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Senator Dino Rossi  
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Dear Senator Rossi and Senator O'Ban,

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Senate Law and Justice Committee conduct investigatory work sessions or hearings regarding Sound Transit. I feel that the allegations raised in your letter are serious and merit further consideration. I understand that you have pending public records requests to agencies related to the concerns expressed in your letter. I plan to have a work session when those documents have been received and reviewed.

Legislative oversight is an important constitutional duty and one that I take seriously. Any time a state agency is alleged to have acted or failed to act in a way that harms the public, the legislature should step in to carefully consider the matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Padden