



# SOUNDTRANSIT Ridership Summary

## December 2012

Boardings Mode	Monthly Total Boardings			Annual YTD Boardings			Average Weekday Boardings			Average Saturday Boardings			Average Sunday Boardings		
	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011	% Change	2012	2011	% Change	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011	% Change	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011	% Change	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011	% Change
ST Express regional bus	1,193,847	1,113,211	+ 7.2%	15,430,663	13,664,664	+ 12.9%	50,375	46,190	+ 9.1%	19,691	17,577	+ 12.0%	14,650	11,065	+ 32.4%
Souder commuter rail	216,544	202,042	+ 7.2%	2,811,891	2,543,955	+ 10.5%	9,552	9,122	+ 4.7%	0*	10,486*	+ N/A	10,517*	0*	+ N/A
Tacoma Link light rail	76,778	88,104	- 12.9%	1,024,053	972,429	+ 5.3%	3,096	3,353	- 7.7%	2,636	3,212	- 17.9%	747	808	- 7.6%
Central Link light rail	684,358	633,749	+ 8.0%	8,699,821	7,812,433	+ 11.4%	25,084	24,161	+ 3.8%	17,356	14,059	+ 23.4%	15,984	11,212	+ 42.6%
Paratransit	4,702	6,345	- 25.9%	62,920	86,311	- 27.1%	152	205	- 25.9%	152	205	- 25.9%	152	205	- 25.9%
<b>System Total</b>	<b>2,176,229</b>	<b>2,043,450</b>	<b>+ 6.5%</b>	<b>28,029,349</b>	<b>25,079,792</b>	<b>+ 11.8%</b>	<b>87,948</b>	<b>86,191</b>	<b>+ 2.0%</b>	<b>40,363</b>	<b>39,847</b>	<b>+ 1.3%</b>	<b>35,909</b>	<b>30,352</b>	<b>+ 18.3%</b>

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.

\* Souder event service

### Ridership Analysis

**December 2012: 20 weekdays, 5 Saturdays, 6 Sundays (2011: 21 weekdays, 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays)**

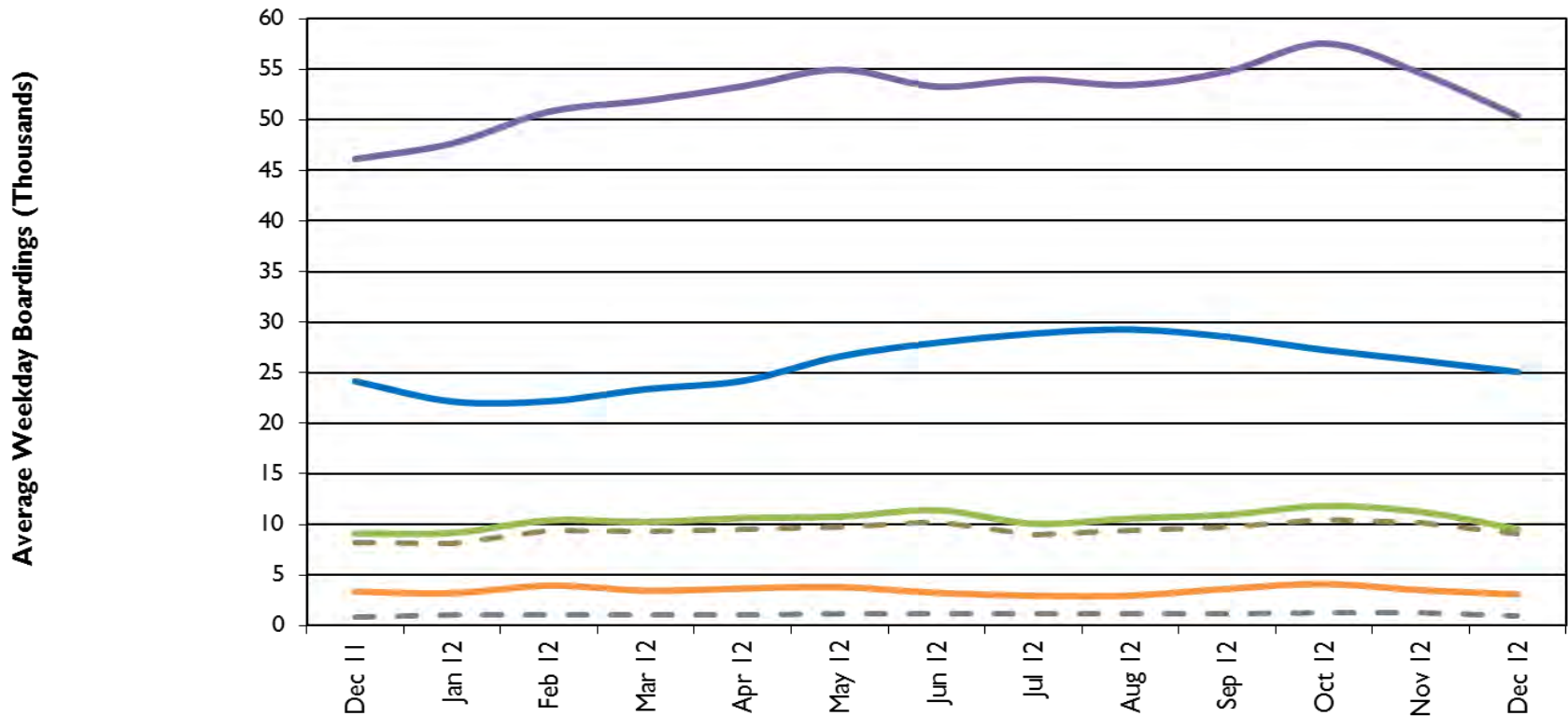
December 2012 concluded a record ridership year for Sound Transit with over 28 million total boardings. All ridership targets in the 2012 budget were met or exceeded. ST Express ridership continued a strong upward trend, in part because all boardings within downtown Seattle are now included in the totals (before the downtown Ride Free Area ended Sept. 29, intra-downtown boardings were not included in ridership totals). Tacoma Link boardings declined, in part because of a reduced number of downtown Tacoma promotional events during December 2012 compared with the same month a year earlier. Total Souder boardings were up 7%, with a 13% increase on the South Line offsetting a 38% drop on the North Line. The large North Line decline was caused by slide-related service disruptions that started Dec. 17 and continued through the end of the year.

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## Trends

### Sound Transit Boardings by Mode



	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
ST Express regional bus	46,131	47,671	50,805	51,903	53,321	54,966	53,289	54,005	53,442	54,778	57,555	54,609	50,375
Central Link light rail	24,161	22,152	22,186	23,379	24,200	26,615	27,971	28,870	29,275	28,549	27,254	26,205	25,084
Sounder commuter rail	9,118	9,166	10,404	10,247	10,632	10,770	11,417	10,079	10,588	10,952	11,828	11,250	9,552
Sounder South Line	8,244	8,104	9,432	9,249	9,555	9,703	10,225	8,937	9,415	9,738	10,521	10,164	9,034
Sounder North Line	874	1,111	1,068	1,042	1,075	1,115	1,188	1,139	1,170	1,212	1,304	1,264	940
Tacoma Link light rail	3,353	3,212	3,960	3,462	3,671	3,807	3,247	2,957	2,968	3,645	4,119	3,507	3,096