

## A Message from the Governor

June 28, 2018

I am pleased to congratulate Ahmad Fazel on his retirement and, more importantly, thank him for his service on behalf of the people of our great state.

Ahmad's leadership at Sound Transit has been vital in delivering the dream of a world-class transit system in the Puget Sound region. Expanding environmentally-friendly transportation options throughout the region will continue to contribute to the health and well-being of Washingtonians and will help keep this state beautiful and livable for many generations to come.

I know this work isn't easy. On the path to creating a state-of-the-art transit system, Sound Transit confronted a number of unique obstacles that threatened the possibility of success. Ahmad's leadership helped overcome these barriers through discipline, teamwork and creativity. Dedication to the mission and a willingness to work together openly and honestly have made Sound Transit a valued partner to public and private sector entities, as well as to local communities and stakeholders.

Ahmad, thank you again for your hard work and dedication, and please accept my best wishes for a rewarding retirement and continued success in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee Governor