Sound Transit continues to build a track record of delivering major capital projects on schedule and under budget. Here’s a by-the-numbers look at agency successes delivering megaprojects.

University Link

This project, which includes 3.1 miles of twin tunnels between downtown Seattle and the University of Washington, is scheduled to open in early 2016, up to nine months ahead of schedule and about $150 million under budget. By 2018, the Link light rail system will carry an estimated 61,400 riders every weekday.

Sound Transit 2

Sound Transit remains on track to deliver more than 30 miles of light rail expansions by 2023 despite a 29 percent reduction in revenues due to the national recession. The agency is delivering these projects within dramatically tighter budgets.

The South 200th Link extension set for opening in 2016 features a major new parking garage and service south of Sea-Tac Airport.

By 2023, Sound Transit 2 construction will have created more than 100,000 jobs.

**Sound Transit success strategies**

- Realistic cost estimates
- Competitive procurements
- Rigorous project development protocols
- Extensive value engineering
- Contractor accountability measures
- Independent oversight
- Hands-on construction management
- Environmental sustainability

**Link initial segment**

In 2009, Sound Transit opened the first 15.6 miles of light rail service in central Puget Sound on schedule and about $105 million below the $2.7 billion budget adopted by the Sound Transit Board in 2001. Ridership increased by about 20 percent last year alone.

Link light rail service between downtown Seattle and SeaTac provided more than 31,000 rides each weekday in November 2014.