



# Preview

2025 – 2030

## Transit Development Plan

### *Planned Operating Changes*

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**TRANSIT**

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**Element 3: Comparison of Intercity Transit Goals with State Transportation Goals**



- 1. Assess the transportation needs of our community throughout the Public Transportation Benefit Area.  
**End Policy**–Intercity Transit Authority, staff and the public will have access to clear and comprehensive information related to the transportation needs of our Public Transportation Benefit Area.
- 2. Provide outstanding customer service.  
**End Policy**–Customers, staff and the broader community will report a high level of satisfaction.
- 3. Maintain a safe and secure operating system.  
**End Policy**–Focus on the continual improvement for the safety and security of all customers and facilities.
- 4. Provide responsive transportation options within financial and staffing limits.  
**End Policy**–Customers and staff will have access to programs and services that benefit our sustainability, focused on serving the mobility needs and demands of our community.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

PRESERVATION

SAFETY

## Element 3: Comparison of Intercity Transit Goals with State Transportation Goals

- 6. Encourage use of our services, reduce barriers to access and increase riders.  
**End Policy**–Educate and encourage community members to explore, appreciate and utilize services and programs while making the system easier to use.
- 7. Build partnerships to identify and implement innovative solutions that add value, access and equity as a service provider and as an employer.  
**End Policy**–Work with governmental entities, educational institutions, businesses, not-for-profit partners, and customers to facilitate great mobility options as well as educational and social opportunities in our community, including removing barriers to mobility for historically marginalized individuals while accounting for diversity.
- 8. Integrate resiliency into all agency decisions to anticipate, plan and adapt to changing functions of transit operations.  
**End Policy**–Promote community, organizational and individual resiliency.

MOBILITY

ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

STEWARDSHIP



**Mission**  
To provide and promote transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, and prosperous community.

**Vision**  
To be a leading transit system in the country, recognized by our peers, community and customers for our well-trained, highly motivated, customer-focused, community-minded employees committed to enhancing the quality of life for all in Thurston County.



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## **Element 5: Plan consistency**

*Plan Requirement – Identify steps that you have taken to ensure that your transit development plan is consistent with the local comprehensive plans adopted by cities, counties, and towns within your service area.*

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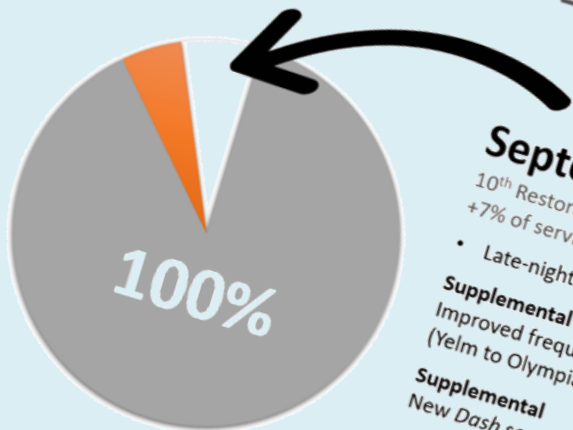


## Element 7:

# Planned Operating Changes

WELCOME TO  
2025

Restoration: 10 of 10



**September 2024**  
10<sup>th</sup> Restorative change  
+7% of service

- Late-night service

**Supplemental**  
Improved frequency on the Route 94  
(Yelm to Olympia Transit Center)

**Supplemental**  
New Dash service, multi-phased

Restoration Complete!!

MILE  
2028

MILE  
2026

MILE  
2027



WELCOME TO  
2025

MILE  
2026

MILE  
2027

MILE  
2028

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### Planned Operating Changes

WELCOME TO  
2025

☒ YES

☐ No

*More Buses!*

☒ YES

☐ No

*More Places!*

☒ YES

☐ No

*More Often!*



## Element 7: Planned Operating Changes

WELCOME TO  
2025

### January 2025

- ✓ Introduced the Route 14 in downtown Olympia



### May 2025

- ✓ Extended span and frequency on many routes



### September 2025

- ❑ Enhanced Commuter service to Pierce County
- ❑ New access to Madigan Gate at JBLM via Pierce Transit



## January 2026

- ☐ No major changes



## May 2026

- ☐ Redesigned local routes



## September 2026

- ☐ Adjustments to stops and schedules



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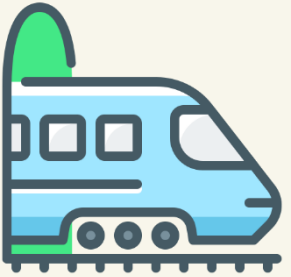
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*Enhanced Commuter service to Pierce County*

❑ Replace the Route 620 with two new commuter routes



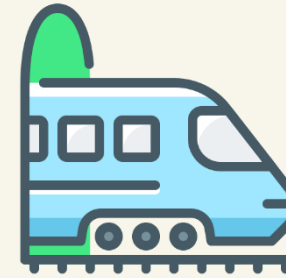
**1. Direct service to Lakewood**



**2. New connection to JBLM at Berkeley St.**

# September 2025

Enhanced Commuter service  
to Pierce County



**Route 620**

*to be replaced*

**New Route**

*Direct to Lakewood*



**New Route**

*JBLM Connection*

Olympia Transit Center	✓	✓	✓
Lacey Transit Center	✓	---	✓
Martin Way Park & Ride	✓	✓	✓ (purple)
Hawks Prairie Park & Ride	---	---	✓
Berkely St (Madigan Gate)	---	---	✓
Lakewood [Sounder] Station	✓	✓	✓
SR 512 Park & Ride	✓	✓	✓
Weekend Service	✓	---	✓

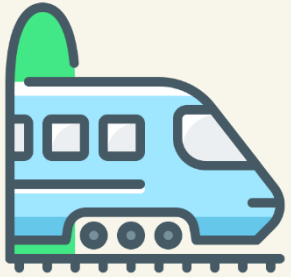


*Accessed via Martin Way roadside stops*

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# Progress Report: *Long-Range Plan*



Figure 14-2 Long-Range Service Improvements Implementation Schedule

Year	Recommended Start
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expand <b>Span</b></li><li>Expand <b>Frequency</b></li><li>Enhance <b>Commuter Service</b></li><li>Enhance <b>Capital Facilities</b></li></ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Bus Rapid Transit...</b> or something like it</li><li>Redesign of fixed route service</li><li>Enhance <b>Capital Facilities</b></li></ul>
2027 - 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhance <b>Capital Facilities</b></li><li><b>Schedule Maintenance</b></li><li><b>Innovative Service</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On-Demand candidates:</li><li>Yelm</li><li>Night Owl</li></ul></li></ul>

NEW  
VERSION



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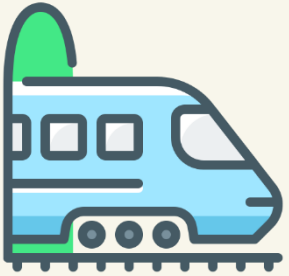


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