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Many King and Snohomish County Mayors have been involved from the start of Sound Transit. Facts:

1. Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) was promised a public study of PRT alternatives during petition signing
2. Many of us visualized the best two competing demonstrations on U/W Gilman Trail out of about 40 alternatives
3. At 1996 Bellevue conference, Mr. Moses proved that 17 fifteen passenger vans could handle all rush hour bus traffic from Northgate-West-Seattle. Pickup would be within a block of passenger's residence with less than a two minute wait after selecting direction of desired travel on local device.
4. Train and bus systems cannot make a profit:
 - When Aurora Bridge was completed (1932) the Tacoma-Everett rail lost money; cars took less time and were convenient
 - Buses move passengers at \$0.95/passenger mile for fuel alone and cause congestion
 - Trains don't go where passengers need to go
 - Both bus and train require huge parking and maintenance facilities
 - Neither bus or train save commute time or available 24/7
 - NYC University study: Decrease travel time by **10% increases the economy by 20%**