

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 2010

Our recent efforts have been to focus on:

1. The defense of the Washington State Constitutional protection of the gas tax afforded by the **18th Amendment** requiring motor fuel taxes to be used for highway purposes, and
2. The defense and promotion of the approved **I-405 Master Plan** to reduce congestion.

Specific tasks of your ETA Board and members in 2010 included:

- ETA contributed extensive technical analysis and support to our legal team as a Petitioner for the **Writ of Prohibition** to prevent WSDOT from transferring the I-90 Center Roadway to Sound Transit for Exclusive Light Rail use. The case was heard by the State Supreme Court on Sept. 16, 2010, decision pending.
- ETA's Research Committee produced a refinement of "**A Better Transit Plan**" for East King County in anticipation of a favorable Supreme Court decision.
- ETA's board members testified against the **Two-lane HOT lane** concept for I-405 at the House and the Senate Transportation Committees during the 2010 Legislative Session. HB 2941 failed to pass.
- ETA's Research Committee prepared an **Analysis of the Eastside Corridor Tolling Study** that is critical of WSDOT's conclusions. ETA presented the analysis to the Eastside Transportation Partnership and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee.
- ETA's opposition to the proposed HOT lane concept for I-405 resulted in WSDOT forming a five person **Expert Review Panel (ERP)** on the subject. ETA's analysis of WSDOT's tolling study was provided to the ERP. ETA commented at all three of the ERP's public meetings and your Board had a briefing with the ERP. The ERP's final report is due in December, 2010.
- ETA sponsored eight scholarships to the 3-day national **American Dream Coalition** conference in Orlando, FL, September, 2010.
- The **Do's and Don'ts of Congestion Reduction** was presented to the American Dream Coalition conference, Sept. 24, 2010 by Bill Eager, ETA Research Committee Chair.
- ETA's fact-based program on real cost-effective **congestion relief** was presented to several transportation stakeholders.
- ETA board members provided ongoing monitoring of Sound Transit's use of East King County **sub-area revenues**.
- Dick Paylor, ETA's President, represents ETA on the **Eastside Transportation Partnership**.
- Other ETA board members represent ETA on the Washington State Good Roads and Transportation (**WSGR&T**) Board, the national American Dream Coalition (**ADC**) Board, the **PSRC Freight Mobility Roundtable** and as a non voting member on the **PSRC Transportation Committee**.
- ETA held **monthly meetings** on relevant transportation topics for the East King County community.