What does it cost to run a streetcar system?

Seattle's developing downtown streetcar system, now under construction, will cost 50 percent more to operate than the Seattle Department of Transportation has publicly said, according to an internal memo from King County Metro, the agency that operates the streets.

In documents submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Seattle City Council, SDOT has estimated that the Expanded Streetcar Project will cost $16 million annually, once it opens in 2020. But Metro, which is under contract to run the system, says the new system will cost $24 million annually.

The discrepancy boils down to staffing: Metro treats the downtown project as one system — including operators, mechanics and engineers — and SDOT does.

SDOT was not lower estimates to apply federal grants and to get final approval of the project from the Seattle City Council. "SDOT appears to have been thinking of separate labor costs for maintenance and maintenance," by $4 million," says a memo prepared in December by Metro General Manager Bob Galvin. "Metro's revised numbers communicated to SDOT that contractors published information about estimated labor costs for another system running, but neither SDOT nor the Seattle City Council appear to have been aware of contradictory information." The memo, and other documents obtained through a public records request, show...

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The subpoena is the latest indication that the probe, which Trump's lawyers once said would be completed by nose, will continue for at least several more months. Word of the subpoena came as the president's legal team sought to reassure employees that their voices would be heard when they filed a complaint. It comes after employees on Thursday about its internal inquiry for interference in the campaign, and on Trump's businesses, bringing the investigation in recent weeks to turn over documents, including some demanded by Mueller's investigators have questioned witnesses, including an adviser to the United Arab Emirates, about the flow of Emirati money to the United States. Mueller has indicted 13 Russians and several Russian companies, including the Trump Organization, for meddlin...