

## SOUND TRANSIT INVITES COMMENT ON HOW TO IMPROVE CONTRACTING WITH DIVERSE BUSINESSES

Sound Transit anticipates spending more on its future projects than any other local public agency and desires for diverse businesses to receive their fair share.

The agency contracted with diverse business experts, Griffin & Strong, P.C. to conduct a Disparity Study to analyze its spending and provide guidance on future spending opportunities with Minority, Women ("M/WBE") and other Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE").

Businesses across the Puget Sound region are invited to comment about their experiences seeking contract opportunities both with Sound Transit and within the Puget Sound region.

Monday, April 22nd	Tuesday, April 23rd	Thursday April 25th
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Everett Station - Mt. Baker	Seattle Central Library - 4th Floor:	Metro Parks Tacoma
Room	Wright Family/Ketchum Meeting	Headquarters
3201 Smith Ave. Everett, WA.	Room	4702 S 19 <sup>th</sup> Street. Tacoma,
98201	1000 Fourth Ave. Seattle, 98104	WA 98405

Registration is encouraged but not required for participation: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sound-transit-disparity-study-public-hearings-tickets-59492768472</u>

For questions or concerns, contact the Griffin & Strong Deputy Project Manager, Sterling Johnson, at <u>SoundTransitStudy@gspclaw.com</u> or (678) 364-2962 ext. 104

More information at <a href="https://soundtransitdisparitystudy.com/">https://soundtransitdisparitystudy.com/</a>

Meetings are presided over by Griffin & Strong, P.C., not Sound Transit. Everything said will be a part of the public record and all comments will be recorded and potentially used as evidence for the 2019 Disparity Study. Neither GSPC or Sound Transit will be responding to questions, only accepting commentary. All comments during the meeting may be recorded and potentially used in the studies.