

Definition of Geographic Value

It is important to allocate transit service throughout the region “fairly”, using a multi-faceted approach. As such, the distribution of transit services should be influenced by the value delivered to all areas of King County, as represented by the following:

- a. ***Tax equity***. There should be some relationship (but not an exact formula) between the tax revenue created in a sub area and the distribution of services. There should also be recognition of all of the revenues (taxes and fares) generated in the various areas of the county;
- b. ***Economic Vitality***. Transit investments are critical for economic recovery and future growth of the region. Transit services should get the most number of workers to and from job centers and support access to destinations that are essential to county-wide economic vitality (such as centers for post-secondary education or major medical centers); and
- c. ***Balancing Access with Productivity***. The public, including taxpayers who do not use transit, expect government services to be run as effectively and cost efficiently as possible. Public investments in transit services should be appropriate to the land use and market conditions of various communities. This will require a delivery system that combines a variety of fixed route service delivery methods, with other transit and ridesharing services as appropriate to the community and the level of ridership demand.