

Service Delivery Quarterly Performance Report



System-wide Boardings									
Boardings by Service Mode	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	%Δ	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	%Δ	YTD Budget	% YTD	
ST Express	4,665,930	4,468,117	-4.2%	9,104,739	8,690,760	-4.5%	8,943,618	97.2%	
Sounder	1,168,902	1,163,995	-0.4%	2,331,491	2,292,598	-1.7%	2,379,004	96.4%	
Tacoma Link	233,812	241,354	3.2%	470,239	469,828	-0.1%	495,283	94.9%	
Link	6,335,535	6,484,227	2.3%	11,810,910	12,264,524	3.8%	13,635,698	89.9%	
Paratransit	16,449	17,721	7.7%	32,279	33,914	5.1%	35,000	96.9%	
Total Boardings	12,420,629	12,375,414	-0.4%	23,749,658	23,751,624	0.0%	25,488,602	93.2%	
Average Weekday Boardings	163,456	164,069	0.4%	158,844	163,146	2.7%			

Total Sound Transit ridership slightly decreased by 45K, or 0.4%, compared to the second quarter of 2018; while system-wide average weekday boardings increased by 0.4%.

ST Express ridership and average weekday boardings decreased by 4.2% and 4.7%, respectively, compared to the second quarter of last year mainly due to ridership declines in the I-90 corridor. Slight ridership declines have been occurring along this corridor since the closure of two major parking facilities in the second quarter of 2017; however, ridership declines have compounded in recent months due to the Rainier Freeway Station closure in September 2018 and the conversion of the transit tunnel to rail-only in March 2019.

Sounder ridership decreased by 5K, or 0.4% compared to the second quarter of 2018 and average weekday boardings were overall the same as last year. Year-to-date ridership on Sounder commuter rail has remained relatively flat compared to the prior year.

Tacoma Link ridership increased by 8K, or 3.2%, compared to the second quarter of last year. Average weekday boardings also increased by 3.0% compared to the same period last year. The year-over-year gains seen on Tacoma Link are due to an atypical 2018. Last year, the Tacoma Dome event center and a portion of the Tacoma Dome parking garage were closed for several months for renovations negatively impacting ridership in 2018.

Link light rail ridership grew 149K, or 2.3%, compared to the second quarter of 2018; average weekday boardings increased by 4.6%. The increase in average weekday boardings was driven primarily by ridership growth at International District and Westlake stations which partially offset ridership declines at Tukwila International Boulevard and Angle Lake stations

Paratransit ridership services increased by 7.7% for the second quarter of 2019.

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ST Express									
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	Q2 Budget	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YTD Budget			
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	159,083	160,593	159,503	317,037	311,447	319,007			
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	3,004,651	3,025,786	3,035,011	5,983,607	5,937,163	6,070,022			
Trips Operated	121,215	123,861	121,256	241,302	241,532	238,010			
Platform Hours Operated	199,700	207,230	204,931	397,017	402,716	409,861			
Boardings	4,665,930	4,468,117	4,625,782	9,104,739	8,690,760	8,943,618			
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	29	28	29	29	28	28			
Boardings per Trip	38	36	38	38	36	38			
Cost per Boarding ²	\$7.39	\$8.44	\$8.01	\$7.49	\$8.33	\$8.29			
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	99.9%	99.9%	≥ 99.8%	99.9%	99.0%	≥ 99.8%			
On-Time Performance ³	84.8%	84.4%	≥ 85.0%	85.7%	85.7%	≥ 85.0%			
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	18.8	19.6	< 15.0	18.2	17.5	< 15.0			
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.57	0.78	< 0.80	0.57	0.78	< 0.80			

ST Express Average Weekday Boardings by Route							
		Q2 2018	Q2 2019	%Δ	YTD		
510-513	Everett-Seattle	8,953	9,177	2.5%	9,192		
522	Woodinville-Seattle	5,058	5,158	2.0%	5,076		
532	Everett-Bellevue	2,101	2,029	-3.4%	2,003		
535	Lynnwood-Bellevue	2,013	2,089	3.8%	2,016		
540	Kirkland-U. District	594	539	-9.3%	569		
541	Overlake-U. District	835	883	5.8%	849		
542	Redmond-U. District	2,270	2,546	12.1%	2,336		
545	Redmond-Seattle	8,909	8,859	-0.6%	8,613		
550	Bellevue-Seattle	10,124	7,267	-28.2%	8,106		
554	Issaquah-Seattle	4,170	3,635	-12.8%	3,564		
555/556	Issaquah-Northgate	1,461	1,309	-10.4%	1,347		
560	West Seattle-SeaTac-Bellevue	1,845	1,876	1.7%	1,776		
566/567	Auburn-Kent-Overlake	2,126	2,053	-3.4%	1,973		
574	Lakewood-SeaTac	2,227	2,274	2.1%	2,226		
577/578	Seattle-Federal Way/Puyallup	3,836	3,927	2.4%	3,823		
580	Lakewood-Puyallup	751	867	15.5%	873		
586	Tacoma-U. District	466	451	-3.3%	441		
590-595	Lakewood/Tacoma-Seattle	6,253	6,031	-3.6%	5,851		
596	Bonney Lake-Sumner	605	601	-0.7%	590		
	Total Average Weekday Boardings	64,596	61,571	-4.7%	61,223		

ST Express on-time performance nearly met target at 84.4% for the second quarter. Percentage of scheduled trips operated was above target at 99.9%. Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings were higher than target and last year for the second quarter mostly due to late and service change.

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Sounder Commuter Rail									
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	Q2 Budget	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YTD Budget			
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	19,339	18,992	18,650	38,193	37,927	37,300			
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	564,216	566,073	2,189	1,122,136	1,124,105	4,377			
Trips Operated	2,193	2,194	2,190	4,323	4,359	4,334			
Boardings	1,168,902	1,163,995	1,207,249	2,331,491	2,292,598	2,379,004			
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	60	61	65	61	60	64			
Boardings per Trip	533	531	551	539	526	549			
Cost per Boarding ²	\$11.42	\$11.33	\$11.83	\$10.41	\$11.68	\$11.66			
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	99.0%	99.5%	≥ 99.5%	98.3%	99.4%	≥ 99.5%			
On-Time Performance ³	90.9%	96.3%	≥ 95.0%	91.6%	95.7%	≥ 95.0%			
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	13.3	5.4	< 15.0	10.6	5.6	< 15.0			
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.00	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.00			

Sounder Commuter Rail Average Weekday Boardings by Corridor								
Q2 2018 Q2 2019 %Δ YTD								
North Line, Everett - Seattle	1,666	1,564	-6.1%	1,604				
South Line, Tacoma - Seattle	16,351	16,442	0.6%	16,341				
Total Average Weekday Boardings	18,017	18,006	-0.1%	17,944				

Sounder achieved the on-time performance target at 96.3% in the second quarter of 2019, an improvement compared to the same period last year. Boardings per trip slightly dropped by 0.4% compared to the second quarter of 2018. Percentage of scheduled trips operated was better than last year and met target at 99.5%.

Tacoma Link Light Rail									
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	Q2 Budget	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YTD Budget			
Service Hours Operated	2,471	2,403	2,450	4,887	4,746	4,900			
Service Miles Operated	19,035	18,510	12,243	37,640	36,567	24,485			
Trips Operated	12,361	12,395	12,316	24,435	24,422	24,254			
Boardings	233,812	241,354	251,501	470,239	469,828	495,283			
Boardings per Service Vehicle Hour	95	100	103	96	99	101			
Boardings per Trip	19	19	20	19	19	20			
Cost per Boarding ²	\$6.90	\$6.86	\$4.84	\$5.68	\$5.98	\$5.14			
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	99.9%	99.9%	≥ 98.5%	99.9%	99.9%	≥ 98.5%			
On-Time Performance ³	99.9%	99.7%	≥ 98.5%	99.9%	99.8%	≥ 98.5%			
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	0.0	0.0	< 15.0	0.0	0.0	< 15.0			
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.7	0.00	0.00	≤ 1.7			

Tacoma Link Light Rail Average Weekday Boardings							
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	%Δ	YTD			
Total Average Weekday Boardings	3,107	3,198	3.0%	3,159			

Tacoma Link on-time performance was above target at 99.7% for the second quarter of 2019. Boardings per trip was the same as last year at 19 but slightly lower than the target.

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Link Light Rail									
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	Q2 Budget	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YTD Budget			
Revenue Vehicle Hours Operated ¹	66,081	66,330	66,550	131,012	131,608	133,100			
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated	1,358,750	1,354,232	1,365,775	2,695,628	2,693,164	2,731,550			
Trips Operated	25,650	25,540	25,770	50,886	50,647	51,081			
Boardings	6,335,535	6,484,227	7,377,430	11,810,910	12,264,524	13,635,698			
Boardings per Revenue Vehicle Hour	96	98	111	90	93	102			
Boardings per Trip	247	254	286	232	242	267			
Cost per Boarding ²	\$4.16	\$5.02	\$4.55	\$4.32	\$5.03	\$4.98			
Percentage of Scheduled Trips Operated	98.5%	97.6%	≥ 98.5%	98.7%	98.1%	≥ 98.5%			
Headway Performance ⁴	89.7%	90.2%	≥ 90.0%	89.9%	89.6%	≥ 90.0%			
Customer Complaints per 100K Boardings	1.7	2.6	< 15.0	1.9	2.3	< 15.0			
Prev. Accidents per 100K Platform Miles ⁵	0.05	0.00	< 0.30	0.05	0.00	< 0.30			

Link Light Rail Average Weekday Boardings by Station								
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	%Δ	YTD 2019				
University of Washington	10,509	10,948	4.2%	10,585				
Capitol Hill	7,830	8,216	4.9%	8,033				
Westlake	12,169	12,957	6.5%	12,385				
University Street	5,867	6,295	7.3%	6,089				
Pioneer Square	4,314	4,680	8.5%	4,563				
International District / Chinatown	6,303	7,301	15.8%	6,840				
Stadium	2,134	1,842	-13.7%	1,623				
SODO	2,352	2,593	10.2%	2,475				
Beacon Hill	2,888	3,148	9.0%	3,050				
Mount Baker	2,480	2,763	11.4%	2,555				
Columbia City	2,652	2,914	9.9%	2,791				
Othello	2,663	2,948	10.7%	2,832				
Rainier Beach	2,261	2,157	-4.6%	2,136				
Tukwila International Boulevard	3,102	2,940	-5.2%	2,879				
SeaTac / Airport	6,026	5,748	-4.6%	5,679				
Angle Lake	3,963	3,637	-8.2%	3,686				
Total Average Weekday Boardings	77,513	81,087	4.6%	78,201				

Link ridership increased by 2.3% compared to the second quarter of 2018 and was 89.9% of the target on year-to-date basis. Percentage of scheduled trips operated was slightly below target at 97.6% for Q2 2019 mainly due to extended service disruptions led by major light rail vehicles (LRV) defects. There has been no preventable accident since June 2018.

Paratransit Boardings						
	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	%Δ	YTD 2019		
Link Service Area Average Daily Boardings	181	195	7.7%	197		

¹⁻Ridership numbers are subject to change.

4-On-time performance standards are described in the budget.

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

²⁻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.

³⁻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.

⁶⁻Preventable accident: An accident in which the operating employee failed to do everything reasonable to prevent the accident.

⁷⁻Link Total Ridership by Station is calculated using a different methodology than total system level boardings.