

SO MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE 2008

You DESERVE Another VOTE on the Rail Project

Politicians, The News Media, The Rail Lobbyists PROMISED:

LIE #1 "CONSTRUCTION WILL ONLY COST \$3.9 BILLION"

COST TO BUILD IS NOW AT LEAST \$11 BILLION, ALMOST TRIPLE

Less than one week before the 2008 election, the City promised "the DEIS cost estimate, adjusted for inflation, from 2006 to 2008, is \$3.9 billion. The increase is well within the contingency built into the cost estimate and the revenue forecast from the General Excise and Use Tax and Federal Transit Administration. Our cost estimate includes a nearly \$1 billion contingency to address these cost changes." That's \$2.9 billion PLUS a \$1 billion contingency fund. The Federal government says the likely pricetag has now grown to \$11 billion. That's nearly triple the original pricetag. And the guideway is only 1/3rd complete, while not a single one of the 21 massive train stations has even started construction.

LIE #2 "TRAFFIC CONGESTION WOULD LESSEN BY 23%"

RAIL'S MAIN BENEFIT DOESN'T EXIST, AS TRAFFIC WILL GET 57% WORSE, NOT BETTER

Less than one week before the 2008 election, the City promised: "Traffic congestion would be reduced between 21 and 23 percent island-wide in the year 2030 depending on the rail route, compared to the 'No Build' scenario. With reduced congestion, travelers will save significant time whether they travel by rail, bus or private vehicle." The City even used taxpayer funds to broadcast thousands of commercials promising traffic congestion relief. The City knew from its own studies that traffic congestion would actually increase by a whopping 57% even while public opinion surveys of rail supporters show that they believed the City's promises of congestion relief. The City routinely lied to voters in 2008 promising relief when they knew morning and afternoon congestion and delays would get much worse, not better, with rail in place. But they and the other members of the Rail Cartel wanted your money so very badly.

LIE #3 "PROPERTY TAXES WOULD ONLY INCREASE BY 2-3%"

ANNUAL OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS WILL BE AT LEAST DOUBLE OR MAYBE TRIPLE WHAT THEY PROMISED

In 2008, the City promised that annual operating and maintenance costs in 2030 would be \$68 million per year, with property taxpayers subsidizing \$38 million per year. In fact, the City widely distributed a color brochure which promises: "Operating and maintenance costs, after fares, is \$40 million per year – about 2 to 3% of the City's budget." In 2016, the City now tells us that the annual O&M cost would be \$120 million per year; nearly double the amount promised in 2008 and leaving taxpayers holding the bag for \$90 million per year, which is more than double the promised annual subsidy of rail. And if the City's estimate for annual operations are as bad as their construction estimates, the annual cost will probably skyrocket to \$200 million per year; especially once the full route is built. Property taxes will be increased forever by at least 9% and probably a whole lot more.

SO MANY OTHER LIES: "10,000 new jobs per year" "Temporary tax increase" etc.

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NOW THAT WE KNOW THE TRUTH, LET'S PUT RAIL ON THE BALLOT AND VOTE AGAIN