

*11/07/2024 Executive Committee Meeting*  
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Dear Sound Transit Board;

Here we go again. This line in M2024-71 is morally unacceptable:

"The Sound Transit Board asks that the Legislature partner with Sound Transit in combatting transportation emissions in the Puget Sound by eliminating the prohibition on competing for state grant funds."

We've had this discussion before. We seem to need to have it again.

Sound Transit has unique revenue tools that no other transit in this state has. You are not asking to give us those same revenue tools, while going after the small state grant funds pots and not working to expand the funds.

This is unacceptable. This is a political and potential financial attack on ALL of us in the state of transit as currently written. I ask that you the Board please demand staff either withdraw the offensive request to take funds intended for small transit agencies or ask the Legislature to make direct assistance to Sound Transit via new money.

Some of us transit advocates have Boards that are *very reluctant* to raise local revenue, harming local communities. You're hurting US with this stuff. It's nice to be transit staff and paid well inside the Sound Transit district, it's another experience to be a transit advocate who cannot afford to live within an area with ample transit. Please think of your fellow Washingtonian, especially after I've spent the past few months asking people to think of their neighbor and vote NO on a certain ballot initiative.

Thank you;

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