

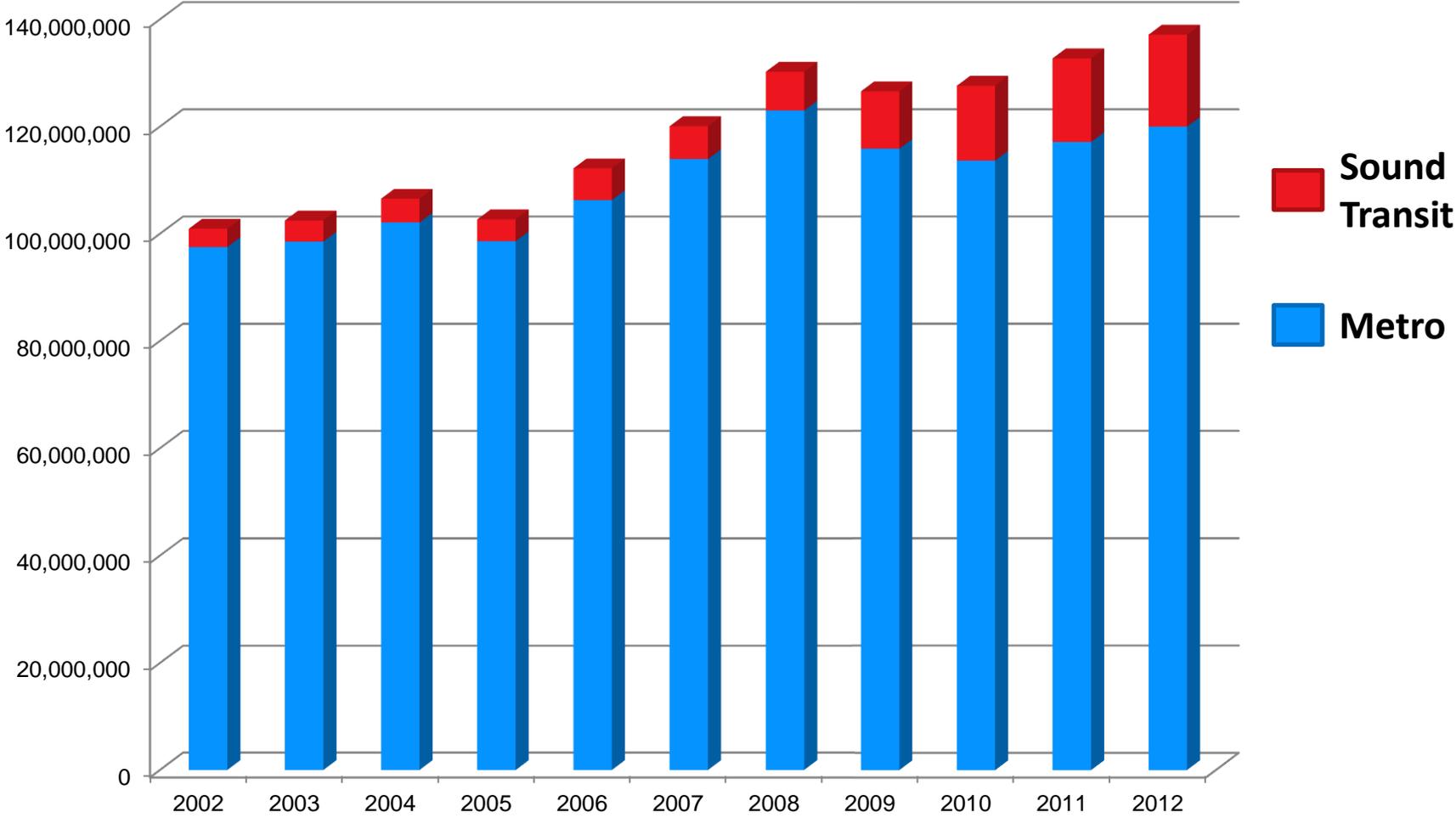


King County Metro Transit Challenges

**Washington State Transportation
Commission Meeting**

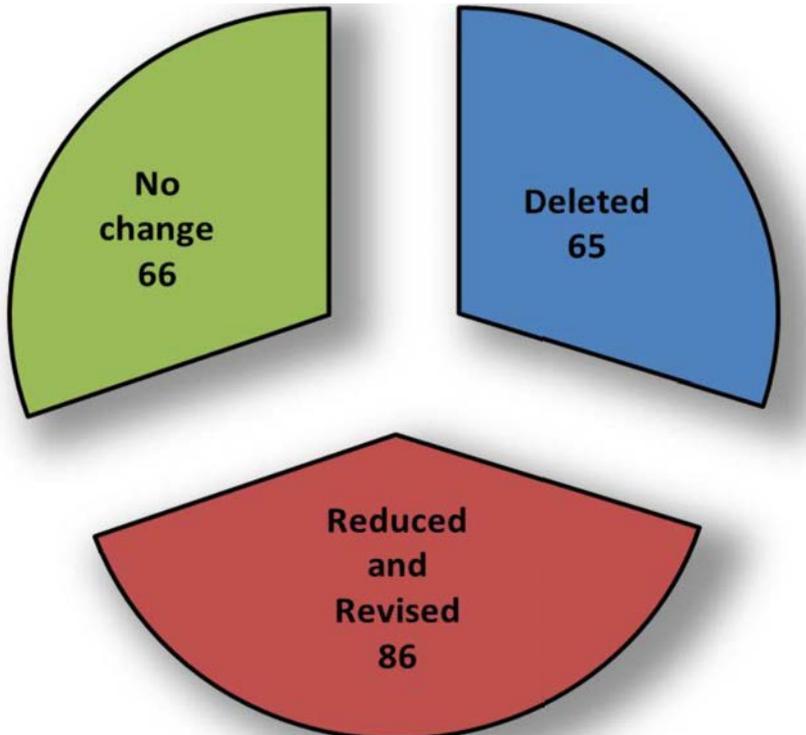
July 31, 2013

Annual Ridership Metro & Sound Transit



What's at risk: Up to 17% of our service

About 70% of routes will be reduced, revised or eliminated



For customers

- crowded buses, more people left at the curb
- longer waits
- farther walks, more transfers

For the economy

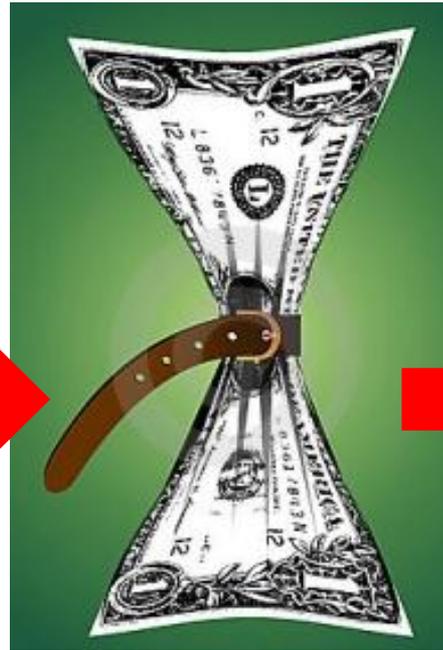
- more congestion
- harder to commute
- less competitive business environment

How did we get here?

What happened?



What have we done?



Temporary funding

Temporary Congestion Reduction Charge

expires mid-2014

Budget gap

Budget Gap:
\$75 million



Legislative Options Pursued

House Bill 1954 (Clibborn): Concerning Statewide Transportation Revenue

- 10 cent gas tax increase for highways, ferries, cities and counties
- Additional distribution to transit agencies
- Allow for local option revenues subject to voter approval, including 1.5% MVET for KC

House Bill 1959 (Farrell): Local option transportation funding for King County

- 1.5% local option Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for King County
- 60% for transit
- 40% for local public works

2013
Legislative
Session



What it would have meant for Metro

- \$94 million/year in transit operating revenue
- \$93 million in capital project funding
- \$17 million for continued Alaskan Way Viaduct mitigation funding

Next Steps: Planning for Reductions & Public outreach

- **Planning for 600,000 hour service reduction underway**
- **Fall/Winter 2013/2014 - Public Outreach**
- **King County Council Action – Spring 2014**
- **Alaskan Way Viaduct mitigation service ends June 2014**
- **Preliminary service reduction phasing plan:**

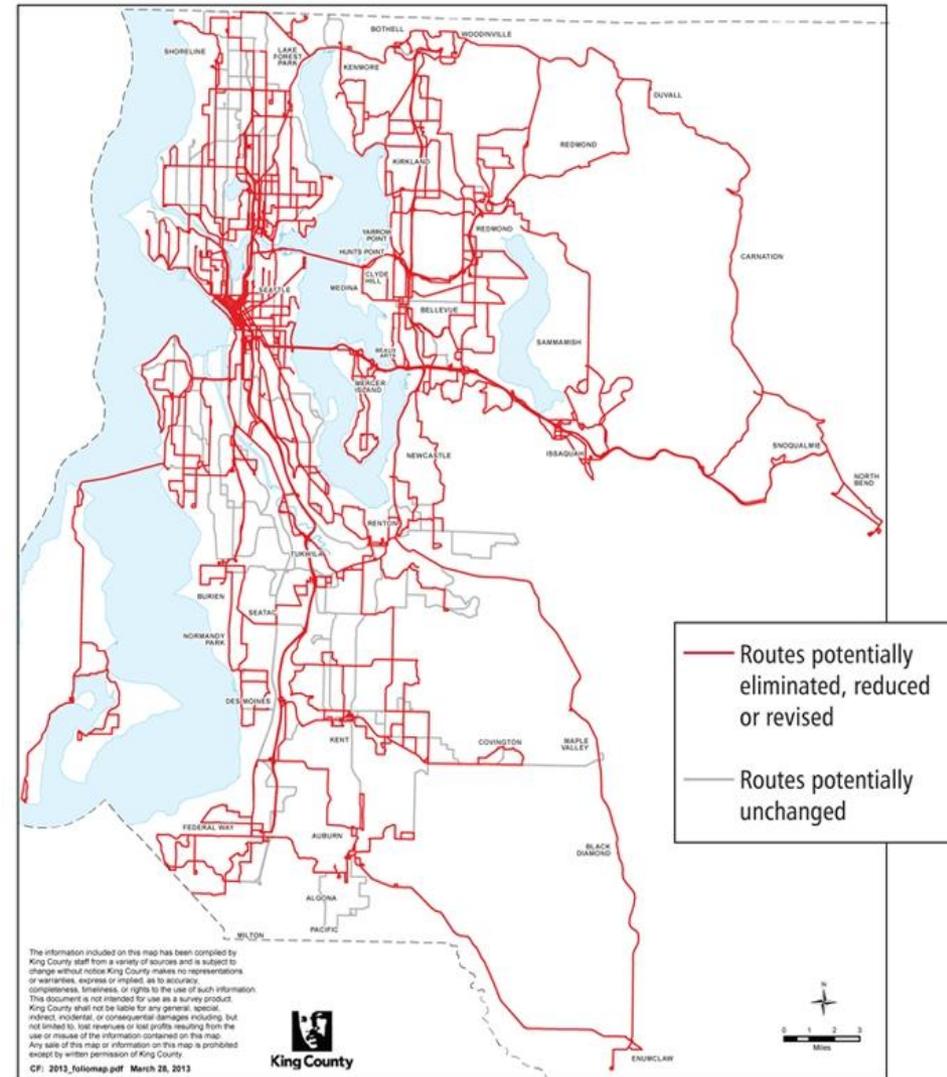


Thank you

Questions?
Comments?

Service Implications

- Applies service guidelines to determine where service should be eliminated, reduced or revised
- Illustrates possible impacts of a large-scale reduction
- Affects all service, including low and higher productivity routes



Alaskan Way is key transit corridor

- **22,000 riders on 12 routes rely on this corridor**
- **Nearly 50% of people on the Columbia Street ramp in the peak hour are on transit**
- **22% increase in ridership on Viaduct-related services**
- **25,000 fewer vehicles on the Viaduct**

