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- **Seattle** added 18.6 miles of light rail, 1.3 miles of streetcar, 82 miles of commuter rail
- **Denver** added 29.5 miles of light rail, 29 miles of commuter rail
- **San Diego** added 27.6 miles of light rail
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- **St. Louis** added 28.4 miles of light rail
- **Tampa, Cincinnati, Kansas City** added 2.7, 3.6 and 2.2 miles of streetcar, respectively
- **Cleveland** added 2.2 miles of light rail and 9.4 miles of bus rapid transit
- **Orlando** added 31.7 miles of commuter rail
- **Charlotte** added 9.6 miles of light rail, 1.5 miles of streetcar

Denver

Regional transportation effort

Voters approved FasTracks in 2004.

Preceded by a failed attempt?

Yes, Guide the Ride rejected by voters in 1997.

Progress since 1997:

Then, TREX approved by voters in some municipalities in 1999

29.5 miles of light rail, 29 miles of commuter rail

Who played key roles?

Metro Mayors Caucus; business community

Local funding source(s)

Regional sales tax



Charlotte

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Local funding source(s)

Voters approved referendum in 1998 that led to CATS.

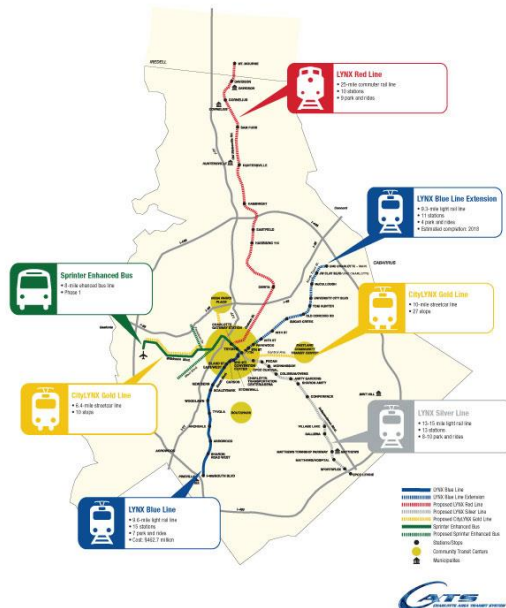
Committee of 100 Final Report in 1994

9.6 miles of light rail, 1.5 miles of streetcar

Local elected officials, business community

County sales tax

LYNX SYSTEM MAP



Seattle

Regional transportation effort

Voters approved Sound Move (1996),
Sound Transit 2 (2008) and Sound Transit 3 (2016).

Preceded by a failed attempt?

Yes, Phase I rejected by voters in 1995.

Progress since 1997:

18.6 miles light rail, 1.3 miles streetcar, 82 miles commuter rail

Who played key roles?

MPO, State Legislature, County Governments, Business Leaders

Local funding source(s)

Regional sales, property, and motor vehicle excise taxes



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