

# EASTSIDE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

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## Our Products

<u>Date</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
7/29/2004	Letter to MI City Council	ETA position on I-90 center roadway
4/25/2005	Letter to Chair Landenburg	Sound Transit concerns & questions
6/7/2005	Letter to Chair Davis	Reinstatement of 8-Lane alternative for 520
10/11/2005	BRT Brochure	Handout to make case of BRT vs LT
10/12/2005	Letter to Sec MacDonald	Encourage independent study of I-90 Bridge
1/6/2006	Letter to Prof Meyer	Control & Cost Questions on I-90 Bridge
2/17/2006	Letter to Legislative 4 Corners	RTID and Transportation Governance
4/15/2006	Letter to Chair Noble	Put 520 on ETP agenda
5/26/2006	Letter to Julie Meridith	520 impact on I-5 from 8-lanes is unfounded
	Jim Horn Presentations	Educate the public (see Presentations)
7/12/2006	Ltr to Ladinberg & Earl	HCT Mode Selection for I-90; Sound Transit considers only LRT and RC BRT
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8/14/2006	ETA Brochure	Establish ETA as Research Organization for press/organizations to query
9/1/2006	email to WSDOT	Comment on Washington Transportation Plan by ETA
9/18/2006	Letter to AG office	Establish Sound Transit “taking” of center roadway – establish need & pymnt
9/24/2006	Letter to Governor Gregoire	SR-520 – Need for Hybrid 6/8 lanes for Congestion Relief
9/27/2006	Letter to MacDonald/Joni Earle	Broaden I-90 SEPA/NEPA to include BRT on HOV
10/24/2006	Seattle Times Editorial	Our region's growing future demands an eight-lane 520 Bridge

## Our Presentations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Message</u>
8/3/2005	Probus	What’s going on in transportation?
9/12/2005	Bellevue Republican Women	What’s going on in transportation?
11/15/2005	WA Transportation Commission	Transportation Planning – Key to Public Acceptance
2/20/2006	The Executive Network Of Seattle	Highways and Transportation – Separating Myth from Reality
2/14/2006	Bellevue Chamber of Commerce	Transportation Planning – Key to Public Acceptance
2/21/2006	MI & Bellevue LIONS Clubs	Highways and Transportation – Separating Myth from Reality
3/6/2006	Renton City Council	Transportation Planning – Key to Public Acceptance
3/31/2006	Seattle City New Employees	Transportation Options – Highways & Cars

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4/10/2006	MI Kiwanis	National & Regional Trends in Transportation
5/6/2006	Providence Point	National & Regional Trends in Transportation
5/8/2006	MI Republican Women	National & Regional Trends in Transportation
8/24/2006	Rainier Lions Club (scheduled)	National & Regional Trends in Transportation
10/26/2006	Issaquah Chamber of Commerce	National & Regional Trends in Transportation
11/16/2006	WSGR&T in Ellensburg	Transportation Planning – Key to Public Acceptance

## Our Program Speakers

10/25/2005	<b>David Irons</b> /Ron Sims– KC Exec Candidates (Sims declined)
11/29/2005	<b>Dale Stedman</b> , WA State Transportation Commission member & past chair (luncheon with Dale and select members at Bellevue Club)
2/28/2006	<b>Senator Bill Finkbeiner</b> – Minority leader of Senate Republicans & Transportation Negotiator
3/28/2006	<b>Councilmember Shawn Bunney</b> , RTID Chair
4/25/2006	<b>Senator Luke Esser</b> , Senator Republican Floor Leader & Transportation Committee Member
5/23/2006	<b>Senator Mary-Margaret Haugen</b> , Senate Transportation Chairman (luncheon with Senator Haugen and select members at Bellevue Club)
6/27/2006	<b>David Dye</b> , Urban Corridor Administrator
7/25/2006	<b>Bob Drewel</b> , Executive Director of PSRC
8/29/2006	<b>Senator Dan McDonald</b> , member of Regional Transportation Committee
10/26/2006	<b>Rep. Toby Nixon</b> (candidate for 45 <sup>th</sup> Dist Senate)

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## **Our Issues**

### **Near Term**

- Sub-area equity for Sound Transit
- Multi-use of I-90 center roadway
- 8-Lane Configuration of 520

### **Intermediate**

- New Regional Governance Committee (RTC)
- RTID/Sound Transit 2007 Ballot
- PSRC 2020 + 20 Regional Transportation Plan

### **Long Term**

- A State Transportation Plan that works
- Corridor Analysis similar to I-405 approach for corridor configuration
- Least Cost Planning used for project definition
- Analysis then policy – not policy at any cost

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## **Our Accomplishments**

- DOT did structural analysis report on I-90 floating bridge – Conversion costly & at 98% load limit
- DOT doing congestion analysis report on I-90 conversion – Preliminary presentation to MI City on Council May 2nd
- 8-Lane configuration still in EIS – we are writing pros & cons for 8 vs. 6 lanes
- Reorganized ETA and submitted new 501c4 applications
- Developed new ETA Mission Statement
- Strengthened role in ETP (now holding subgroup meetings before each ETP meeting)
- Added Legal Advisory Committee chaired by George Kargianis
- Procured seat at the table for PSRC
- Procured seat on the upcoming PSRC Freight Panel
- Encouraged WA Policy Center to establish Transportation Center (now established)
- Plan for editorials underway – 1<sup>st</sup> Editorial 10/24<sup>th</sup> in the Seattle Times
- Defined WSDOT take-over of center lanes as a “taking” requiring determining “public need” and “payment.”

## **Our Working Relationships Established**

- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- Washington Policy Center
- Washington State Good Roads & Transportation Association
- Eastside Transportation Partnership
- Puget Sound Regional Council (seat at the table)

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## **Our Plan of Approach for ETA**

### **First Year – 2006**

- Establish who we are
- Increase membership
- Increase our clout
- Get our self organized – program committees up and running, full time office, etc.
- Board Meetings review

### **Second Year – 2007**

- Define path we are on with Regional Plan (trying to double & triple transit market share with little or no increase in capacity) – e.g. A plan for failure
- Define path we could be on – making things better 1 step at a time (we only have to increase capacity faster than population growth – we did it in the 50’s & 60’s, we sure ought to be able to do it now.)
- Develop our transportation vision – we must be bold (4 – 6% increase in lane miles result in 25-35% decrease in congestion)
- Define process for state to get additional land for corridor expansion as a part of the zoning process.

### **Third Year – 2008**

- Develop plan for making transportation a major issue in state & local legislative races
- Work with candidates – both R’s & D’s to develop transportation platforms

## **Four Major Problems**

Most of our local elected officials are taking political approach rather than hard data approach

Our business leaders are not working together

The public needs education

No elected official carrying the bully pulpit.