



## 18 & Under Zero-Fare Policy

### **Purpose:**

18 & Under Zero-Fare bus service provides an effective and cost-efficient way to boost ridership. Not paying fares makes it easier to use transit service and removes barriers for young riders. It also supports equity and affordability goals, making the system more accessible to low-income populations.

### **Goals:**

- Encourage ridership among young riders
- Maintain passenger convenience and ease of understanding
- Minimize the economic hardship of inhibiting ridership
- Encourage social equity and equal access to opportunities
- Promote environmental justice by providing mass transportation
- Increase access to public health services
- Encourage economic development with access to younger customers

### **Fare Structure**

All passengers 18 years of age and younger shall ride free of charge regardless of type of service provided.

### **Reporting**

Reporting youth 18 and under will be collected for Move Ahead Washington grant funding.

### **Sustainability:**

The Pacific Transit System Board will review annually in December to determine if the 18 & Under Zero-Fare Policy is in the best interest of the citizens of Pacific County as well as Pacific Transit System.