2019 Transit CEOs Seminar

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"To conserve and enhance values in existing urban areas is essential. But at least as important are steps to promote economic efficiency and livability in areas of future development. Our national welfare therefore requires the provision of good urban transportation, with the properly balanced use of private vehicles and modern mass transport to help shape as well as serve urban growth."







LBJ signing Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964



Session Format:

<u>Round One</u>: Gentrification – Are we the problem? The solution? Both? What strategies work?

<u>**Round Two</u>**: Challenges of serving the homeless population – When providing mobility? Shelter? How do we maintain a quality experience for all riders?</u>

Lightening Round: Who else needs to be at the table (with money, effort, ideas) to help solve these challenges?

Questions and Answers



Today's Panelists and Moderator

- Gary C. Thomas, President/Executive Director Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- John M. Lewis, Jr., Chief Executive Officer Charlotte Area Transit System
- Kevin B. Quinn, Jr., Administrator Maryland Transit Administration
- Peter Rogoff, CEO Moderator Sound Transit, Seattle, WA



Questions to the Panel -- Gentrification

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Affordable housing challenge in the Puget Sound Region -- by the numbers:





The "State of Emergency" in the Puget Sound region:









Displacement in South King County

- The owners of Firs mobile home park, blocks from our Angle Lake station, are displacing 42, mostly Latinx, households, for redevelopment.
- Somalis are losing leases on vendor market places, known as Souks. Four have lost leases, and, anecdotally, we've heard of two others.
- Sound Transit is at the table with stakeholders to see how we can help.









What Sound Transit is doing... >1,300 units built or planned



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Questions to the Panel -- Homelessness

- 3. How have you addressed the challenges in serving the homeless population with mobility? With shelter? What have been your most successful strategies and who have been your most productive partners in addressing the challenges of serving the homeless while maintaining a quality experience for all riders?
- 4. **(Lightening Round)**. Who should be part of the solutions to the above issues (with money, effort, or ideas) who isn't currently at the table?







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