Puget Sound Regional Council

Puget Sound Transit Trends

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Growth in Transit Boardings

**Fixed Route Transit Boardings keep climbing**

- Since 2010, growth in fixed route transit boardings is almost **double** that of population.

- Comparable regions (Portland, Denver, Minneapolis) have seen between **0-4% growth** during the same 2010-2017 time period.


*Fixed route transit boardings does not include vanpool*
Our region continues to be a top performer in transit boardings

- Our region had the **largest** increase (**over 5 million**) in total transit boardings between 2016-2017.

- In terms of 2016-2017 growth (**2.3%**), we are one of the two regions seeing an increase in transit boardings.

*Total Boardings including fixed route transit and vanpool

Boardings per capita
How do we compare nationally?

Our region continues to be a top performer

- Our region ranks 6th out of 52 metropolitan areas in terms of 2017 transit boardings per capita (54.9).

- Top performers in this category are regions with legacy transit systems (ex. Chicago, Washington DC, Boston, San Francisco).

Bus, Rail and Ferry Boardings

Bus, Rail and Ferry use continues to grow

• Another **4.9 million boardings** occurred in 2017 (**2.3% more than 2016**).

• Since 2010, annual transit boardings have increased by over 34 million (a **19% increase**).

Breakdown by Transit Mode

Buses continue to carry the majority of transit boardings

- Since 2010, share of light rail has **doubled**.
- Share of ferries has remained **steady**.
- Commuter rail share has **doubled** since 2010.

Bus Boardings

Bus boarding growth has moderated

• Another **400,000 boardings** occurred on buses in 2017 (<1% more than 2016).

• Since 2010, annual bus boardings have increased by almost **13 million** (a 8% increase).

Total Bus Boardings by Operator

Commuter Rail Boardings

Commuter rail growth has moderated

- Another **118,000 boardings** occurred on Commuter Rail in 2017 (**2.7% more than 2016**).

- Since 2010, annual commuter rail boardings have increased by over **2 million** (a **87% increase**).

Ferry boarding increased for the fifth consecutive year

- Another **289,000 boardings** occurred on ferries in 2017 (**1.2% more than 2016**).

- Since 2010, annual boardings have increased by over **2 million (a 9% increase)**.

Light Rail growth continues after station expansion

• Another **4.3 million boardings** occurred on Light Rail in 2017 (20% more than 2016).

• Since 2010, annual light rail boardings have increased by over **17.2 million** (a 205% increase).


*Includes Light Rail & Streetcar
Vanpools

Vanpool boardings remains steady

• Another 74,000 boardings occurred on Vanpools in 2017 (1.4% more than 2016).

• Since 2010, vanpool boardings have increased by over 700,000 (a 15% increase).

Vanpool Boardings, by Operator

**King County Metro**
- 2015: 3,561,268
- 2016: 3,240,538
- 2017: 3,635,197

**Pierce Transit**
- 2015: 849,159
- 2016: 828,348
- 2017: 810,163

**Kitsap Transit**
- 2015: 205,418
- 2016: 175,920
- 2017: 179,631

**Community Transit**
- 2015: 912,637
- 2016: 867,776
- 2017: 861,066

Demand Response

Demand response boardings steadily decreasing

• Boardings decreased by 35,000 in 2017 (1.8% less than 2016).

• Since 2010, demand response boardings have decreased by over 447,000 (a 19% decrease).

Questions?

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