail Average Weekday Boardings by Station							
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	%∆	YTD			
University of Washington	6,431	2,879	-55.2%	2,879			
Capitol Hill	4,182	1,710	-59.1%	1,710			
Westlake	5,480	2,330	-57.5%	2,330			
University Street	2,704	950	-64.9%	950			
Pioneer Square	8,881	683	-92.3%	683			
International District / Chinatown	3,403	1,383	-59.4%	1,383			
Stadium	640	551	-13.9%	551			
SODO	1,487	921	-38.1%	921			
Beacon Hill	1,468	759	-48.3%	759			
Mount Baker	1,368	807	-41.0%	807			
Columbia City	1,540	656	-57.4%	656			
Othello	1,638	852	-48.0%	852			
Rainier Beach	1,241	556	-55.2%	556			
Tukwila International Boulevard	1,663	1,174	-29.4%	1,174			
SeaTac / Airport	3,456	2,194	-36.5%	2,194			
Angle Lake	2,867	1,581	-44.9%	1,581			
Total Average Weekday Boardings	48,449	19,986	-58.7%	19,986			

Paratransit Boardings						
	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	%∆	YTD		
Link Service Area Average Daily Boardings	235	79	-66.3%	79		

¹⁻Revenue hours: The total amount of time during which service is available to carry passengers. Tacoma Link reports as service hours since it does not collect fares.

²⁻Cost per boarding is calculated as the total actual operating costs (including Agency overhead) before depreciation and operating leases divided by the total number of riders.

³⁻On-time performance: A performance ratio that measures how often a transit service is on time. The timeframe differs based on mode and frequency of service.

⁴⁻Headway Performance: Using a tolerance of +/- 2 minutes.

 $^{5\}hbox{-Preventable accident: An accident in which the operating employee failed to do everything reasonable to prevent the accident.}$

⁶⁻Link Total Ridership by Station is calculated using a different methodology than total system level boardings.

⁷⁻Ridership numbers are subject to change.