

Eastside Transportation Association

“Dedicated to improving our quality of life and environment by reducing congestion through increased mobility”

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ETA’s Accomplishments for 2015

ETA’s Officers and Board Members testified before the House and Senate Transportation Committees during the 2015 Legislative Session in support of the gas tax increases signed into law in July 2015 as part of the Connecting Washington transportation package. This will result in an investment of over \$1.2 billion in the I-405 Corridor starting in 2016.

Our recent efforts continue to be focused on:

- The defense and promotion of the approved **I-405 Master Plan** to reduce congestion.
- Revisions to the I-405 Managed Express Toll (HOT) lanes with testimony to the legislature.
- Evaluation of the 2016 proposal on taxes for light rail extensions per Sound Transit’s ST 3.

Specific tasks of your ETA Board and members in 2015 included:

- The James W. MacIsaac Research Committee published two papers found on our web site:
 - [A Freeway Lane Can Move More People Than Light Rail](#), July, 2015
 - [How People Really Choose to Travel Today](#), July, 2015 – A comparison of travel data on I-5 and Sound Transit’s Central Link from Downtown Seattle to the City of SeaTac.
- ETA’s web site includes four 2014 papers by Jim MacIsaac regarding transportation funding.
- ETA’s web site has been updated, including adding the papers and published Opinion articles above on the home page, at www.eastsideta.com
- ETA monitored the operation of the **Two-lane HOT Lane** concept for I-405 since it opened on Sept. 27, 2015 with a 2+3+ HOT lane operation and one-way tolls of up to \$10.
- Vic Bishop, ETA’s Chair-Elect collaborated with Maggie Fimia and John Niles to prepare [Guest Opinion: Where is the region’s viable and sustainable transportation plan?](#) published in [Crosscut](#) June 1, 2015.
- Vic Bishop, ETA’s Chair-Elect, authored several papers on transportation fundamentals based on ETA publications and other sources that have been published in the Women of Washington (WOW) weekly newsletter, Window on WOW at <http://womenofwa.com/information/transportation.html>.
- Dick Paylor, ETA’s 2015 Chair, represented ETA on the [Eastside Transportation Partnership](#) at its monthly meetings and serves on its Planning Committee.
- Other ETA Board Members represented ETA on the Washington State Good Roads and Transportation ([WSGR&T](#)) Board, the national American Dream Coalition ([ADC](#)) Board.
- ETA held [monthly meetings](#) on relevant transportation topics for the East King County community.