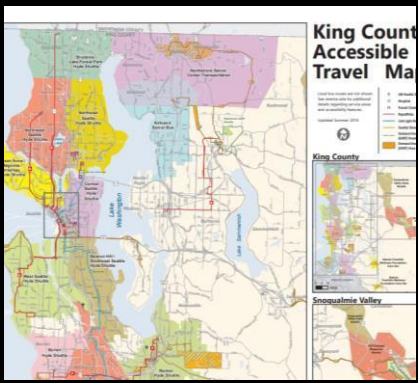


# King County Mobility Coalition

**A coordinated transportation network that allows all people  
to move freely around King County and the  
Puget Sound region**

**November 18th, 2025**



# Who we are and what we do

The King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC) is a cross-sector group that brings together individuals and organizations to improve mobility for all.

We develop strategies, tools, and projects to improve mobility for people with unique needs.

We:

- Share Information
- Assess needs
- Provide recommendations
- and educate decision-makers, community groups, and the general public

[www.kcmobility.org](http://www.kcmobility.org)

# The KCMC Welcomes Everyone

The King County Mobility Coalition welcomes and values all communities. We respect and honor the identity and experience of all members.

We encourage everyone to participate, regardless of ability. We are committed to listening, learning, and improving in this process.

We acknowledge that the work we do takes place on the traditional land of the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie and other Coast Salish peoples, as the first people of this county. We honor with gratitude the land itself and past, present, and future of these tribes.

# Accessibility & Logistics

- All are encouraged to participate – use chat or raise hand
  - phone: \*6 to mute/unmute and \*9 to raise/lower hand
  - keyboard: alt+y to raise/lower hand
- Remain muted unless speaking to the group
- State your name before speaking
- Avoid acronyms or jargon
- Using Zoom generated closed captioning
- Message \*Sandy Phan for tech or accessibility support

# Agenda

Time	Topic
9:30-10:00am	Business, introductions and announcements. Get to know the Coalitions Team, project updates
10:00-10:15am	<b>Staci Sahoo, Director of Mobility Management at Hopelink</b> Seattle Change Leaders Recap (Shared Use Mobility Conference)
10:15-10:35am	<b>Arthur Bachus, System Engagement Specialist, Sound Transit</b> Federal Way Link Extension and 2026 Service Plan Updates
10:35-10:50am	<b>Anna Zivarts</b> – Introducing the Nondrivers Alliance
10:50-11:20am	Partner Agency Briefings
11:15-11:30am	Next Steps & Close

# The KCMC Co-Chairs

## [King County Mobility Coalition Charter](#)

Aaron Morrow, (2023-2025)

Lorrie Alfonsi (2024-2026)

Anny Smith, (2025-2027)

# Consent Calendar + New Members

- Approve August Meeting Minutes – by motion
- New Pending Members: none

Category	Pending Member:

# The Coalitions Team

Lyn McCarthy: KCMC Program Supervisor [emccarthy@hopelink.org](mailto:emccarthy@hopelink.org) (former SVMC)

- **Heather Clark:** Program Manager of Coalitions [hclark@hopelink.org](mailto:hclark@hopelink.org)
- **Grace Georgitsis:** South King County Mobility Coordinator [ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org](mailto:ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org)
- **Ysabel Yu:** North King County Mobility Coordinator [yyu@hopelink.org](mailto:yyu@hopelink.org)
- **Erin Funk:** Eastside Easy Riders Coalition Coordinator [efunk@hopelink.org](mailto:efunk@hopelink.org)
- [www.kcmobility.org](http://www.kcmobility.org) and the [About Us](#) page



# Project Updates

- Rural Transportation Advocacy 101
  - Grace Georgistsis, SKCMC Coordinator [ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org](mailto:ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org)
- Coalition Compensation Plan
  - Staci Sahoo, Director of Mobility [ssahoo@hopelink.org](mailto:ssahoo@hopelink.org)
- Access to Health and Wellbeing - Story Mapping
  - Heather Clark, Manager of Coalitions [hclark@hopelink.org](mailto:hclark@hopelink.org)

# **Staci Sahoo, Director of Mobility Management, Hopelink**

## **Seattle Change Leaders Recap**



# New Shared Mobility Summit

Chicago  
September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>



# Shared Use Mobility Center

## Mission

- SUMC is working to replace car-centric transportation with people-focused shared mobility to fight climate change, promote equity, and strengthen community.

Sign up for their newsletter!

More info at

<https://sharedusemobilitycenter.org/>



# Seattle Change Leaders



- Phirun Lach
- Anat Capsi
- Matthew Wiedner
- Tom Hewitt
- Kirk Hovenkotter
- Darryl Sierra
  
- Ceceila Black





"Government is simply the name we give to the things we choose to do together."  
-Barney Frank

King County  
**METRO**

EXIT





## King County Point-to-Point Fleets (2023)

### King County Records and Licensing Services

#### Ambulatory

- TNC Permits = 21,011
- Taxi = 445 Active
- For Hire = 154 Active

TOTAL Potential Ambulatory Vehicles = 21,610

#### Wheelchair

Taxi = 50 Active

0.2% of all vehicles licensed to provide same-day, point-to-point transportation are available to serve customers in mobility devices.

Population of King County in 2020: 2,269,675

$(2\% = 45,393.5) / 50 = 1$  WC vehicle for 908 WC users

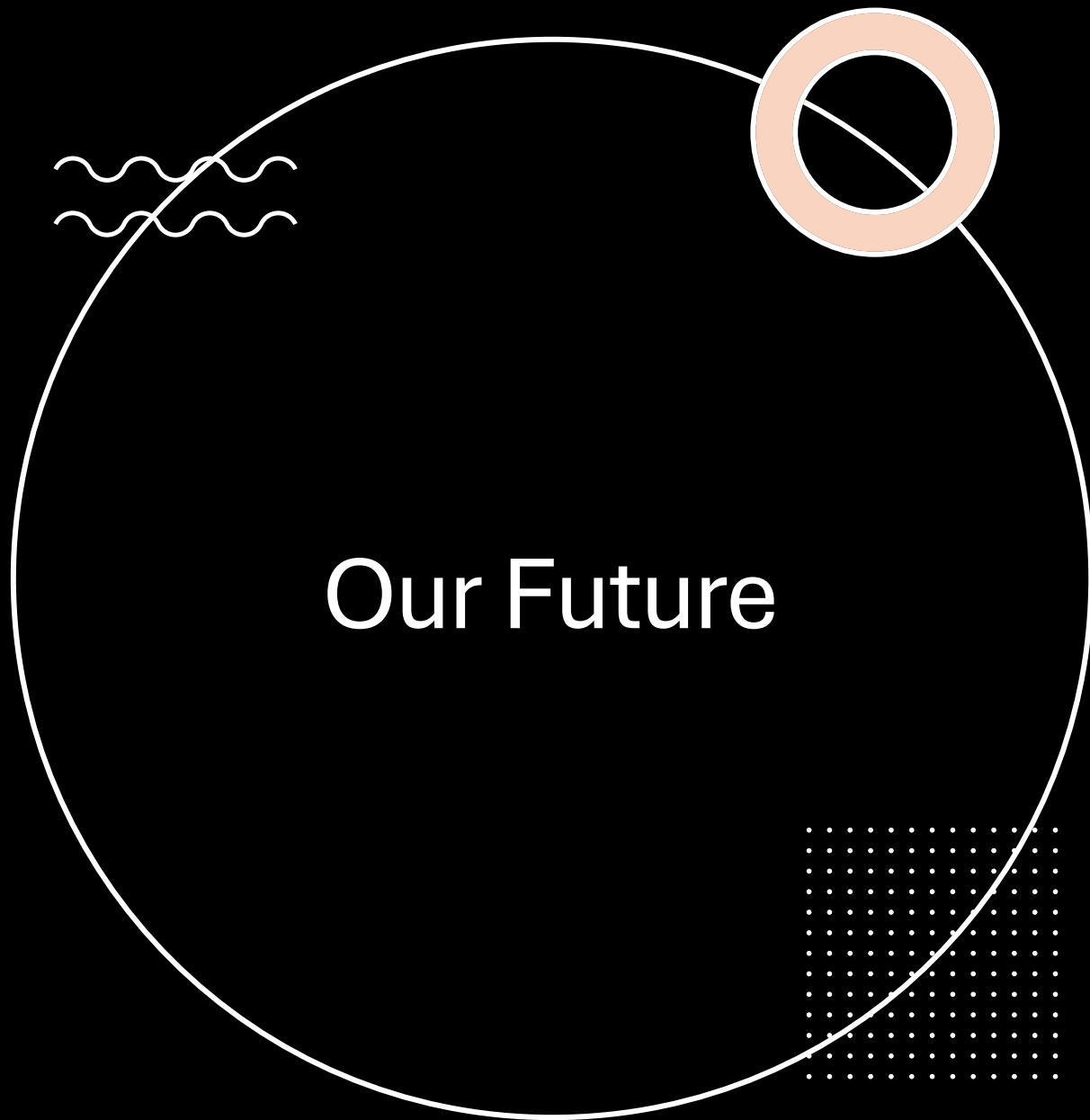
# Challenges

Money

Access

Structure





Transportation that is a user-focused, joyful, stress-free experience that builds community and social connections

# Our Future

Transportation that is a user-focused, joyful, stress-free experience that builds community and social connections

~~Seattle Process~~ → Seattle Progress

Structure

Same day  
access

Fares

education

Virtual  
Mapping  
SEATTLE  
PROCESS

Medicaid  
- recipients  
When qualify (SOS)  
can receive fee  
Medicaid transportation

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Vehicles

Van Pool  
- free  
- KCMU

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Power of  
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champions  
training

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of universal  
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programs, apps,  
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ZERO concept  
+ framework

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INTERPRETE  
TRANSPORT  
NETWORKS

Safe Route  
to School  
Initiative

Equity

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driven

AV

Automation +  
machine learning  
AI to improve  
data collection,  
analysis, + project  
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AI

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## Some concrete ideas

- Same Day Wheelchair Accessible Pilot
    - Meeting delivery needs
  - Remove administrative burdens with state contracts (e.g. NEMT, Consolidated Grant)
  - Universal design specs (accessible loading zones)
  - Free ORCA cards for Veterans
  - Driver's Ed for Mobility
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## Some key themes

- Build relationships first and foremost
- Coming together more in-person
- “Take your colleague to work day”
- Focus on the customer
- Be a radical bureaucrat
- Play the long game
  - Slow Lane by Sacha Haselmayer





# **Welcome Arthur Bachus, System Engagement Specialist - Sound Transit**





# ***Sound Transit Updates***

## ***King County Mobility Coalition***

*November 18, 2025*

*Arthur Bachus*

*System Engagement Specialist*





# *What we'll cover*

*System Expansion*

*Federal Way Link Extension*

*Fares*

*Reduced Fares*

*Safety*

*2026 Service Plan*



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*System Expansion*



**Link light rail**

**Angle Lake–Federal Way (future service)**

■ Surface

▤ Elevated

**Other service**

▤ Link 1 Line: Angle Lake–Seattle  
(in service)

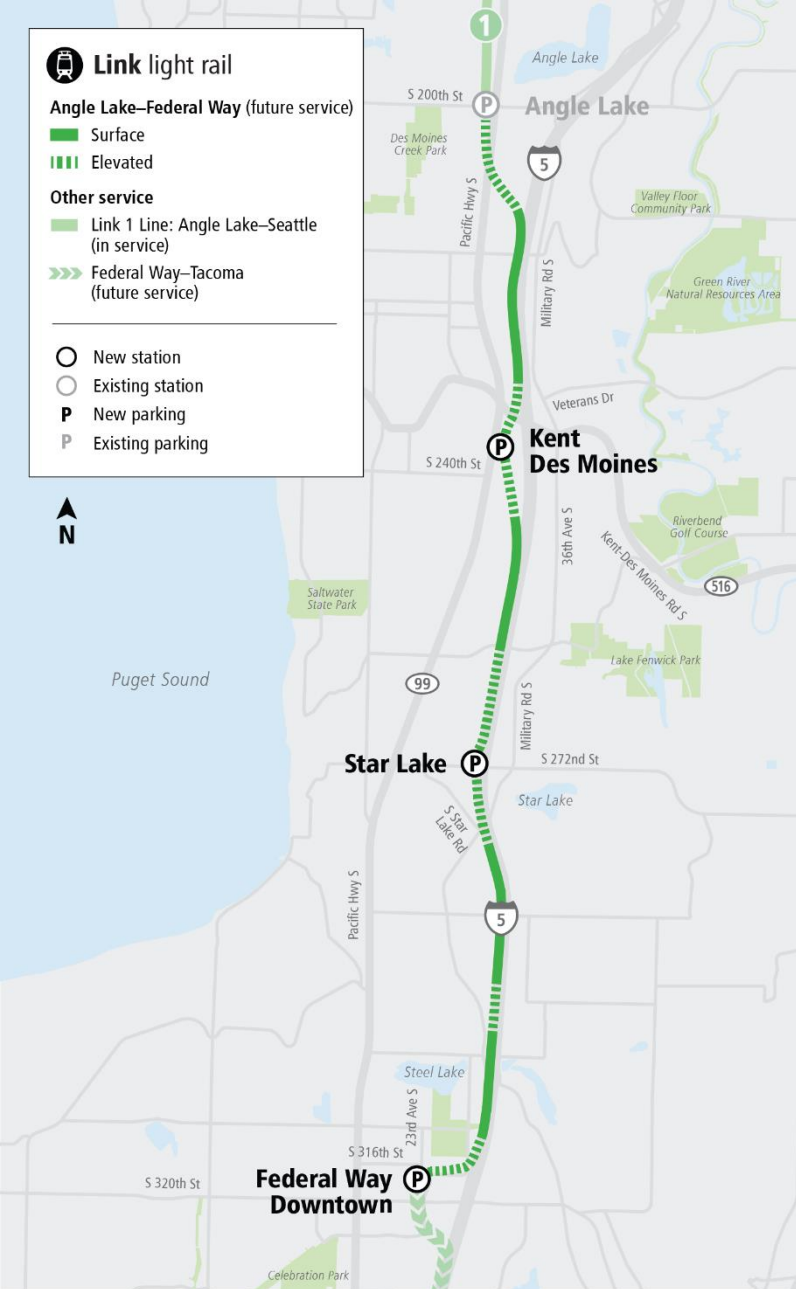
▤▤▤ Federal Way–Tacoma  
(future service)

○ New station

○ Existing station

P New parking

P Existing parking



**1** Line

# Federal Way Downtown

**Opens December 6, 2025!**

- Three new stations
  - Kent Des Moines
  - Star Lake
  - Federal Way Downtown
- Trains every 8-10 minutes
- Transfer to **Line 2** at Int'l District/Chinatown station
- Federal Way to **SEA** in 16 minutes
- Federal Way to ID/Chinatown in 45 minutes



# Crosslake Connection

Opening early 2026

**2** Line

- 34 total miles
- 23 stations, including:
  - Mercer Island
  - Judkins Park (Seattle)
  - Combined service with 1 Line from ID/Chinatown to Lynnwood City Center
- Transfer to 1 Line at Int'l District/Chinatown Station for

**SEA** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport



# Voter-approved system

## Link light rail 1 2 3 4 T

- Five lines
- 116 miles
- 83 stations

## Sounder trains N S

- Two lines
- 91 miles
- 14 stations

## Stride bus rapid transit S1 S2 S3

- Three lines
- 45 miles on I-405 and SR 522
- Serving 12 cities and connecting to light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue, and Tukwila

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## *Federal Way Link Facts*





# Kent Des Moines Station

**1** Line

- Access to **Highline College**, surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.
- **Three new landscaped streets** to enhance accessibility for walking, rolling, biking, and transit.
- **Two large plaza areas** feature landscaping, seating, and public art.
- A **food truck plaza with areas for sheltered seating** near the **500-space garage**.





# Star Lake Station **1** Line

- Features a **1,100-space garage**, replacing surface parking.
- A **rebuilt section of South 272nd Street** improves vehicle/bus access to the station. Portions of 26th Avenue South and 28th Avenue South feature new sidewalks with landscaping.
- Included a **pedestrian/bicycle path** to the station plaza and connections to the existing freeway bus stop.



# Federal Way Downtown Station

- Located next to Federal Way bus loop, this elevated station provides **integrated bus and rail service** to serve the surrounding area.
- An expansion of the existing parking garage **increases parking capacity** by 400 spaces.
- A **new street grid** enhances access to the station and supplies an opportunity for future development.





# Parking facilities

## Kent Des Moines

- 500 space parking garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

## Star Lake

- 1,100 space parking garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

## Federal Way Downtown

- 1,192 space garage + new 400 space garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes, plus 40 at Federal Way Transit Center
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

# *TOD along the Federal Way Link Extension*

- **Kent Des Moines Station:** Mercy Housing will deliver 233 units that serve households earning up to and between 30% and 80% area median income.
- **Federal Way Downtown Station:** Development across four parcels adjacent to the station will include affordable housing and mixed-use project.



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## *Fares*

# *Multiple ways to pay*

## **Ticket machines**

- Adult ORCA cards
- One way, return, or all-day rail tickets
- Pay with cash and credit/debit cards

## **On your phone**


- Transit GO ticket app
- Google Wallet on Android (or wearable iOS devices)

## **Cash**

- ST Express buses accept exact cash



## *Adult fares*

- 1 2** Link 1 and 2 lines: \$3
- N S** Sounder N and S lines: \$3.25 – \$5.75
-  **ST Express buses: \$3**
- T** Link T Line: \$2





# Tap your ORCA card

**ORCA card readers** are located in all:

- Link stations
- Sounder train platforms
- ST Express buses, next to the driver



**Link 1, 2, and T lines, and ST Express buses:**

- Tap ORCA card before boarding (flat fare).



**Sounder N and S lines:**

- Tap ORCA card before and after boarding the train (distance-based fare).



# *How to reload your ORCA card*

Reload your ORCA card at:

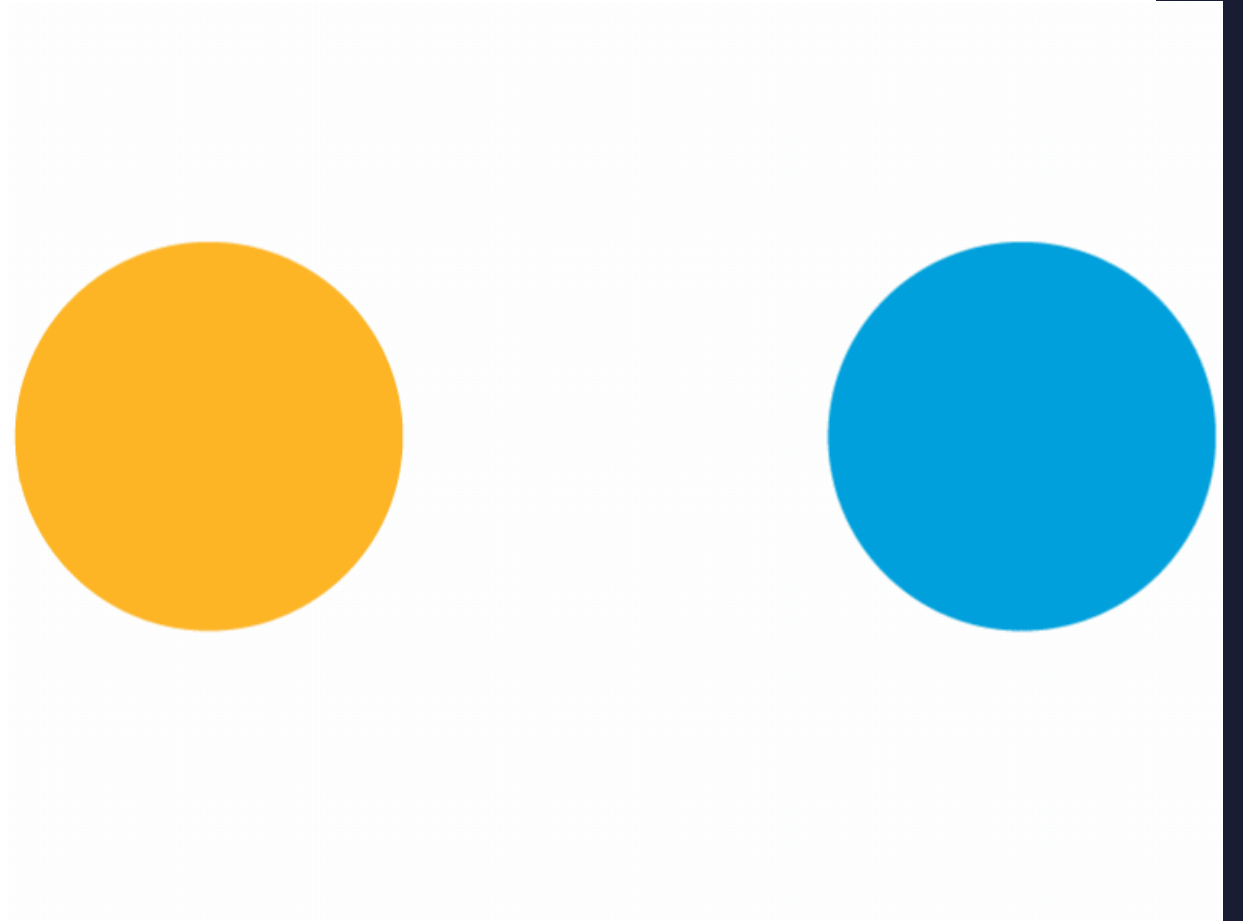
- **myORCA.com**
- **myORCA app**
- Ticket machines
- By phone at **(888) 988-6722**
- ORCA Customer Service office
- QFC, Safeway, Fred Meyer customer service.

*Add between \$5 and \$300 on your ORCA e-purse or monthly pass.*



# *Transfer to/from Link light rail with ORCA*

- If you transfer within 2 hours, your original fare will be credited toward the next leg of your journey.
- Only pay the difference if the second leg of your trip costs more than the first.
- Most passengers enjoy completely free transfers with their ORCA card!





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*Reduced Fares*

# Free Youth Transit Pass

## Youth

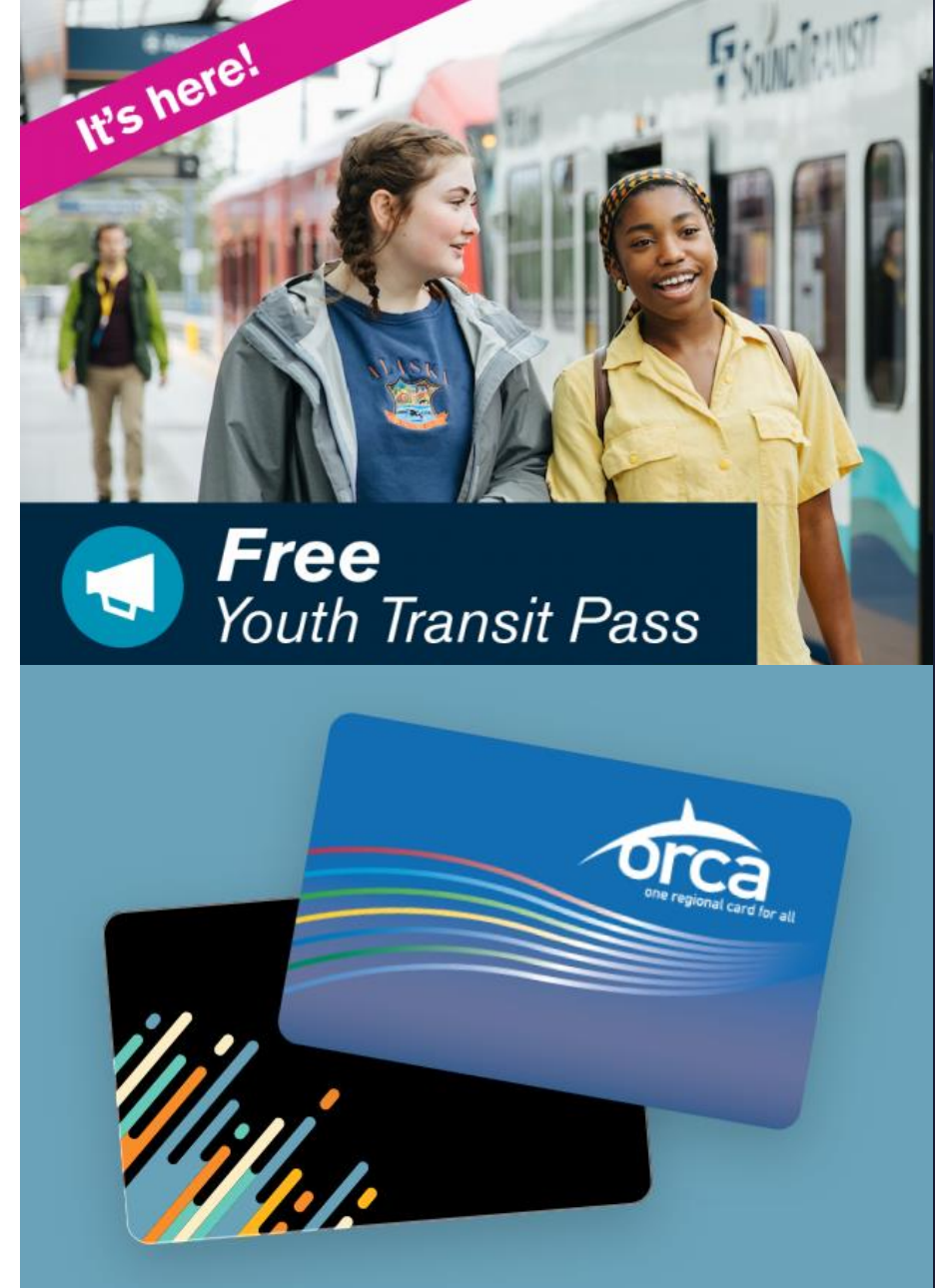
Age 18 years and younger

Free

**myorca.com**

Enroll in person, online, mail, or phone.

Youth not required to have ORCA card



It's here!

**Free**  
Youth Transit Pass

orca  
one regional card for all

# Reduced fare options

## Programs for seniors and riders with disabilities

Seniors	Regional Reduced Fare Permit
Age 65+ years	Customers with eligible disability
\$1 per trip	\$1 per trip
Community Health Access Program: <b>800-756-5437</b> Enroll in person, by mail, or online: <b>myorca.com</b>	



# Free and reduced fare options

## Programs based on income

ORCA LIFT	Subsidized Annual Pass
Low-income households (200% FPL)	Very low-income households (80% FPL)
\$1 per trip	\$0 per trip
Community Health Access Program: <b>800-756-5437</b> Enroll in person or online at <b>myorca.com</b>	



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*Safety*



# *Customer Service*

## **Passenger Care:**

**888-889-6368**

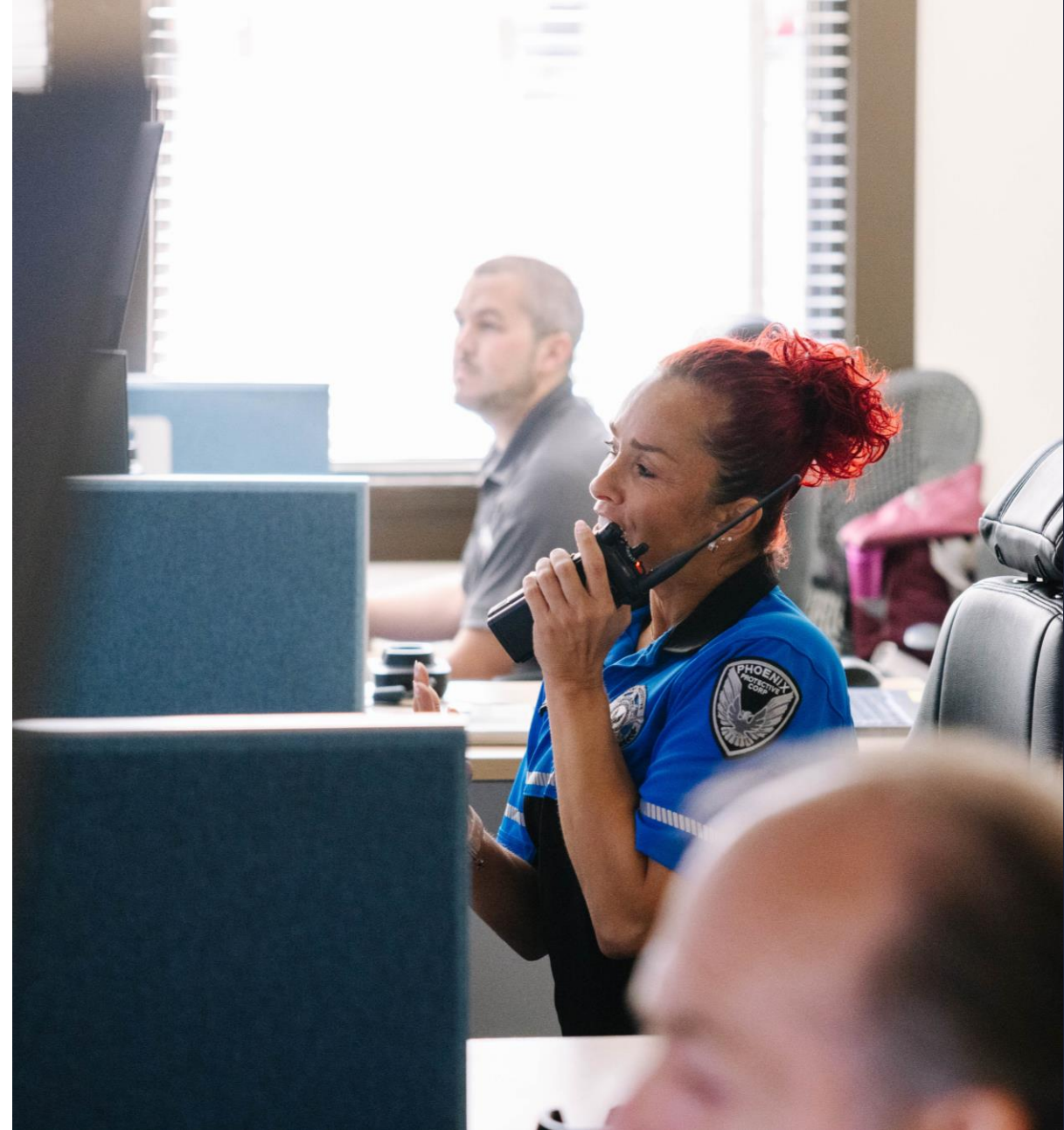
**[main@soundtransit.org](mailto:main@soundtransit.org)**

**[soundtransit.org/feedback](https://soundtransit.org/feedback)**

## **Hours of operation:**

**Monday-Friday**

**8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**



# *Safety and Security*

It's important that we all work together to stay safe.

**In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.**

**Sound Transit Security:**

Call or text: [\*\*206-398-5268\*\*](tel:206-398-5268)

Or email: [security@soundtransit.org](mailto:security@soundtransit.org)

After-hours: [\*\*206-296-3311\*\*](tel:206-296-3311)



# ***2026 Service Plan***

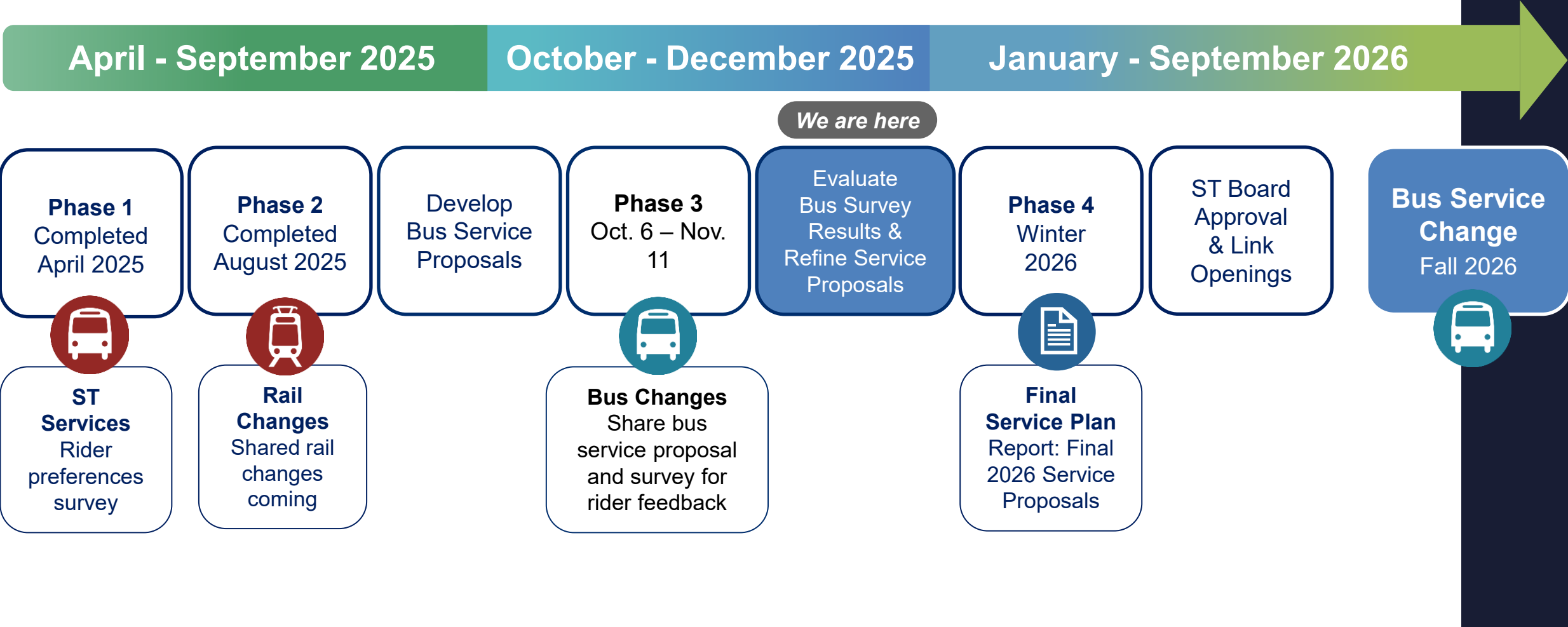


# *What is the Service Plan?*

- By the end of 2026, Link light rail will provide expanded service to areas now served by buses.
- Sound Transit is updating ST Express bus routes to improve connections to Link 1 and 2 Lines.
- The Service Plan considers community input on proposed changes.
- **ST Express service changes begin fall 2026.**



# Engagement Timeline





# *ST Express Survey*

**October 6 to November 11, 2025**

- Shared proposed ST Express service changes
- 4,300+ survey responses!
- Collected rider feedback on the proposed changes
  - 3 open houses
  - 75+ ST staff Ambassadors
  - 5-week multicultural multimedia campaign
  - Survey and website available in 7 languages



# *Final 2026 Service Plan*

## **Winter 2026**

- Report back on what we heard during Phase 3 ST Express Survey
- Submit service change proposals to the Sound Transit Board for approval
- **Approved ST Express service changes implemented in fall 2026**







***Thank you!***

***Arthur Bachus***

***[arthur.bachus@soundtransit.org](mailto:arthur.bachus@soundtransit.org)***



**Welcome Anna Zivarts –  
Co-Founder of Nondrivers Alliance  
and  
published author  
[When Driving is Not an Option](#)**



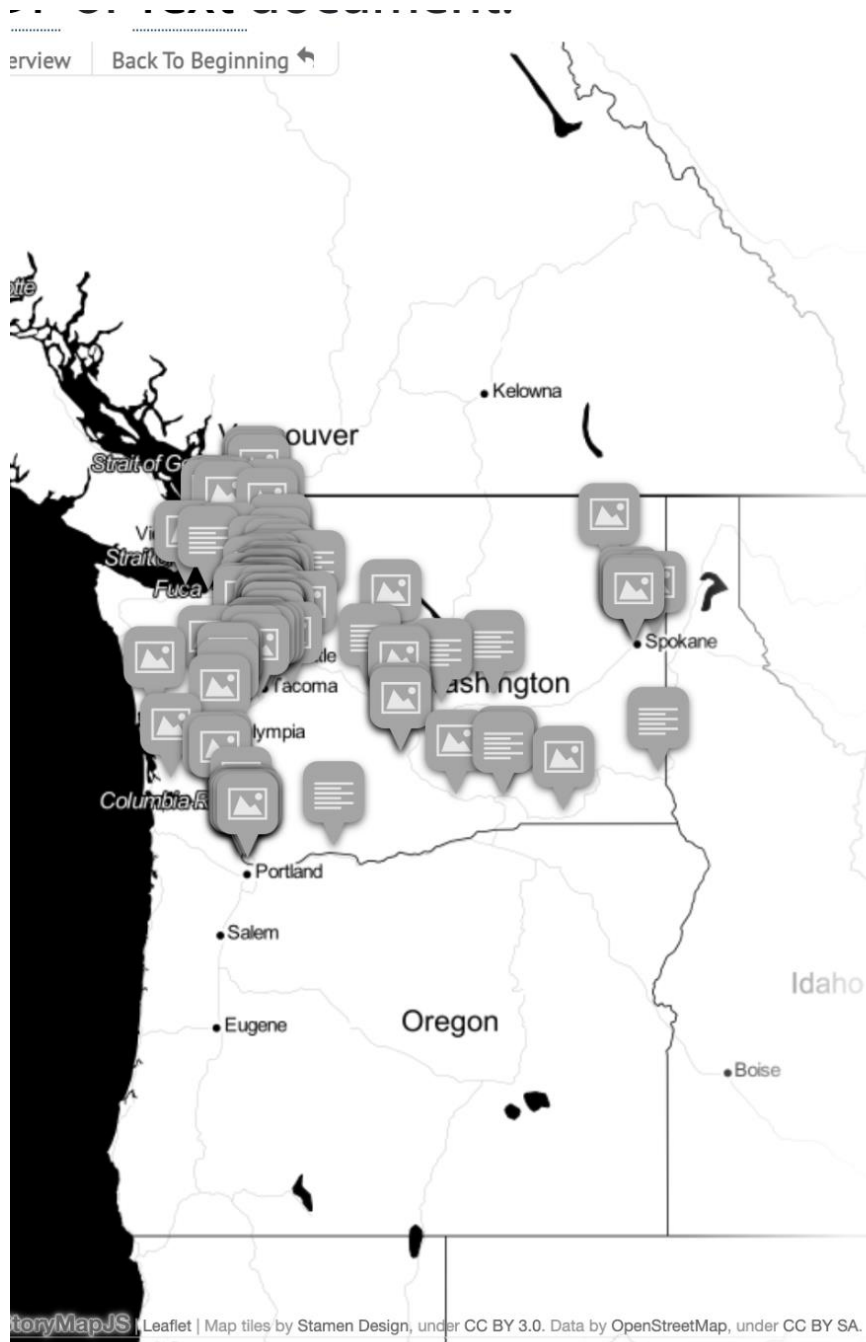


Harnessing the  
Expertise of Transit  
Riders

# Nondrivers Alliance







# TRANSPORTATION ACCESS FOR EVERYONE: WASHINGTON STATE

A quarter of our population doesn't have a driver's license, and we know that with the current economic crisis, there are even more people in our communities who can't afford to own or drive a vehicle.

Who are we, and how do we get around? Disability Mobility Initiative wants to raise awareness about how people without access to cars navigate to essential services in our communities. We've interviewed people from every legislative district in our state who rely on transit, paratransit, walking, biking, rolling or community rides to get where we need to go.

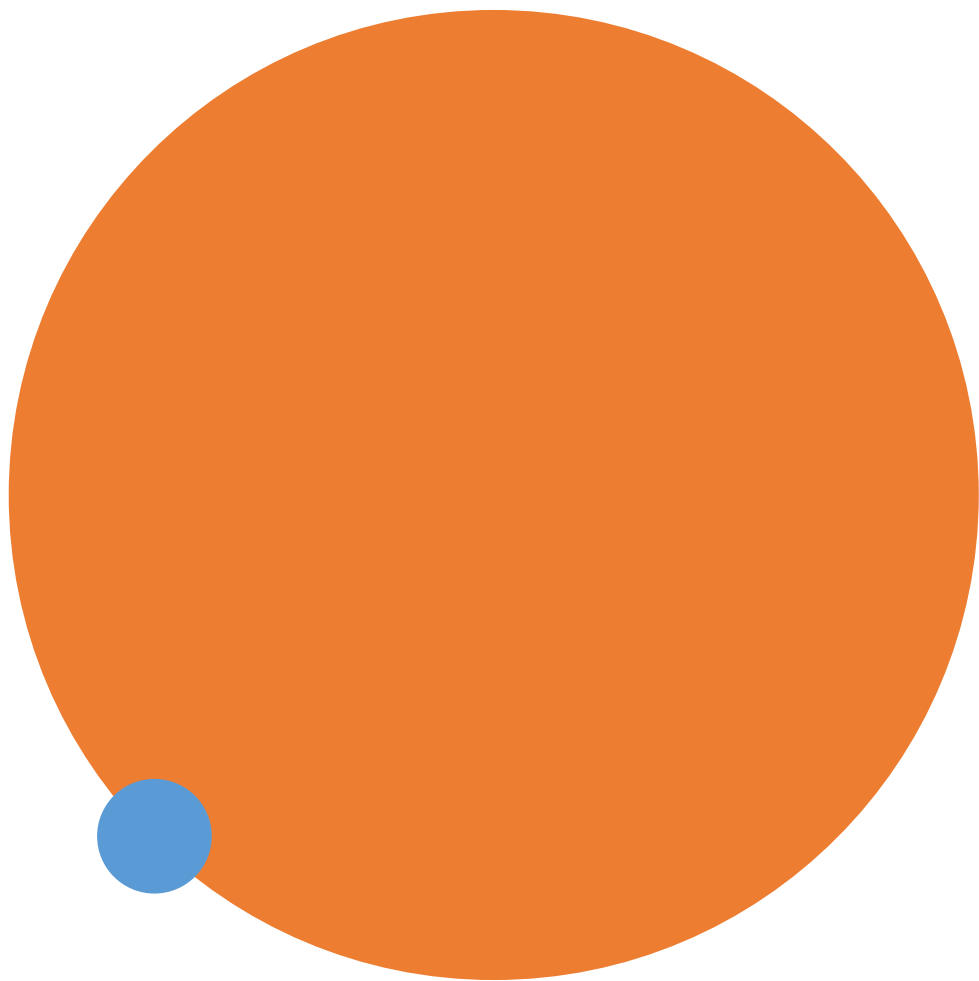
Questions or press inquiries? Contact Anna Zivarts 206 324 1521 x 242



“Because many on [transit] boards tend to be car drivers, they really haven't internalized what it means to be a transit rider. Those decisions determine whether you as a transit rider are going to be able to keep a job, going to be able to continue to be a caregiver, going to be able to continue to go to school.”

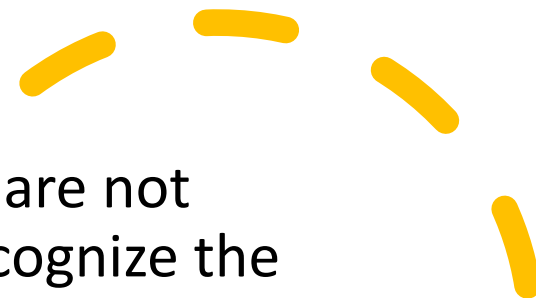
– Judy Jones, Skagit Transit rider and blind advocate






“Most of our board members are not frequent transit riders. We recognize the direct stake that riders have in public transit.”

– Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin, Clallam Transit board member and Port Angeles City Councilmember







“It’s kind of hard to imagine how someone who didn’t have access to a car could do the job of a city council member. Our expectations are to be in a lot of different places, and a lot of different times. **In a suburban city like ours, it’s a challenge to do that without driving, and that means there’s a large segment of our population excluded from serving in this role.**”

– Neal Black, Kirkland Councilmember



EQUITY, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, TRANSIT

# What's So Scary About Transit Riders?



By Anna Zivarts

"I have to ride the bus. I have to deal with the scheduling, the condition of the street, getting to and from. Does the schedule work with common arrival times for work, or are you gonna be stuck somewhere and is there somewhere you can take shelter in the case of bad weather? All that stuff that if you're not a rider, you're not aware of."

September 18 • 5:30 - 9 pm • Seattle Center's Fisher Pavilion

## Omnivorous

A benefit tasting that supports affordable housing

Civics and Culture Opinion Transit

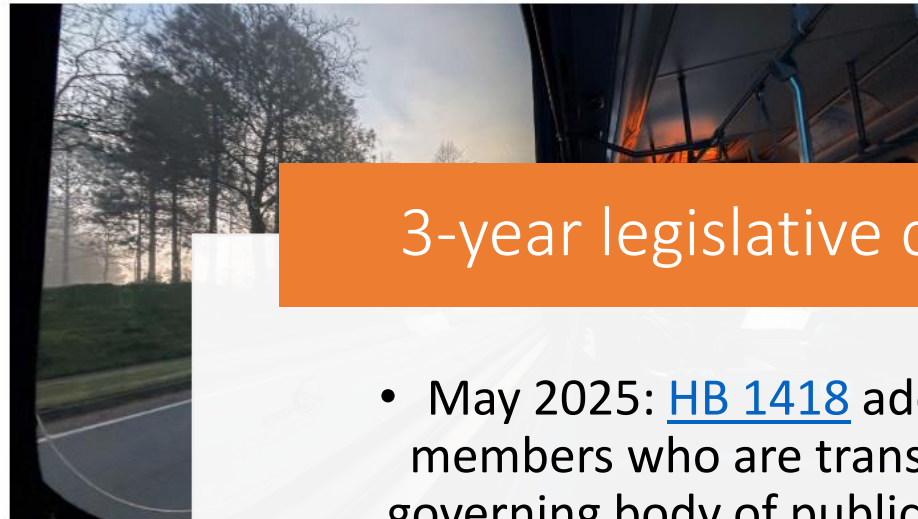
## Op-Ed: Washington State Should Allow Riders to Serve on Transit Boards

By Anna Zivarts - January 11, 2025



### Endorsements

The Urbanist's endorsed candidates did well in the August Primary. [Check out early results.](#)



## 3-year legislative campaign

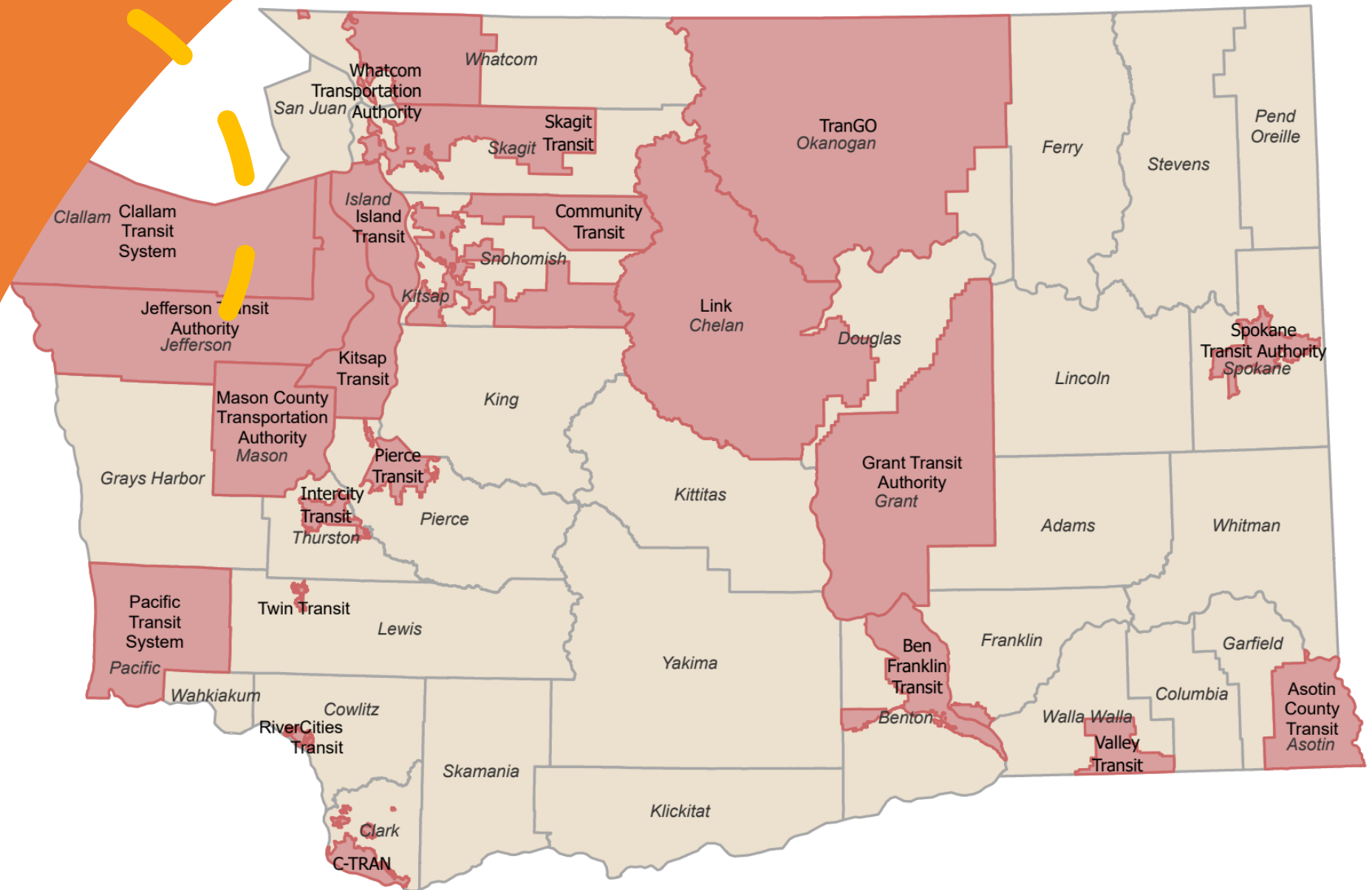
- May 2025: [HB 1418](#) adds two voting members who are transit users to the governing body of public transportation benefit areas.

Too many transit agency boards are led by well-connected people with no transit experience rather than those experienced in riding the bus. (Anna Zivarts)

Transit advocates are gearing up to pass legislation allowing Public Transit Benefit Authority boards across the state to create voting seats for riders.

Sound Transit Outlines Promising Everett Link Cost Reductions, Bleaker Seattle News

September 16, 2025





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anna@nondrivers.org



# Partner Agency Briefings



*Lorrie Alfonsi*



*Beth Hamby*



*Brock Howell*





*Daeveene May*



*Adam Vance*



FIND A RIDE

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*Sandy Phan, Program Manager*

*Community Transportation Navigators*

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# **!RARET**

Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation

*Dean Sydnor, Program Supervisor*

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Next KCMC Quarterly Meeting:

Tuesday, February 17th, 2025 9:30-11:30am  
Zoom

Next Access to Health and Wellbeing Meeting:

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025  
9:30am to 11:00 am  
Zoom

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