



April 7, 2023

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United States Senate  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
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April 7, 2023

The Honorable Marilyn Strickland  
United States House of Representatives  
1708 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Strickland:

As I begin my new term as Chair of the Sound Transit Board of Directors, I am grateful for the record federal support you helped deliver for the Puget Sound region's critical transportation needs in the 117th Congress. On behalf of the Sound Transit Board, I ask for your continued support to expand the region's much-needed transit system. In the next few years, Sound Transit will more than double the region's light rail system from 26 miles to 62 miles. Later expansions are set to expand the light rail system to 116 miles while establishing new Stride bus rapid transit services along the north, east and south sides of Lake Washington and improve Sounder rail service.

As the FY 2024 appropriations cycle begins in Congress, Sound Transit is asking for you to support robust funding once again for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, especially for our remaining light rail extension with a CIG Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA), Lynnwood Link.

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