

Preliminary Service Change Summary **DRAFT**

May 2026: System Redesign



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Part I: Major Service Change Summary

Executive Summary

Consistent with the forecast of *Planned Operating Changes* programmed in the updated 2025 – 2030 Transit Development Plan (TDP), as well as the draft 2026 Annual Budget, Intercity Transit intends to increase fixed-route service on May 3, 2026 by approximately 18,000 service hours. When factoring in changes implemented in January and May of this year, a total of 40,000 annual hours will be added to the fixed-route system, a 14 percent increase to the volume of 2024 service.

The large growth in service represents a substantive fulfillment of Intercity Transit's Long-Range Plan and the associated Proposition 1 sales tax measure approved by local voters in November 2018. The anticipated system redesign of local transit routes is the culmination of a three-phase implementation of transformational changes. Phase one in May 2025 included an expansion of span and frequency on many existing routes; phase two in September 2025 began enhanced commuter service with the Routes 600 and 610. Phase three in May 2026 redesigns most of the local routes and responds to what the community said it wanted. Specifically, the new system will deliver:

- High-frequency corridor service that incorporates elements of bus rapid transit (BRT) between west Olympia and east Lacey, and
- Service to new areas.

The proposed service change is nearly a complete redesign of the fixed-route network that retains four existing bus routes (Routes 13, 21, 600, and 610) and introduces 25 new bus routes in May 2026. This would increase the overall number of routes operated from the current 20 routes (as of September 7, 2025) to 29 routes. The redesign of the fixed-route network is anchored by frequent corridor service incorporating elements of BRT lines common in many medium and large cities. Many of the remaining proposed routes will provide convenient one-seat rides to nearby high schools, shopping centers, employment centers, and connections to frequent corridor service.

Final approval of the system redesign, as well as the findings of the forthcoming corresponding equity analysis, will be considered by the Intercity Transit Authority Board in December 2025. Pending Board action, staff will complete all necessary bus stop construction and route training, as well as maintain the robust public education campaign required for a successful transition of service scheduled to take effect on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Introduction

In 2016, Intercity Transit began a two-year public engagement effort that informed the agency about the community's expectations and priorities for public transportation in Thurston County. The comprehensive effort provided over 10,000 ideas about what transit should look like moving forward and prioritized those into common themes, which were used to develop scenarios for the future that included:



- **Service Reductions:** Allow public transportation service levels to shrink in the face of increasing growth and congestion which increase operating costs.
- **Status Quo System:** Increase revenues enough to maintain levels of public transportation to keep up with growth and congestion.
- **Transformational System:** Increase revenue enough to keep up with growth and reduce congestion, serve new areas, add frequency and ensure those who need it have it.

Riders can look forward to better connections to local high schools, South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC), and other key destinations in the area with the proposed **Transformational System**. The new routes will also offer improved access to the Capitol Campus, service to new areas, and add cross-town connections. With faster travel times, the new system is designed to be more efficient, reliable, and responsive to the needs of our growing community.

The improvements to service identified in this summary are consistent with Intercity Transit's:

- **Draft 2026 Annual Budget**
- **2025 – 2030 Transit Development Plan (TDP)**

Shown to the right is an excerpt from the TDP containing the adopted Element 7 - Planned Operating Changes section

2025 Planned Operating Changes			
Schedule	New Hours	Changes in Service	Major Change?
January	10,800	Introduced Route 14 in downtown Olympia	Yes
May	12,500	Expanded span and frequency on many local routes	No
September	0	Introduction of a grant-supported commuter route with connections to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM); Changes to Olympia Express to provide more direct service	Yes

2026 Planned Operating Changes			
Schedule	New Hours	Changes in Service	Major Change?
January	0	No planned changes	No
May	18,000	Implement a new crosstown BRT-Lite line Change most of the existing local routes as part of a comprehensive system redesign	Yes
September	0	As needed adjustments to stops and schedules	No

2027 - 2030 Planned Operating Changes			
Year	New Hours	Changes in Service	Major Change?
2027	<3,000	Schedule maintenance	No
2028	<3,000	Schedule maintenance	No
2029	<3,000	Schedule maintenance	No
2030	<3,000	Schedule maintenance	No

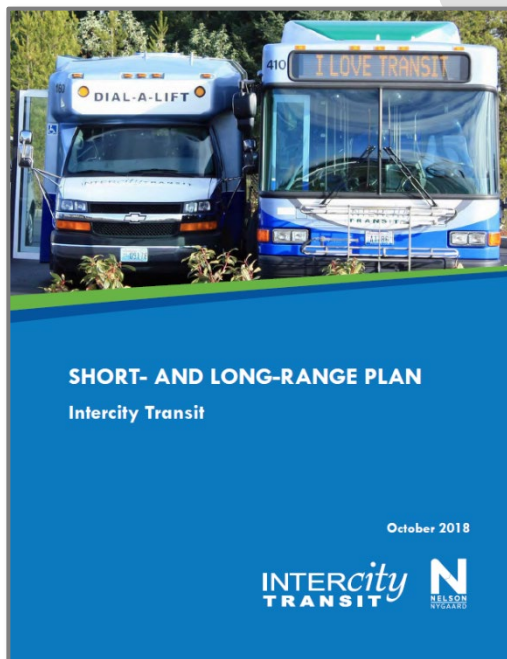
Service intended to begin May 2026 is the final step of an incremental strategy to deliver public transit service that responds to commitments the agency made to our community in response to the November 2018 passage of Intercity Transit Proposition 1, elements of the 2018 Long-Range Plan, public input, community growth and Thurston County development patterns.

Transformational System

In late 2018 Intercity Transit adopted a Short- and Long-Range Plan which came after a two-year public engagement process and the subsequent voter approval to increase local sales tax to expand public transit service within the existing urban area.

Despite significant challenges to service levels because of the COVID-19 pandemic, elements of the Short- and Long-Range Plan have been gradually implemented. These include enhancements to many existing bus stops, more frequent service on several routes, and later service.

Remaining elements of the plan were designed to transform legacy service to improve the usefulness and efficiency of public transportation in our PTBA and deliver the transformational system the community told us it wanted.



- **Extended Span of Service**
- **Improved Frequency**
- **Service to New Areas**
- **Maintain On-Time Performance**
- **Enhanced Capital Facilities**
- **Bus Rapid Transit**
- **Night Owl Service**
- **Enhanced Commuter Service**
- **Fare-Collection Efficiencies**

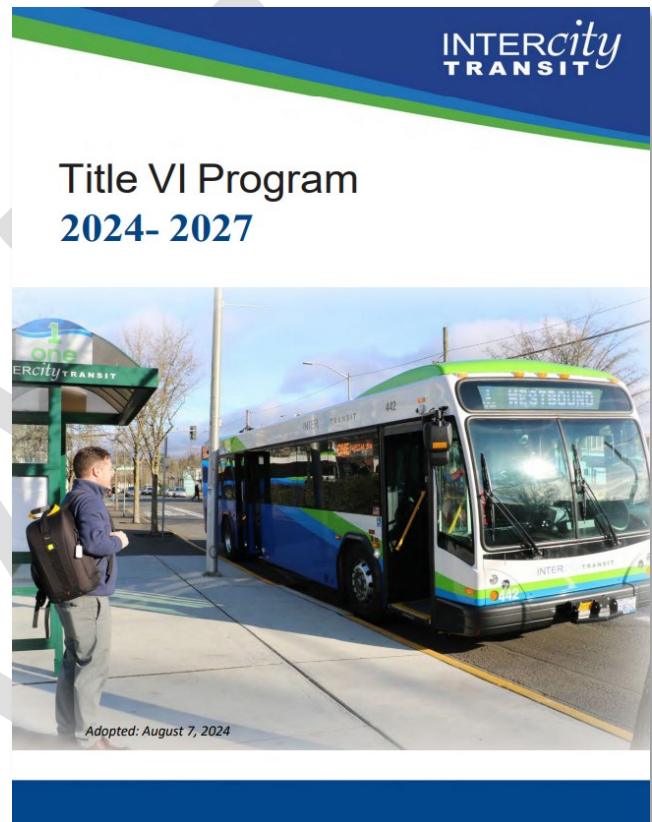
(Above) 2018 Short and Long-Range Plan: List of Service Improvements

Assessing *Major* Changes in Service

The changes proposed for May 2026 include a systemwide redesign of our fixed route (bus) network, which is a *major* change in service. All major changes to public transit service within Thurston County's Public Transit Benefit Area (PTBA) must include an equity analysis and adoption by the Intercity Transit Authority.

Pursuant to guidance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Intercity Transit's updated **2024 – 2027 Title VI Program** contains definitions distinguishing major and non-major changes in service. Intercity Transit defines a major change in service as any of the following:

- A single change that reduces a route's revenue hours by 10 percent or more.
- A single change that increases a route's revenue hours by 50 percent or more.
- A single change that reduces the number of consecutive bus stops on an individual route by three or more.
- A single change that increases the number of consecutive bus stops on an individual route by five or more.
- Removing or substantially relocating a single bus stop that is used by 50 or more passengers a day (combined boardings and alightings) greater than 500 feet from its original location.
- Creation or discontinuation of a fixed transit route in entirety.



Equity Analysis

Part 2 of this summary includes Intercity Transit's Draft Equity Analysis, which requires a transit agency to research, identify and measure any significant disparity impacting transit access among racial minority populations or low-income residents. Following a public comment period the Draft Equity Analysis must be presented and accepted by the Intercity Transit Authority.

Public Comment Period

Formal public comment regarding the methodology, findings, and conclusion of the Equity Analysis, along with related content published within the Service Summary and any posted addendums will begin October 2, 2025 remain available through November 14, 2025. A public

hearing with the Intercity Transit Authority Board is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Intercity Transit Administrative Office Building. Following the public comment period Intercity Transit's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will consider a formal recommendation of the final version of this document during their regular meeting on November 17, 2025; the Intercity Transit Authority Board will tentatively consider final adoption during their regular meeting on December 3, 2025.

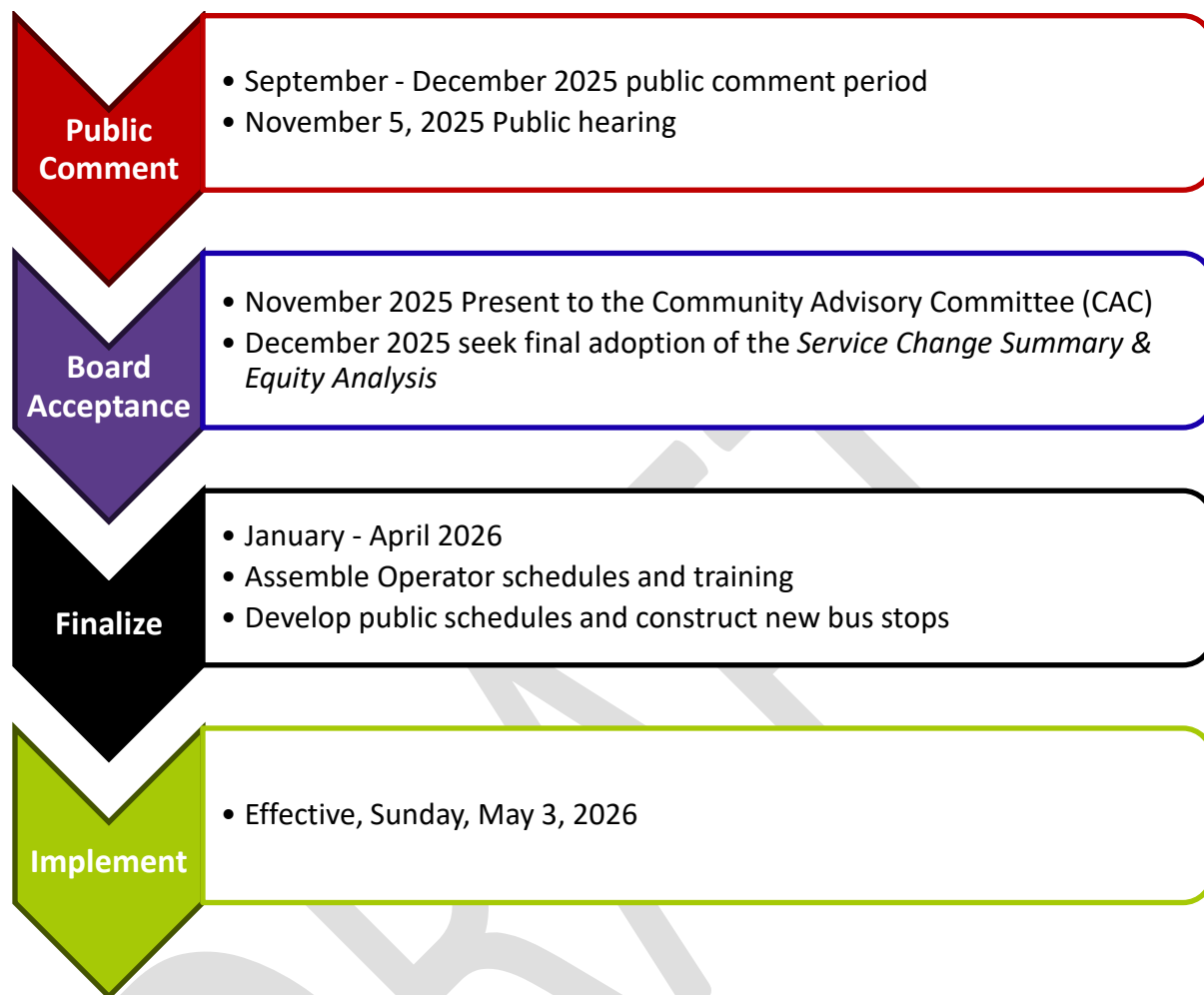
It should be noted that there is also a remote option to attend all Intercity Transit Authority Board meetings. More information is available at <https://www.intercitytransit.com/agency/transit-authority/meetings>.

Additional public information related to this proposal is available <https://www.intercitytransit.com/bus-system-redesign> as well as at our Customer Service desk located at the Olympia Transit Center.



The screenshot displays the Intercity Transit website. The header features the 'INTERcity TRANSIT' logo on the left, a search bar in the center, and a magnifying glass icon on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: 'PLAN YOUR TRIP', 'HOW TO RIDE', 'SERVICES', 'EMPLOYMENT', and 'ABOUT US'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Imagine a Better Bus System'. The main heading is 'Imagine a Better Bus System' in green. Below this is a large photograph of a green and white bus with '19 FARMERS MARKET' on its destination sign, parked on a street in front of the Washington State Capitol building. To the right of the photo is a sidebar with three sections: 'Provide Feedback' (with links 'Provide public comment' and 'Email us'), 'Publications' (with links 'September 2025 Service Change - Major Service Change Summary & Equity Analysis' and 'Draft 2025 - 2030 Transit Development Plan'), and 'Other Information' (with link 'Draft Schedules and Maps').

Service Change Process and Timeline



Review Process

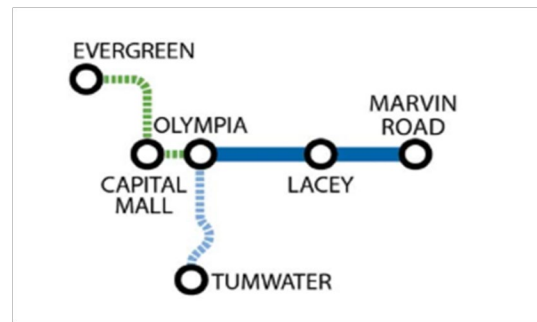
Intercity Transit anticipates the completion of the design and review by December 2025. Coordination with regional jurisdictions and stakeholders is one of the primary objectives during public review. Adoption of the *Service Change Summary and Equity Analysis* by the Intercity Transit Authority Board is the culmination of route design work and represents the transition into finalization and implementation.

Implementation

Following adoption from the Intercity Transit Authority Board the system redesign will be finalized with route schedules, bus stop construction, Operator training, and public education. To aid in the transition for existing bus riders Intercity Transit intends to provide a variety of outreach tools and events to help everyone be ready for changes beginning Sunday, May 3, 2026.

A System Redesign

A bus system redesign allows Intercity Transit to maximize service. Achievement of a transformational system, which includes frequent corridor service, late-night buses, and expansions to new areas requires a careful evaluation of resources. To ensure a sustainable expansion of service the proposed system redesign reduces duplication of existing bus service in some areas and redistributes buses elsewhere in the community.



Regional Planning

The investment of frequent transit service along the ‘Martin Way corridor’ is consistent with regional plans and projects to improve mobility and the overall experience for bus passengers, pedestrians, and motorists alike. Frequent bus service between west Olympia and east Lacey will evolve as supportive projects to improve intersections, sidewalks, crosswalks, and adjacent land use are gradually implemented.



Influences and Considerations

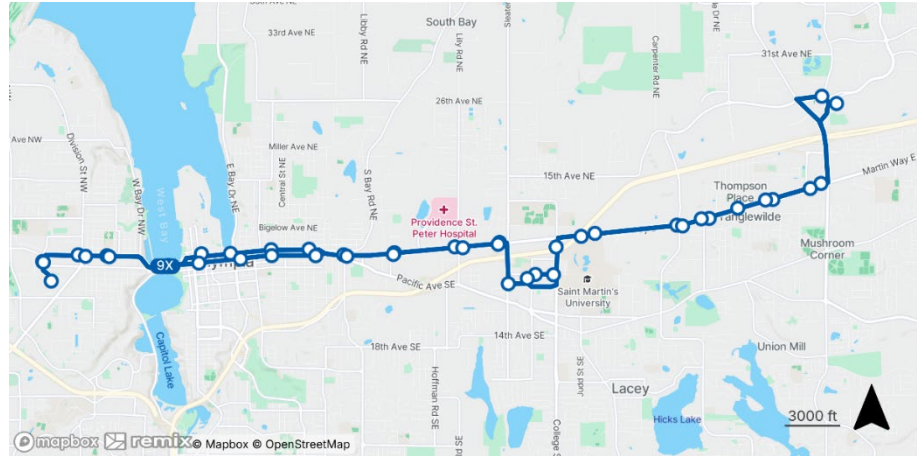
The planning and preparation of the proposed redesign of service reflects the following considerations:

- **Regional development**
Allocating transit service in more densely populated areas of the community.
- **Direct and convenient**
Aligning bus routes to follow arterials and corridors with fewer turns and out-of-direction travel.
- **Operability**
Ensuring the reliable and predictable movement of buses along roadways and intersections.
- **Community input**
Incorporating many of the ideas, requests, and desires for bus service to schools, employers, and growing neighborhoods.

Route 9X – Elements of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

The anchor of the Long-Range Plan is gradual implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The redesigned system proposes introducing the 9X, a frequent express route operating between Capital Mall in west Olympia to Hawks Prairie Park and Ride in east Lacey.

Route 9X will succeed *The One* and represents a significant step toward implementation of rapid bus service along the major east-west corridor of the community. Within the proposal, buses on the 'Martin Way corridor' will operate every



fifteen minutes during busy weekdays, and a reduced thirty-minute frequency on evenings and weekends. The new 9X service will replace the busy Routes 62A/B, as well as *The One*, and will be the foundation of our Bus Rapid Transit line in the future. Different from Routes 62A/B, the Route 9X will make fewer stops, providing faster travel time and will emphasize connections with other routes at busy intersections and existing transit centers. Stops not served by the frequent corridor route will continue to be served by proposed Route 50 east of the transit center. Implementation of the 9X, and the subsequent discontinuation of Routes 62A and 62B are the fundamental basis for a comprehensive redesign of the community's transit system.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT

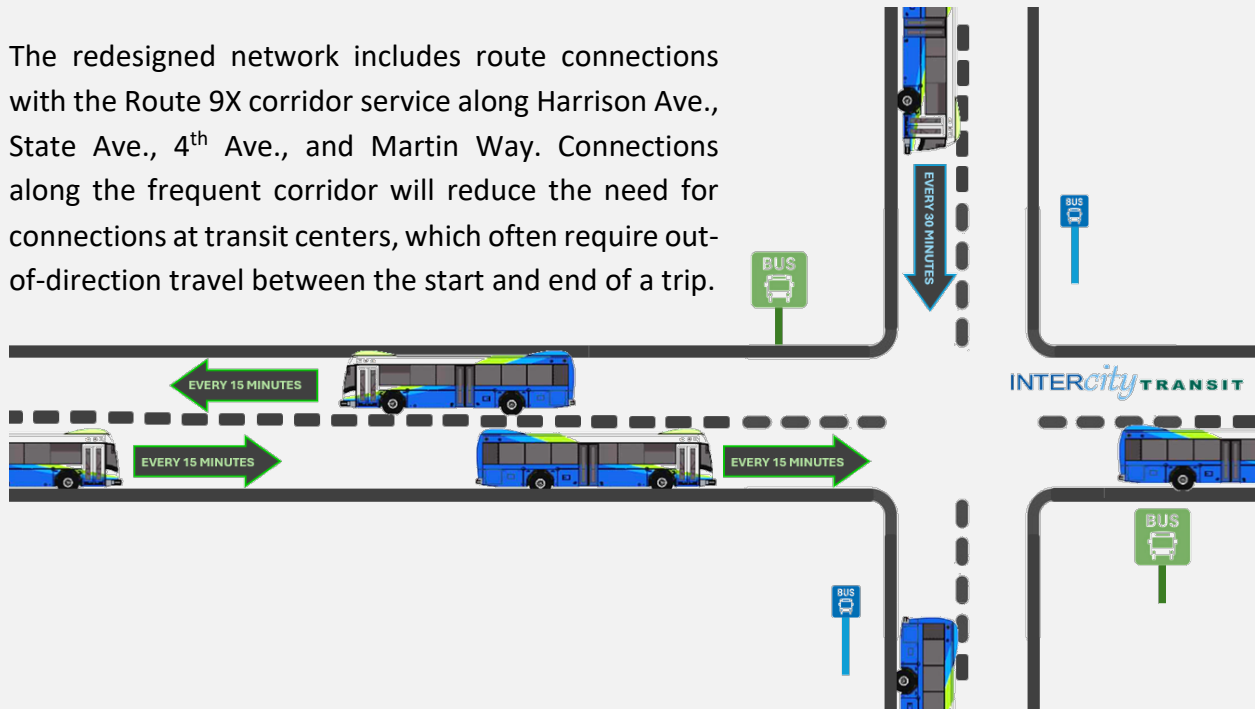
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) refers to enhanced bus service with features that help reduce dwell times at bus stops, bypass traffic congestion, and provide a more comfortable and convenient service for passengers. BRT is a popular transit choice in municipalities looking for a way to provide service that is faster, more convenient, more comfortable, and more attractive than regular bus service, without the level of investment required by rail. Investments in high-quality bus transit can support economic development and lead to increased ridership.



The level of investment for each BRT system can vary, and it is possible to achieve better service and increased ridership without implementing all of the common BRT features. Dedicated running ways, in particular, are often not found in BRT systems.

Convenient Connections

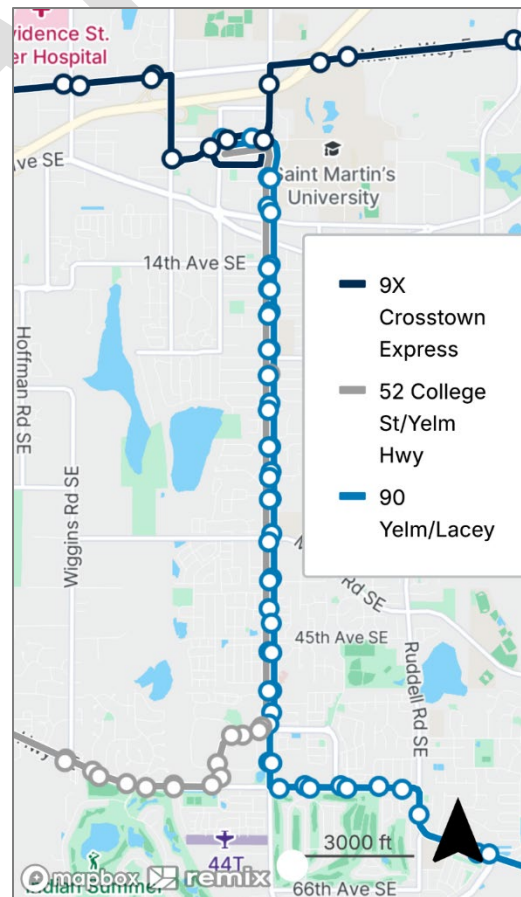
The redesigned network includes route connections with the Route 9X corridor service along Harrison Ave., State Ave., 4th Ave., and Martin Way. Connections along the frequent corridor will reduce the need for connections at transit centers, which often require out-of-direction travel between the start and end of a trip.



Shared Frequency

College Street

(Right) The proposed redesign of service includes a significant increase in bus service along College St. Routes (52 and 90) will combine to provide service every 15 minutes, making it easier and more convenient for people to travel to and from destinations along College St. and connect to the Lacey Transit Center, which will provide access to many other locations across the system. In addition to College St., Lacey Blvd. and Pacific Ave. will continue to be served by routes with shared frequency, which means passengers will have more frequent options for traveling to and from their destinations.



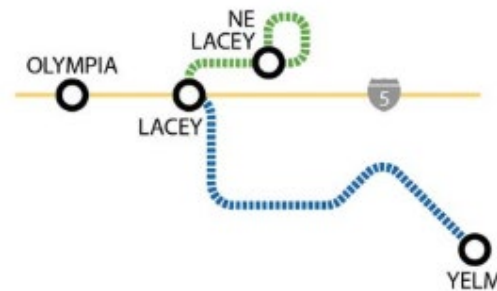
Capitol Way/Blvd.

The redesigned system maintains high frequency service along the Capitol Way/Capitol Blvd. corridor between downtown Olympia and south Tumwater. The existing Route 13 will remain in service however it will run every 30 minutes—a decrease from its historic 15-minute frequency. Other offsetting routes along Capitol Way/Blvd. are included in the redesigned system to supplement Route 13 buses with the goal of maintaining four buses per hour. Buses on Route 15 will complement corridor between OTC and Tumwater Square; Route 76 between Tumwater Square and Linwood Ave; and Route 16 between Linwood Ave and Tumwater Blvd.



Service to New Areas

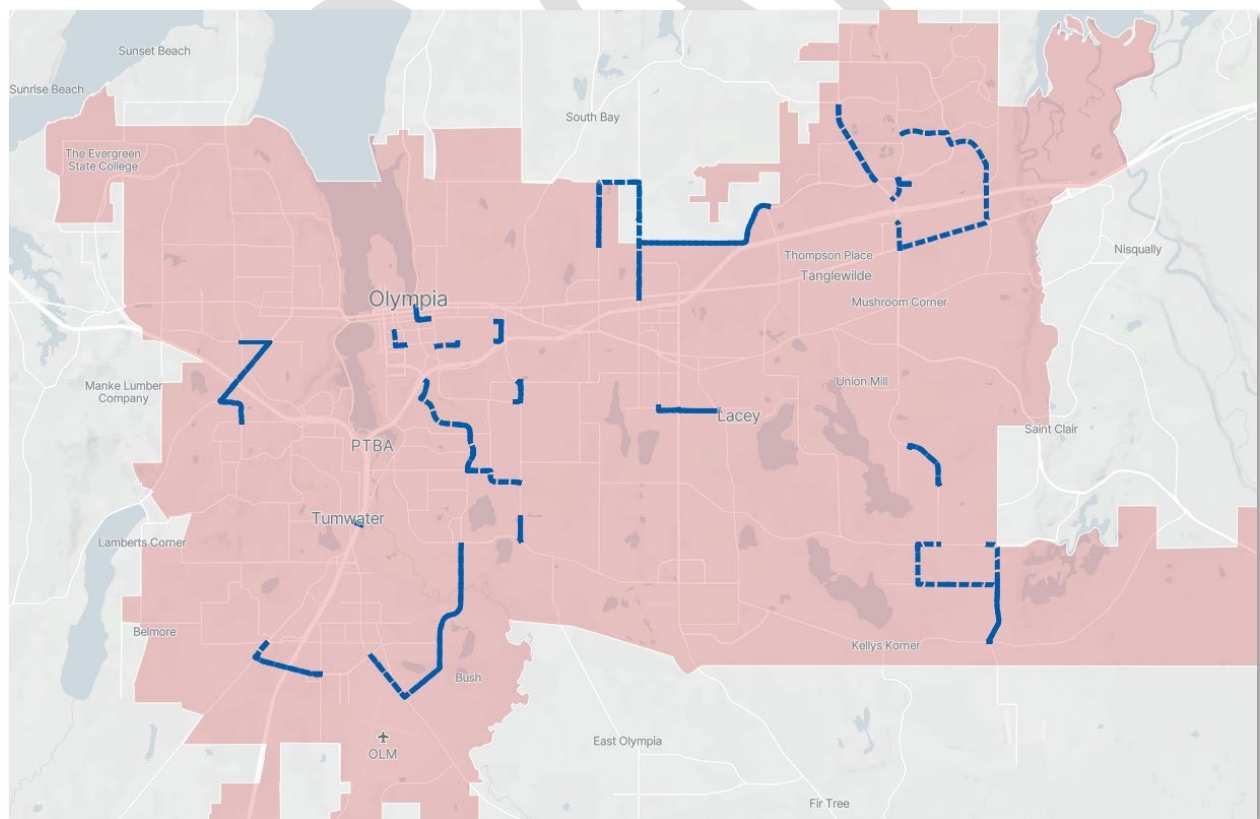
The proposed system redesign adds service to several new areas. These areas coincide with land use, growth in population density, as well as include the essential transit-supportive roadways and intersections needed to provide reliable operation of service. It is important to note that many areas of the community qualify as candidates for transit service, however operational limitations that contribute to unreliable maneuvering often result in candidate locations being deferred until additional improvements are made to roadways, intersections, and pedestrian amenities.



Area	New Service Segment	Why it is included
Tumwater	Littlerock Rd. Tumwater Blvd. Old Hwy. 99 Henderson Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows land and road development patterns.• Improved coverage and more direct service.• Better access to Tumwater High School.• Future possible extension of service toward Black Hills High School. *
West Olympia	Capital Mall Dr. Black Lake Blvd. 21 st Ave. RW Johnson Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows land and road development patterns.• Improved coverage and more direct service.• Better access to Capital Mall.
East Olympia	Lilly Rd 26 th Ave Sleater-Kinney Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows land and road development patterns.• Improved coverage and more direct service.

Area	New Service Segment	Why it is included
Central Olympia	Legion Way Sawyer St. 11 th Ave. Boulevard Rd. Henderson Blvd. North St. Log Cabin Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coverage and more direct service. • Better access to Olympia High School. • Better access to the State Capitol campus.
North Lacey	15 th Ave. Marvin Rd. 31 st Ave. Hawks Prairie Park & Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows land and road development patterns. • Improved coverage and more direct service. • Better access to North Thurston High School. • Better access to River Ridge High School. • Better access to NE Lacey employers.
Central Lacey	22 nd Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coverage and more direct service. • Better access to River Ridge High School
Thurston County	58 th Ave./Kagy St. Meridian Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows land and road development patterns • Improved coverage and more direct service.

**Expanded service closer to Black Hills High School is restricted until future roadway development better supports transit operations.*

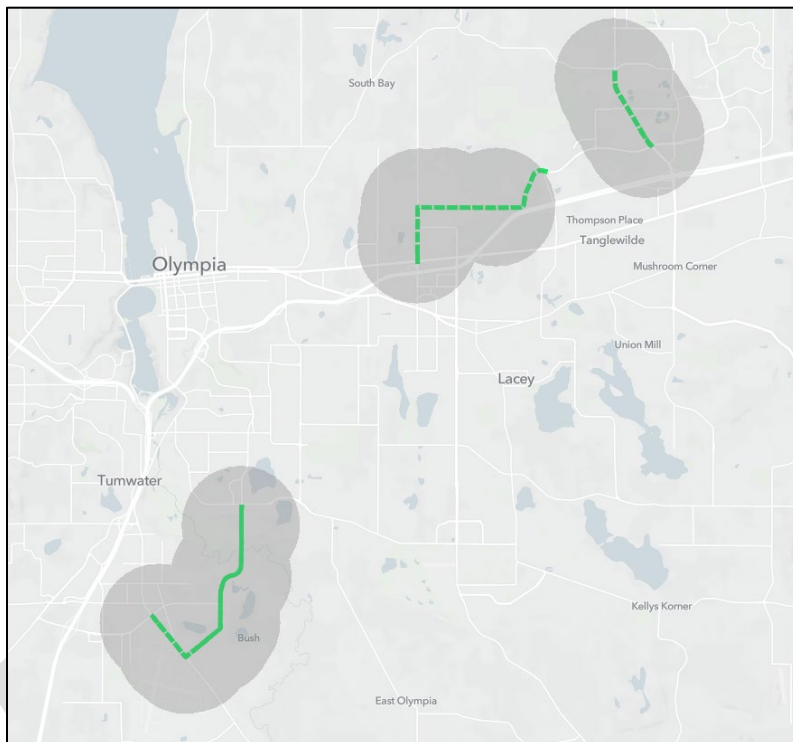


(Above) New service segments shown in blue (Public Transportation Benefit Area in pink)

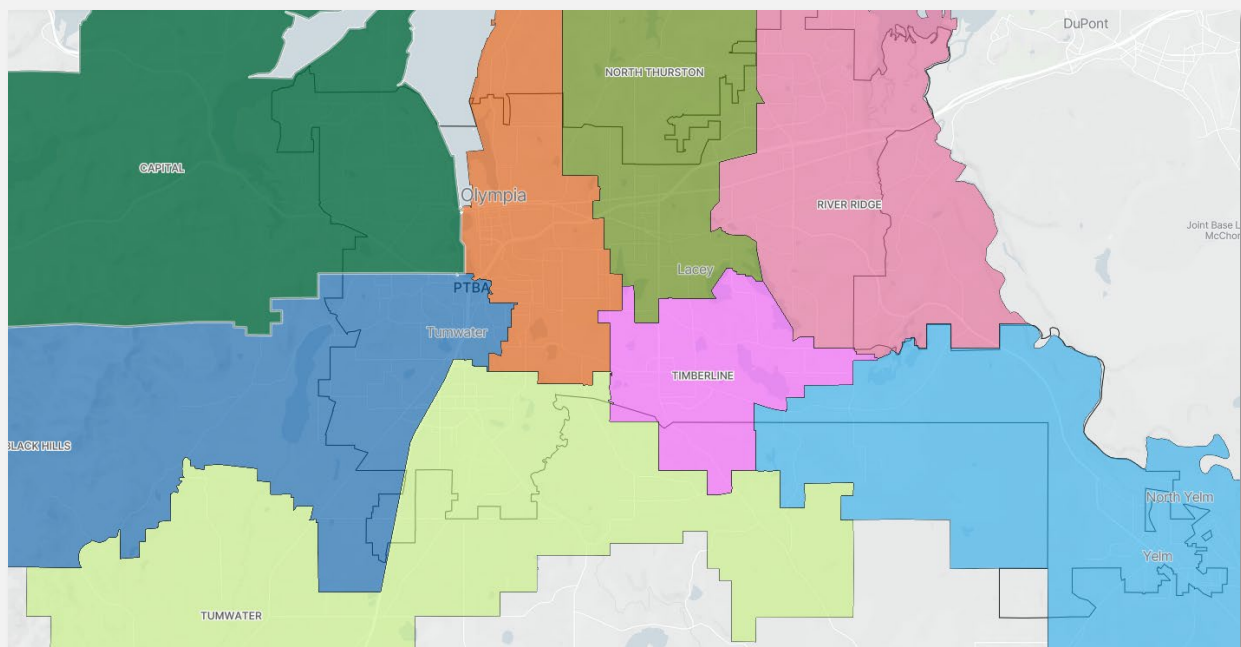
Dial-A-Lift (ADA Paratransit)

(Right) The May 2026 redesign expands fixed route service in south Tumwater and north Lacey, which will expand the Dial-A-Lift service area. The dark gray area shows the approximate locations where new Dial-A-Lift service will be available.

Dial-A-Lift serves areas that are within 3/4 to 1-1/2 miles of a bus route, depending on the location. By expanding the fixed route network service areas, the Dial-A-Lift service area is also expanded.



Students—Intercity Transit has received many comments over the years from families describing the mobility needs of students and youth. (Below) School attendance boundaries were used to design better routes for high school and college students, which will benefit students attending early-morning classes, after-school sports and activities, and Running Start.

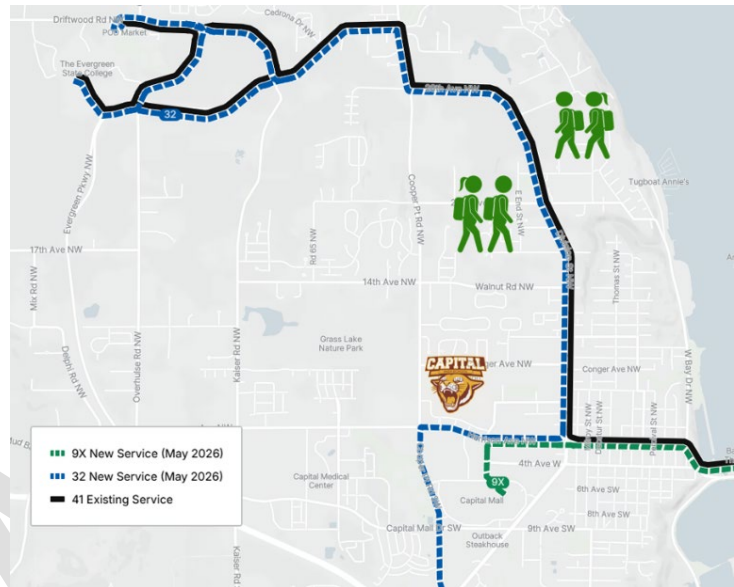


Direct and Convenient

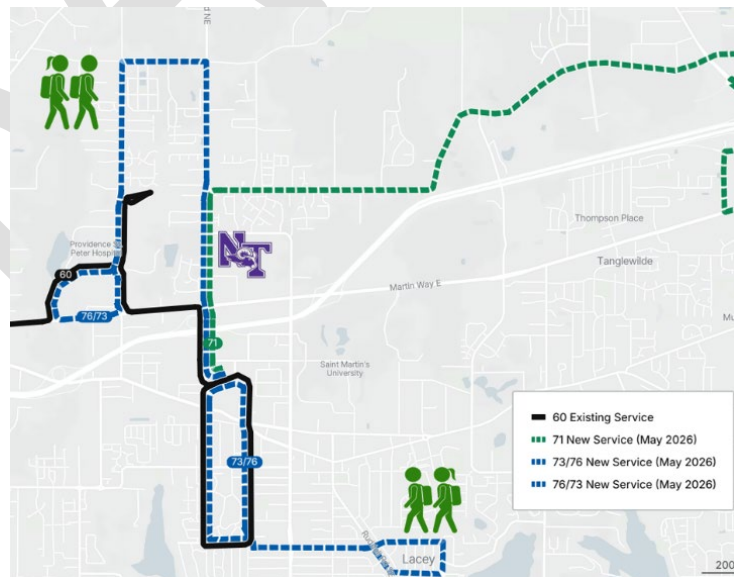
The proposed redesign of service improves the directness of transit routes and provides better access to local high schools and surrounding neighborhoods; many trips may not require riders to change buses. Purposely designed routes intend to improve access to shopping centers, schools, and neighborhoods without out-of-direction travel or the need to transfer between buses.

(Right) The proposed redesign of transit service in west Olympia offers more one-seat rides on routes operating adjacent to Capital High School.

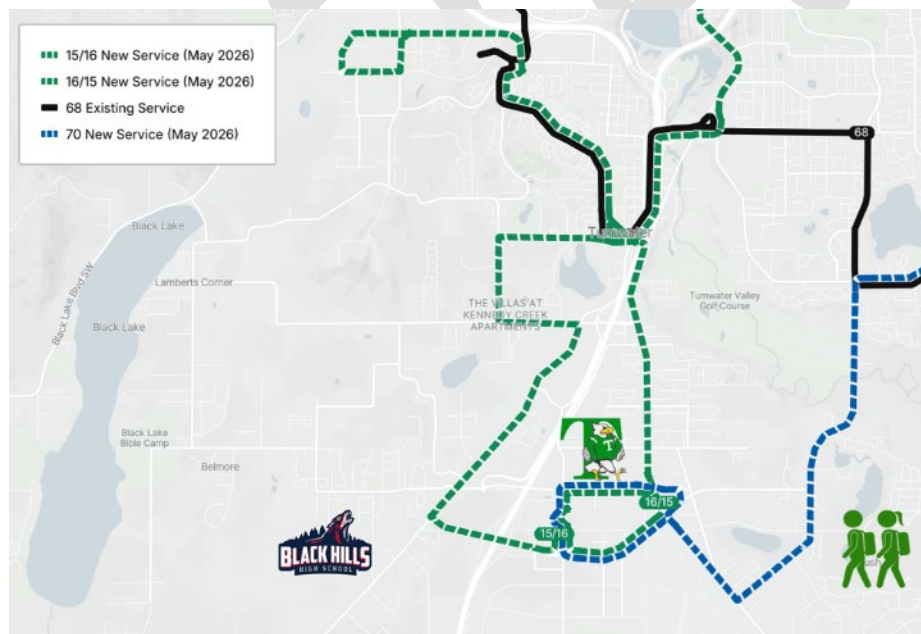
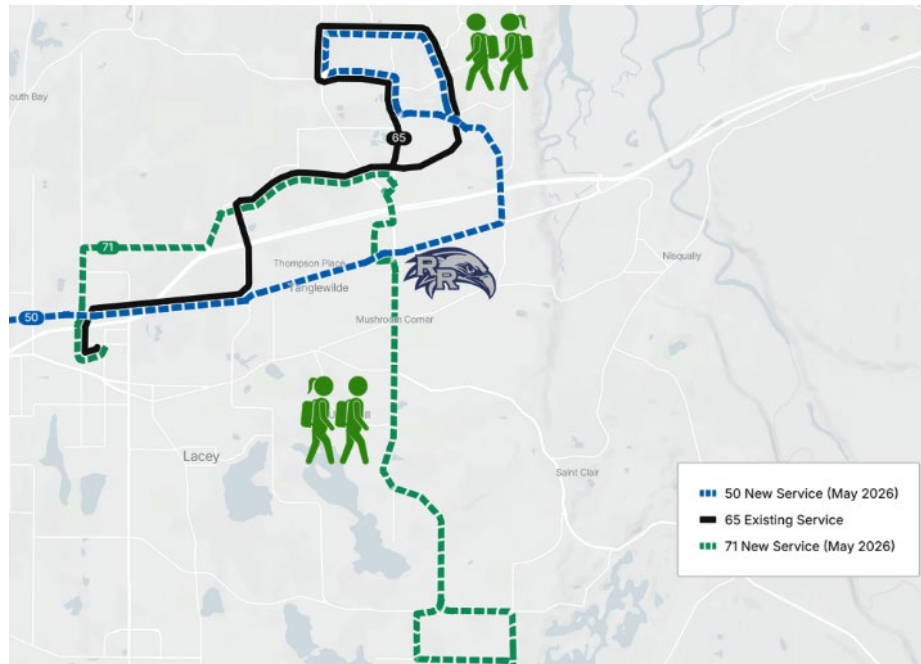
The proposed redesign of transit service in the greater Lacey area offers more one-seat rides between the three public high schools and nearby neighborhoods.



Right – Proposed Routes 71, 73/74 would improve access to North Thurston High School from residential areas both north and south of Martin Way. Route 73 provides new service along 22nd Ave and includes existing residential service along 25th Ave and Lilac Ln.

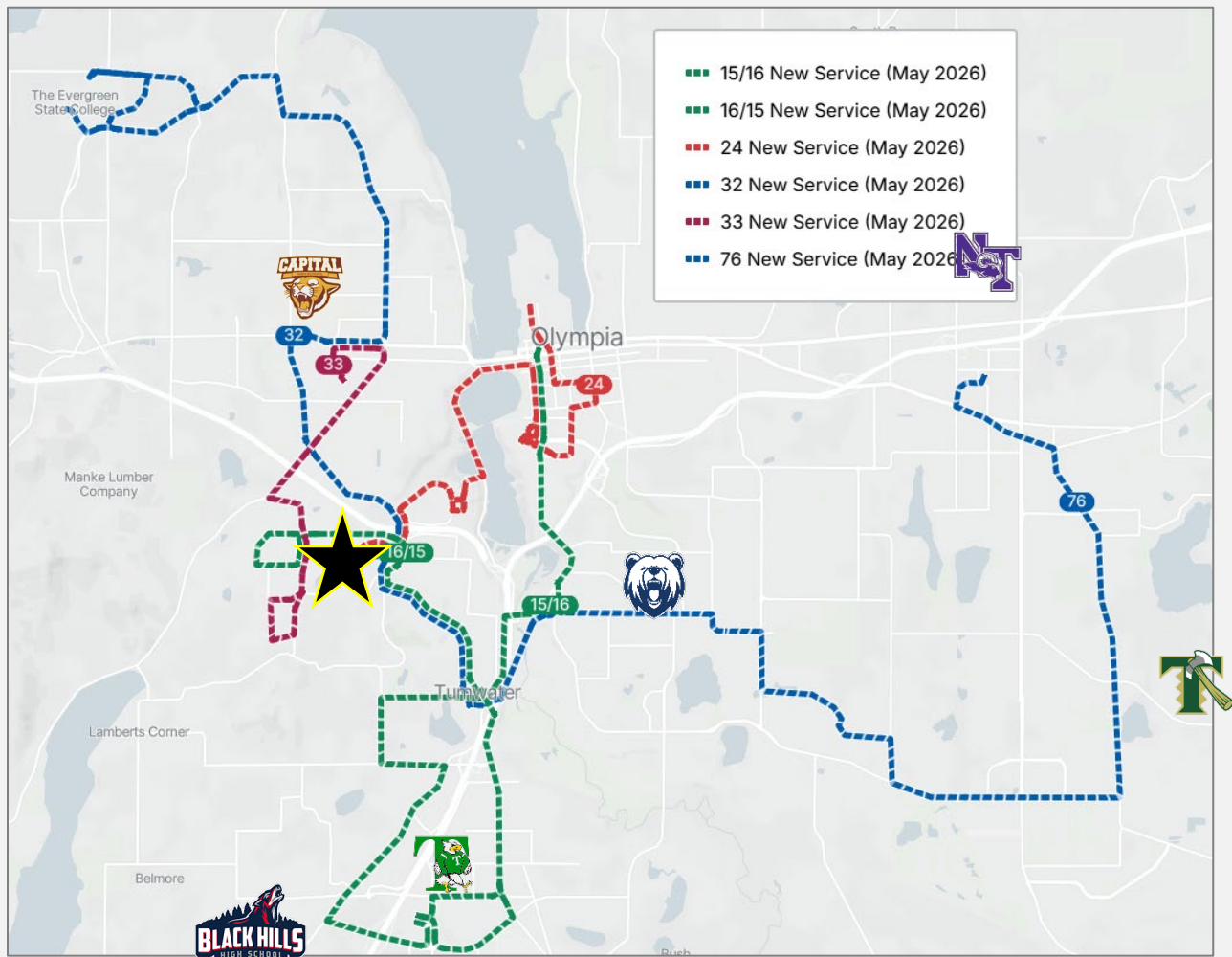


Below – Proposed Routes 50 and 71 have been designed to improve student access to River Ridge High School. Route 50 will operate bidirectionally along Martin Way, Meridian/Orion with service to/from neighborhoods in NE Lacey. Buses on Route 71 will provide corridor access from neighborhoods in NE Lacey as well as south Lacey; Route 71 buses will also provide convenient service to shopping and employment near the intersection of Martin Way and Marvin Rd.



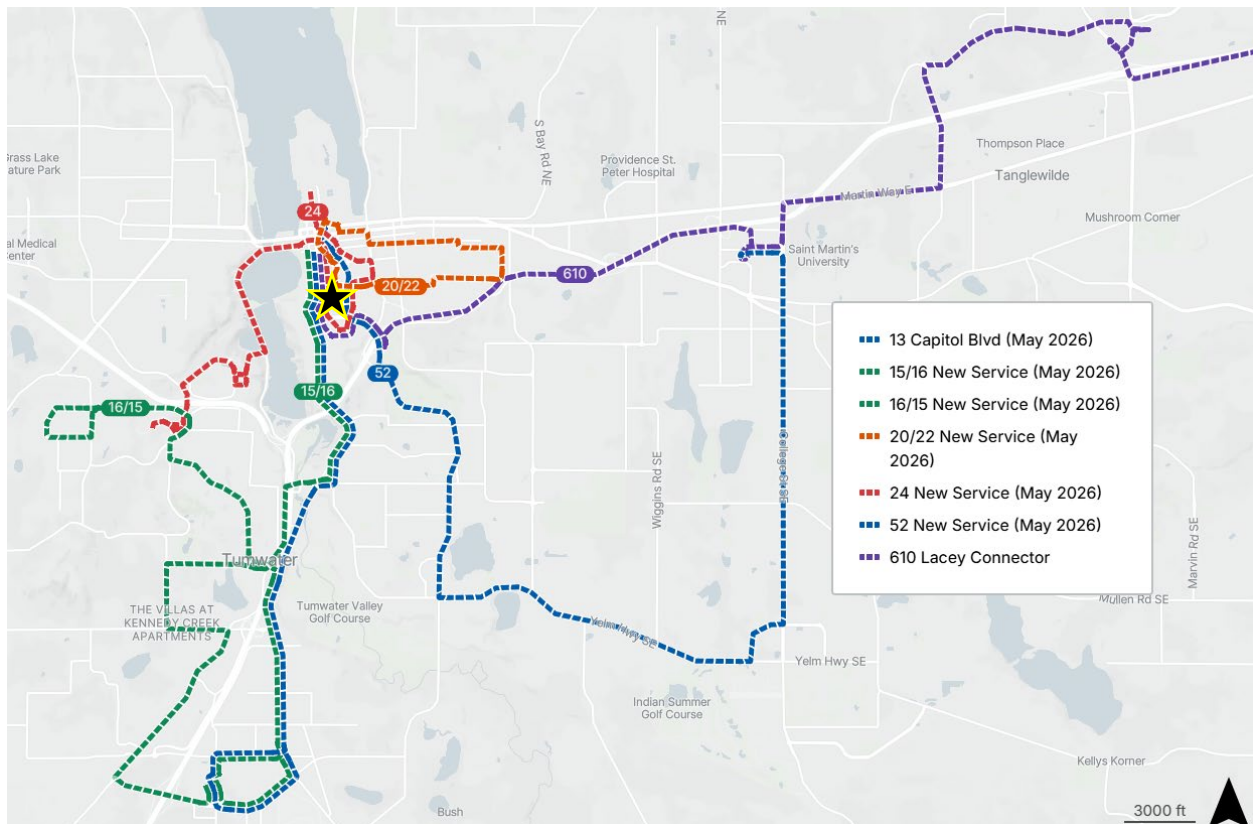
Left — The proposed redesign of transit service in Tumwater and Olympia offers more one-seat rides on routes operating adjacent to, or in the vicinity of, Olympia High School, Tumwater High School and Black Hills High School.

The map below shows the proposed changes in direct access to the South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) main campus.



Capitol Campus

(Below) Redesigned service broadens access to the State Capitol campus with more direct routes from Lacey, Tumwater, and Olympia. Buses on Deschutes Parkway will enhance campus parking options with convenient service to Capitol Way. New stops along Henderson Blvd. will expand access to the State Capitol campus, as well as Olympia High School.



Preceding Changes to Service

The redesign of service proposed for May 2026 incorporates a series of incremental expansions to existing routes. Recent improvements to span and frequency from preceding changes in May 2025 and September 2025 have been incorporated in the May 2026 redesign. Listed below are the two formal service changes which have taken effect during the review and implementation of the proposed May 2026 redesign:

- May 4, 2025: The May 2025 schedule added later weekday service on Routes 21, 45, 47, 60, 64, 67, and 94, and increased weekend frequency on Routes 21, 45, 47, and 60.
- September 7, 2025: The current September 2025 scheduled replaced the Route 620 with two new commuter bus routes, the 600 and 610.

Discontinued or Reduced Service

The proposed May 2026 system redesign includes minor service area removals or reductions to improve efficiency; most affected bus stops will be relocated to nearby areas of service.

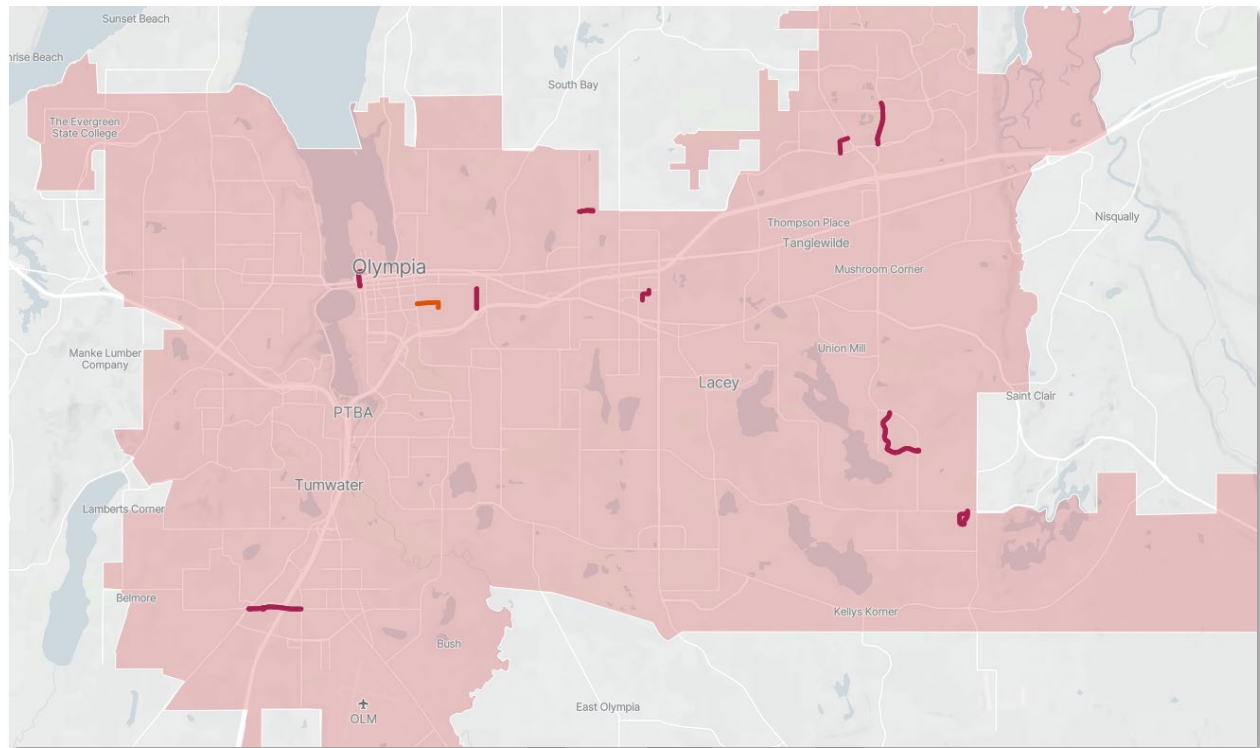
Deactivated Bus Stops	Route(s)	Why it is changing
Israel Rd at Littlerock Rd EB Israel Rd at Littlerock Rd WB Israel Rd at Old Israel Rd EB Israel Rd at Old Israel Rd WB Israel Rd at Linderson Way EB Israel Rd at Linderson Way WB	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to Littlerock Rd Service moved to Tumwater Blvd
Columbia St at State Ave NB Columbia St at State Ave. SB	12, 42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to State Ave
10 th Ave at Central St. WB 10 th Ave at St. Michaels WB Frederick St at Union Ave. NB Frederick St at Union Ave. SB 9 th Ave at Frederick St EB 9 th Ave at Frederick St WB	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to Sawyer St.
Hogum Bay Rd at 30 th Ave SB	65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to 31st Ave
Lake Forest Dr at Fordham Ct SB Lake Forest Dr at Fordham Ct NB Lake Forest Dr at Duke Ct SB Lake Forest Dr at Marquette NB Lake Forest Dr at Lake Forest Ct EB Lake Forest Dr at Creighton Ct WB Lake Forest Dr at Carnegie Dr EB Lake Forest Dr at Carnegie Dr WB Lake Forest Dr at Oxford Dr EB Lake Forest Dr at Oxford Dr WB	67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to Marvin Rd
Tri-Lake Dr at Tri-Lake Loop SB	67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service moved to Mullen Rd

Discontinued Routes – Effective May 3, 2026

Route	Area Served	Replaced by
ONE	Martin Way	9X, 50
12	West Tumwater	15, 16, 24
14	Capitol Campus	24
41	West Olympia	9X, 32
42	Family Court	16, 24, 33
45	West Olympia	30, 31, 51
47	West Olympia	30, 33
48	West Olympia	9X, 34

Route	Area Served	Replaced by
60	Olympia/Lacey	20, 22, 73, 74
62A/B	Olympia/Lacey	9X, 50, 75, 77
64	Olympia/Lacey	20, 22, 51, 52, 70, 72, 90
65	NE Lacey	9X, 50, 71, 78
66	Olympia/Lacey	9X, 70, 76
67	Lacey	71, 75
68	Olympia/Lacey	52, 72, 76, 35
94	Olympia/Yelm	51, 70, 76, 90

(Below) Removed service segments shown in red; areas of where service is reduced in one direction in orange. The boundary of the Public Transportation Benefit Area is shown in pink.

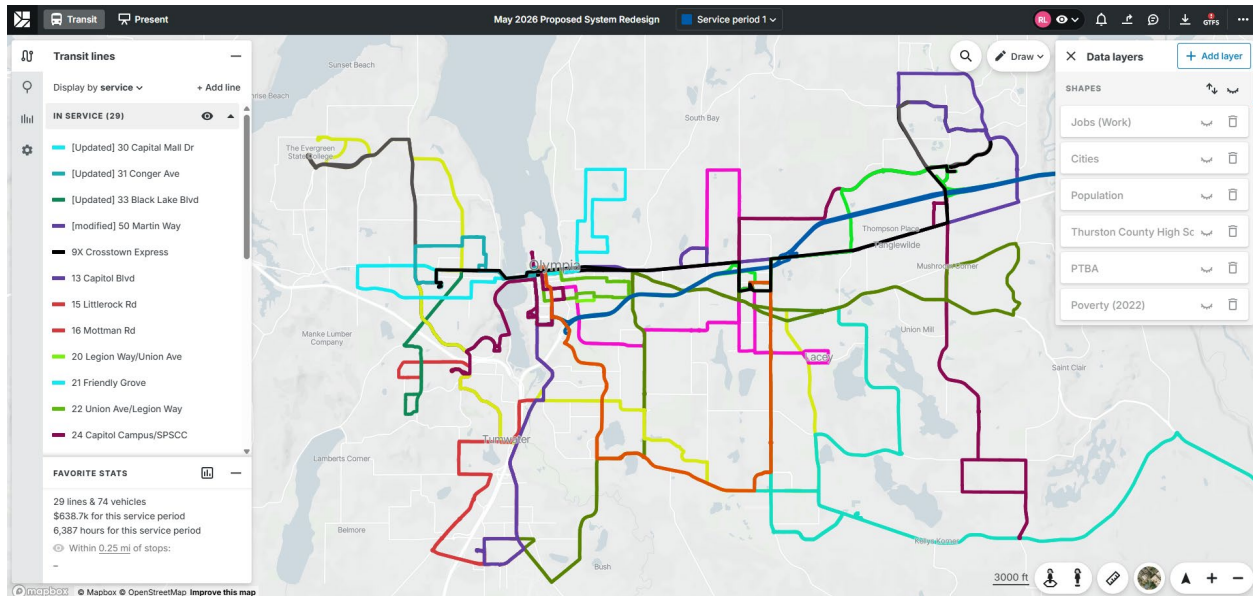


Area	Roads	Why it is changing
Tumwater	Israel Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service relocated to Tumwater Blvd. to improve coverage and provide more direct service.
Olympia	Columbia St. Frederick St. 10 th Ave Lilly Rd/Ensign Rd Harrison Ave at Decatur St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service on Deschutes Pkwy. routed to Capitol Way. Service near Lion's Park relocated to provide more direct service. Two Bus Stops on Harrison Ave located adjacent to Decatur St will be removed to improve stop spacing an efficiency for the new Route 9X
Thurston County	Lake Forest Dr. Tri-Lake Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service relocated to Marvin Rd to broaden access. Service relocated to Mullen Rd. to provide more direct service.
North Lacey	Twin Oaks Rd. Hickory Stick Rd. Hogum Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service relocated to Marvin Rd. to provide more direct service.

Proposed Active Bus Routes – Effective May 3, 2026

Route	Area Served	Weekday Frequency	Weekend Frequency
9X	High-Frequency Corridor	15-minutes	30-minutes
13	Capitol Way/Blvd	30-minutes	30-minutes
15	Capitol Way/Littlerock Rd	30-minutes	30-minutes
16	Capitol Blvd/Mottman Rd	30-minutes	30-minutes
20	Central Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
21	Central Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
22	Central Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
24	Central Olympia/SPSCC	30-minutes	N/A
30	West Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
31	West Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
32	West Olympia/SPSCC/Evergreen	30-minutes	30-minutes
33	West Olympia/North Tumwater	30-minutes	30-minutes
34	West Olympia	30-minutes	30-minutes
35	West Olympia/Evergreen	30-minutes	30-minutes
50	Olympia to NE Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
51	Olympia to Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
52	Olympia to Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
70	Lacey to Tumwater	30-minutes	30-minutes
71	East Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
72	Central Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
73	Central Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
74	Central Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
75	East Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
76	Lacey to Tumwater	30-minutes	30-minutes
77	North Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
78	North Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
90	Yelm to Lacey	30-minutes	30-minutes
600	Lakewood Commuter	variable	N/A
610	Lacey Connector	variable	variable

Interactive Map: <https://platform.remix.com/project/03cdaee8?latlng=47.06615,-122.90656,12.253&sp.id=680f7c74-dc8e-4073-ae10-bce11b19a9be&styleBy=service>



BUS STOP NOTE: Exact bus stop locations are being developed and are subject to change. Several factors are involved including obtaining jurisdictional approvals at the proposed locations.

What does it mean when bus routes are “interlined”?

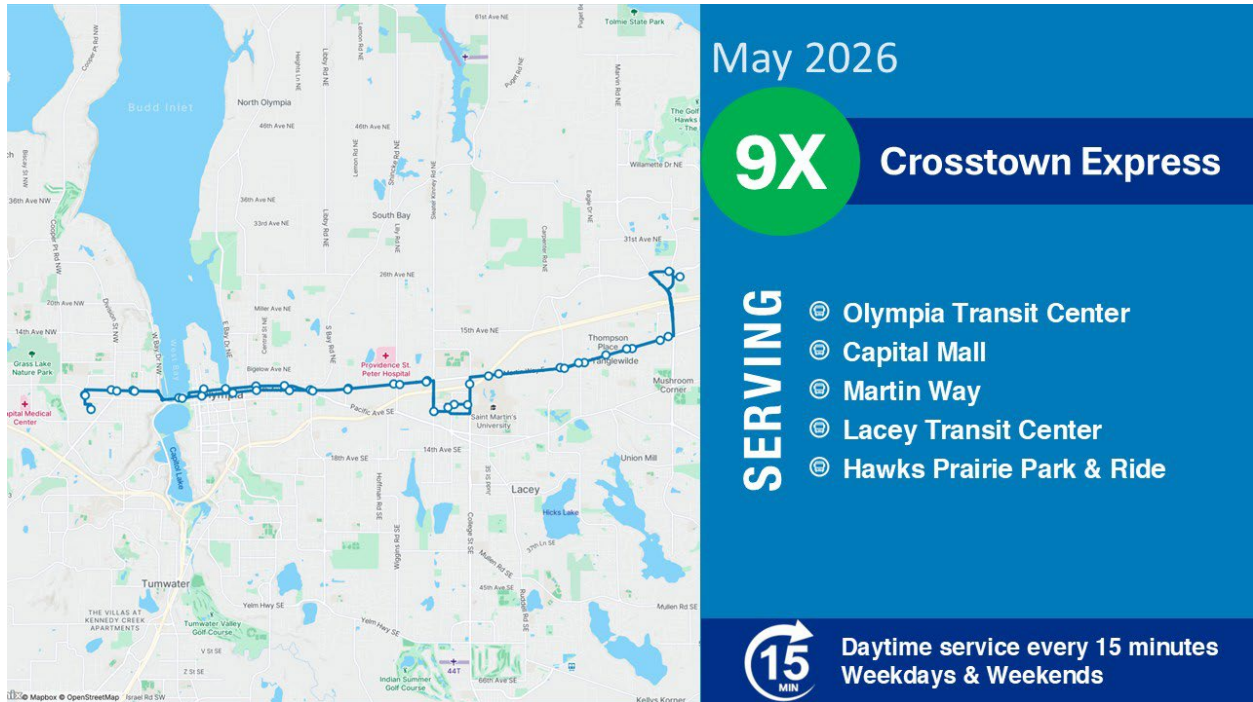
Buses are often assigned to different routes during a single day. When this happens it is often referred to as an interline. Most often a bus interline occurs at a transit center or other significant location; arriving to the transit center as one route, but leaving as another.

Interlines are strategic combinations of routes often intended to help the system run more smooth. Passengers can take advantage of interlined bus routes by enjoying a trip without the need to transfer from one bus to another.





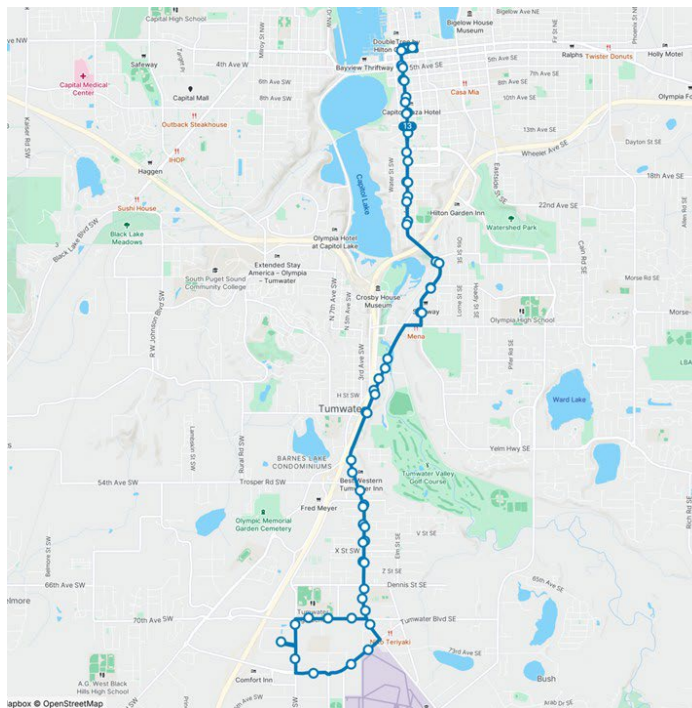
High-frequency Corridor

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
9X	ONE, 62A, 62B, 41, 48	Expands frequent and direct service between west Olympia and east Lacey; reduces travel times; Adds connections to intersecting routes.



Capitol Way/Blvd.

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
13	--	Maintains existing service along Capitol Way/Blvd
15	12, 13, 68	<p>Broadens access to/from Capitol Way, including stops in downtown Olympia and the State Capitol Campus.</p> <p>Sustains existing service on 2nd Ave between Tumwater Square and Linwood Ave.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 16 at Labor & Industries provides a transfer-free trip between Capitol Blvd and Barnes Blvd, expanding access to SPSCC. The interlined routes improve access and connectivity in Tumwater from both sides of I-5.</p>
16	12, 13, 68	<p>Complements the Route 13 to maintain frequent service along Capitol Blvd (south of Trosper Rd), Israel Rd, Linderson Way, and Tumwater Blvd.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 15 at Labor & Industries provides a transfer-free trip between Capitol Blvd and Littlerock Rd., which includes stops at large commercial shopping centers; the interlined routes improve access and connectivity in Tumwater from both sides of I-5.</p>



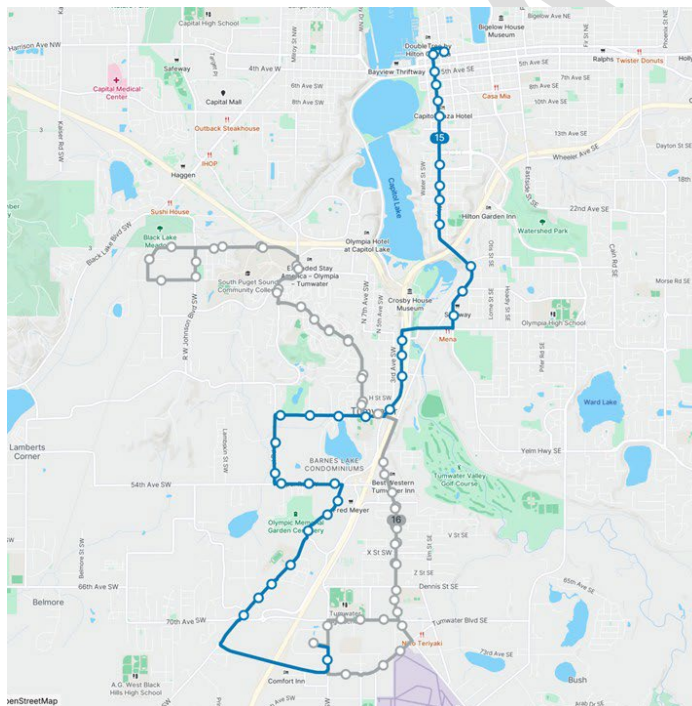
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13 Capitol Blvd

SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Capitol Way
- Ⓢ Capitol Blvd
- Ⓢ Israel Rd
- Ⓢ Capitol Campus
- Ⓢ State Offices – Tumwater
- Ⓢ Tumwater High School

30 MIN Daytime service every 30 minutes
Weekdays & Weekends



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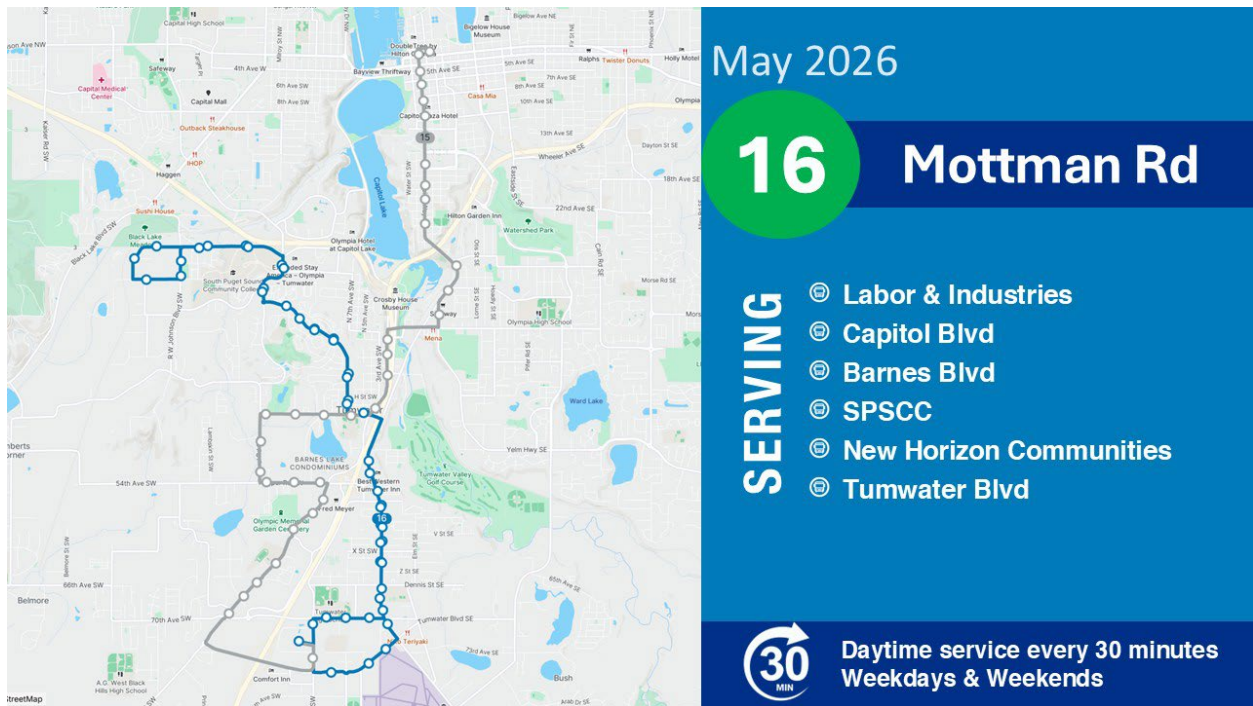
15 Littlerock Rd

SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Capitol Way
- Ⓢ Linwood Ave
- Ⓢ Tumwater Blvd
- Ⓢ Capitol Campus
- Ⓢ Commerce & Employment

30 MIN Daytime service every 30 minutes
Weekdays & Weekends

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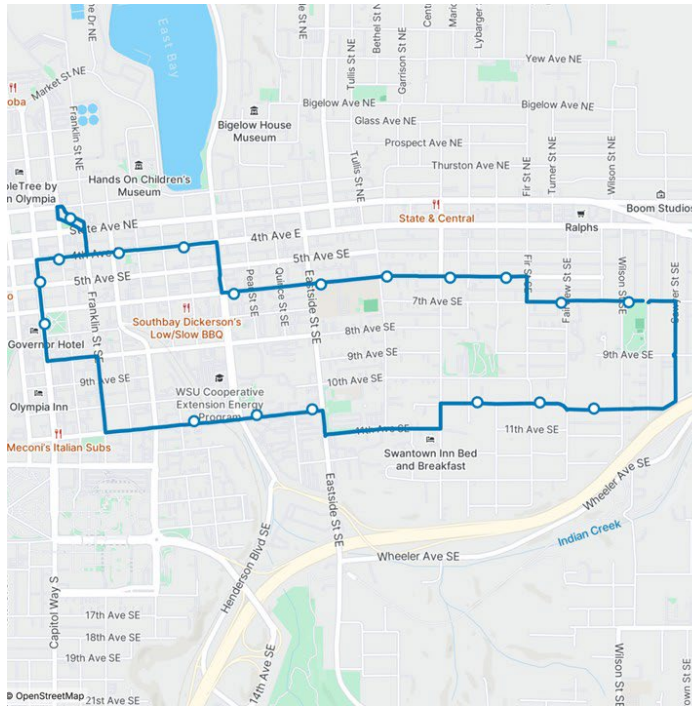


Central Olympia

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
21	--	Maintains existing service in north Olympia
20 & 22	60, 64, 94	Consolidate existing service in east Olympia in the vicinity of Lions Park; transfers legacy service on Boulevard Rd and Lilly Rd to other new routes (refer to 70 and 74 respectively).
24	12, 42	Consolidates existing service along Evergreen Park Dr. and Deschutes Parkway between SPSCC and Capitol Way. Introduces direct service between SPSCC, State parking along Deschutes Parkway, and the State Capitol Campus.



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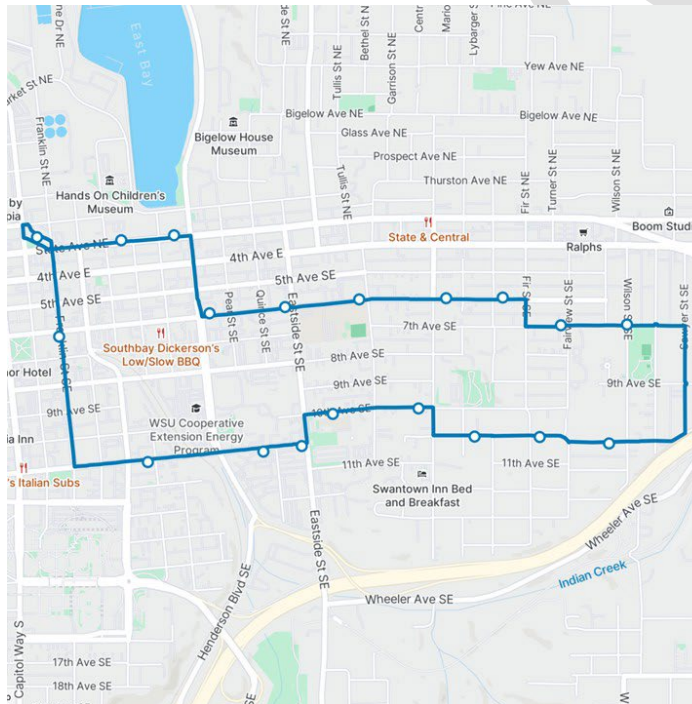
20 Legion Way/Union Ave

SERVING

- Olympia Transit Center
- Legion Way
- Lions Park
- Union Ave



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Weekdays & Weekends



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22 Union Ave/Legion Way

SERVING

- Olympia Transit Center
- Legion Way
- Union Ave
- Lions Park
- Franklin St



Daytime service every 30 minutes
Weekdays & Weekends

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24 Capitol Campus/SPSCC



SERVING

- Ⓢ Farmer's Market
- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Capitol Way
- Ⓢ Capitol Campus
- Ⓢ Evergreen Park
- Ⓢ SPSCC

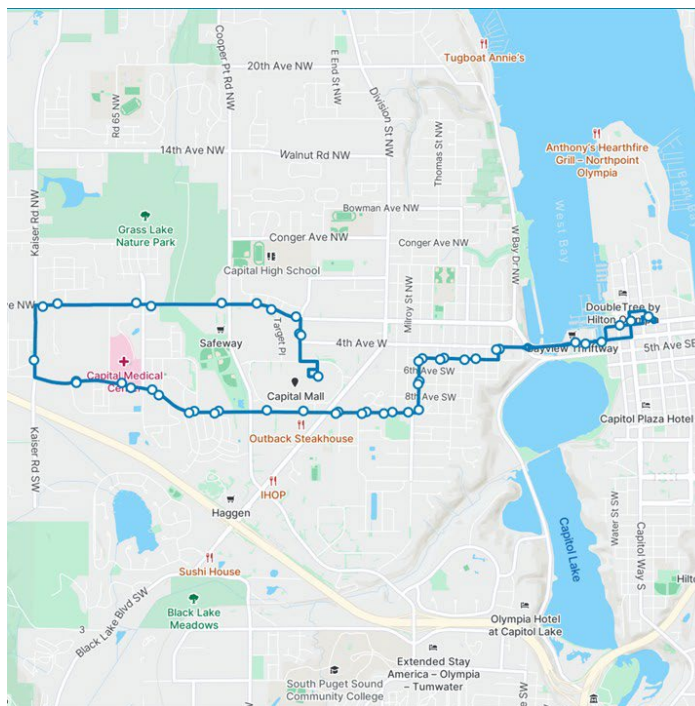


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Weekdays & Weekends**

West Olympia

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
30	47, 45	Direct service from downtown Olympia to the Capital Medical district and west Olympia neighborhoods; introduces new service on Capital Mall Drive between Black Lake Blvd. and Cooper Point Rd.
31	45	Maintains service in west Olympia neighborhoods from the existing Route 45; simplified routing with a reduction in circuitousness.
32	41, 45, 47, 68	Introduces direct service in west Olympia between The Evergreen State College and SPSCC. Maintains connections to the corridor and provides connections to all other routes in west Olympia.
33	42, 47	Introduces new service along Black Lake Blvd. and 21 st Ave. between Harrison Ave. and Mottman Rd. Makes connections to all other routes in west Olympia as well as frequent corridor service.
34	41, 48	<p>Maintains existing service between Capital Mall and The Evergreen State College; removes duplicated service between Capital Mall and the Olympia Transit Center.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 9X at Capital Mall maintains a transfer-free trip between downtown Olympia and The Evergreen State College.</p>
35	12, 42, 68	<p>Introduces new service between the Capital Mall and the Thurston County Courthouse, including neighborhoods along Evergreen Park Drive. Complements the proposed Route 32 to increase frequency of service along Cooper Point Rd.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 9X at Capital Mall provides a transfer-free trip between Lacey/Olympia and the County Courthouse.</p>

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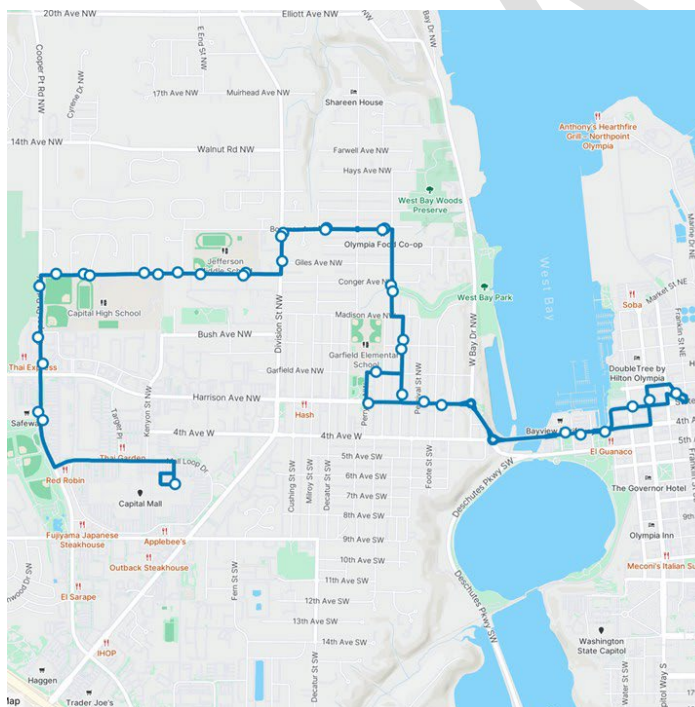
30 Capitol Mall Dr

SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Harrison Ave
- Ⓢ Capital Medical Center
- Ⓢ Kaiser Rd
- Ⓢ Decatur Woods Park
- Ⓢ 5th Ave



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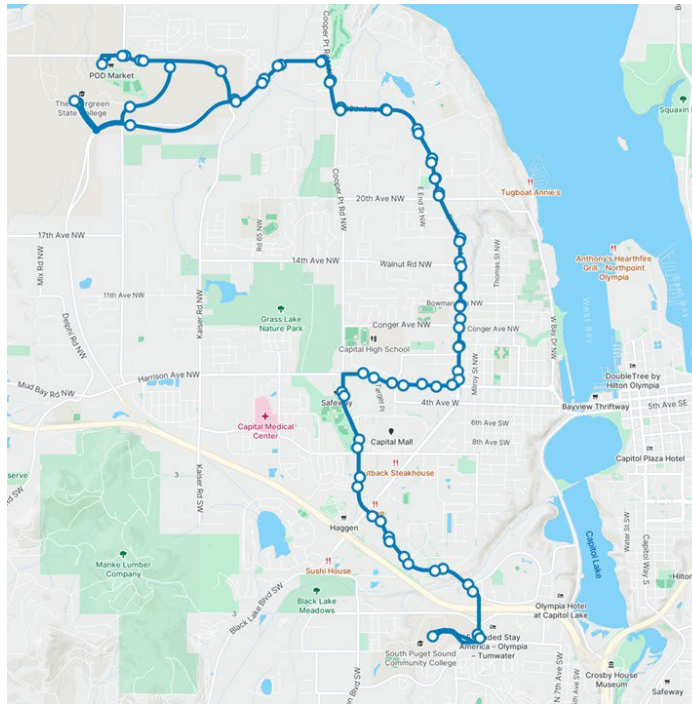
SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Conger Ave
- Ⓢ Rogers St
- Ⓢ Bowman Ave
- Ⓢ Capital High School
- Ⓢ Cooper Point Rd
- Ⓢ Capital Mall



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West Olympia



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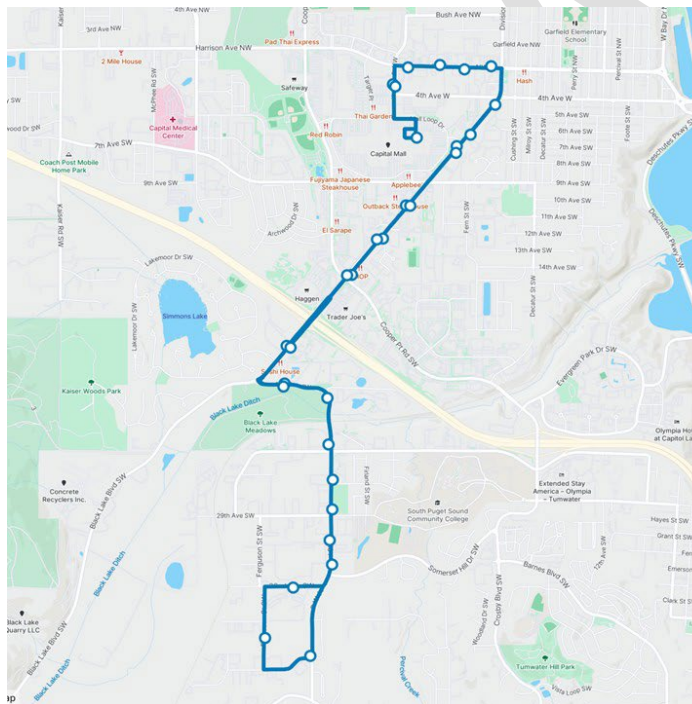
SPSCC/Evergreen State College

SERVING

- Evergreen State College
- Division St
- Linwood Ave
- Tumwater Blvd
- Cooper Point Rd
- SPSCC



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Black Lake Blvd

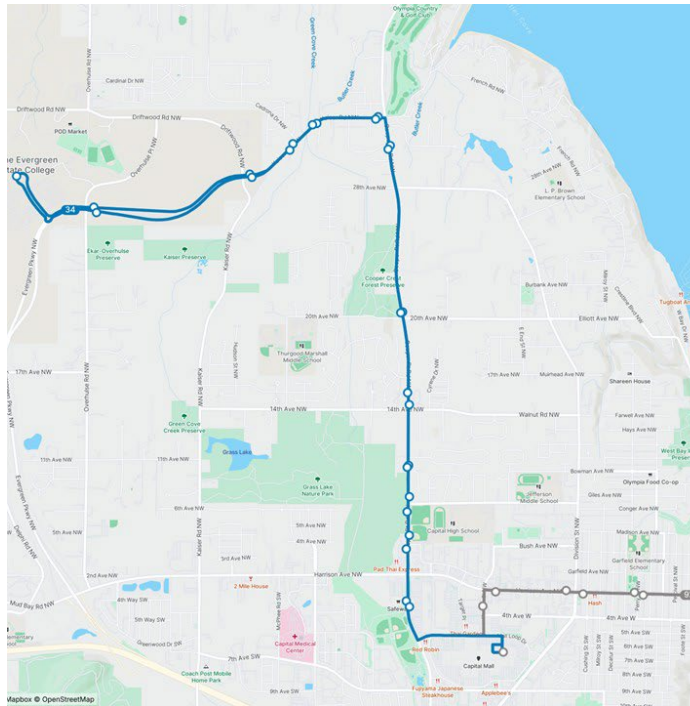
SERVING

- Capital Mall
- Black Lake Blvd
- RW Johnson Blvd
- Family Court



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West Olympia



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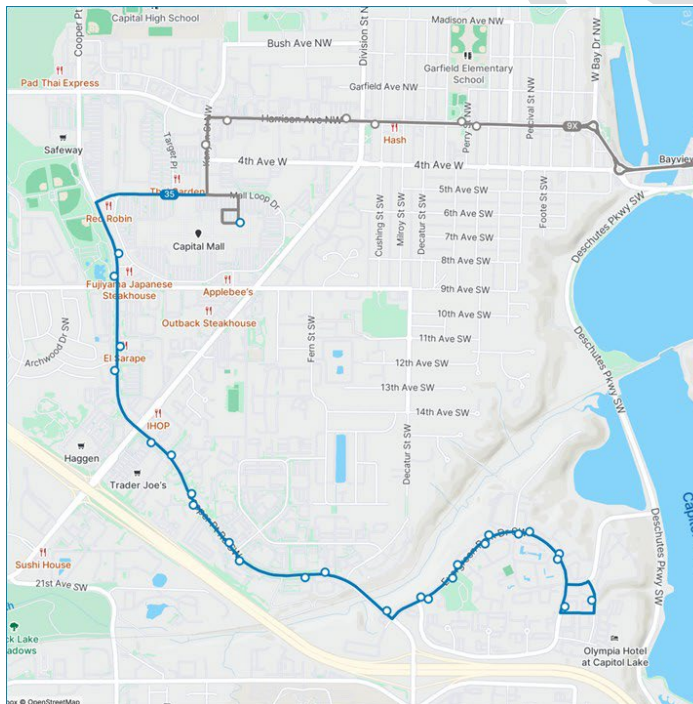
**Evergreen State College-
Capital Mall**

SERVING

- ④ Evergreen State College
- ④ Cooper Point Rd
- ④ Capital Mall



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Courthouse/Capital Mall

SERVING

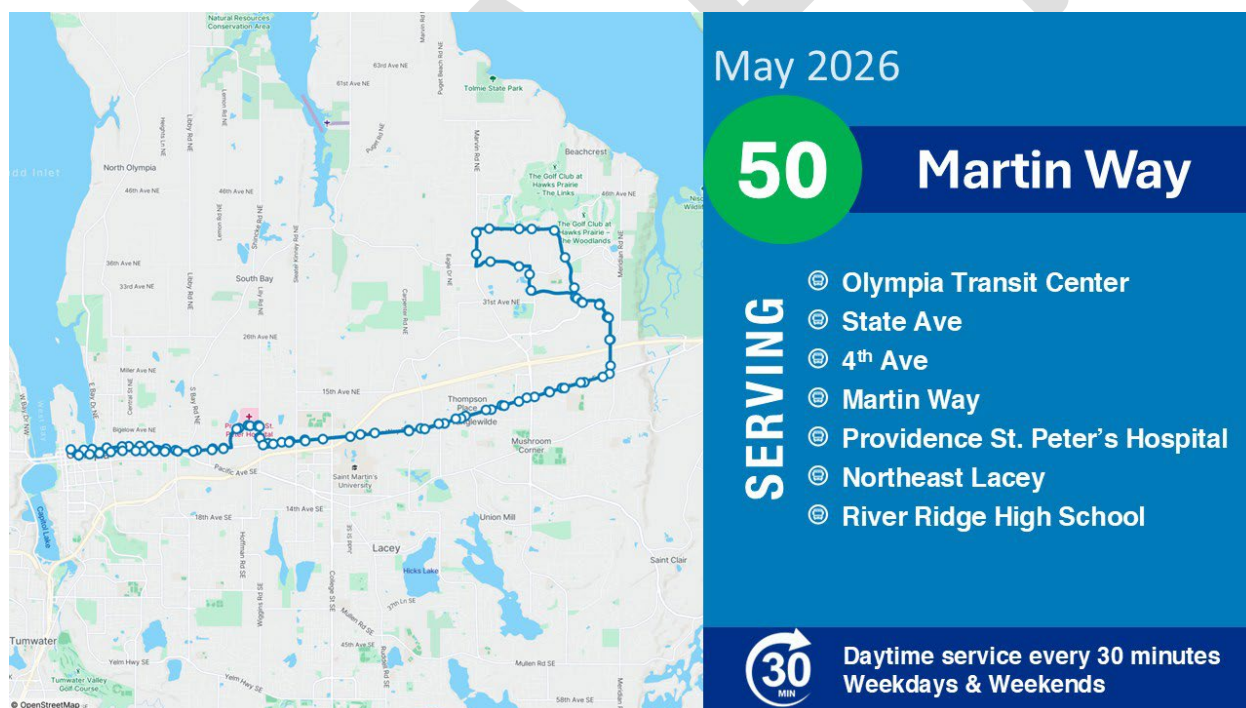
- ④ Capital Mall
- ④ Cooper Point Rd
- ④ Evergreen Park
- ④ County Courthouse



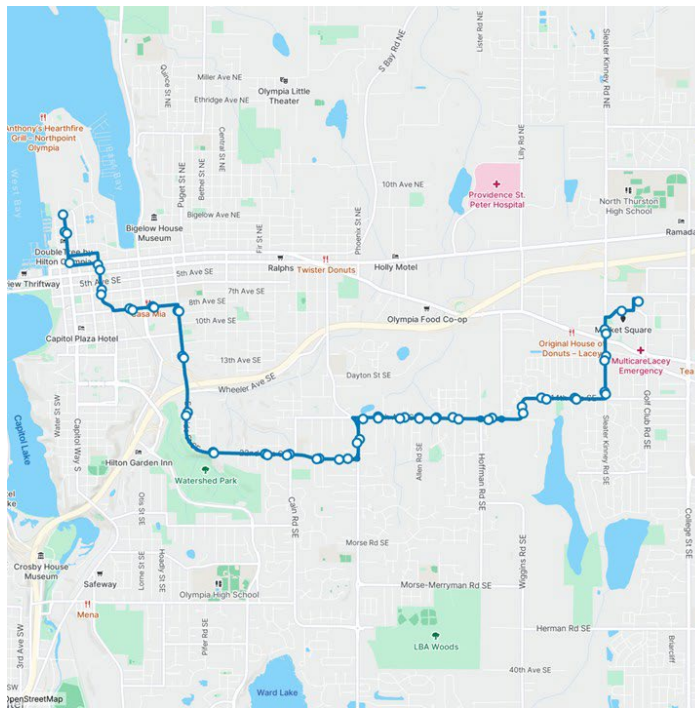
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Olympia to Lacey

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
50	60, 62A/B, 65	Complements the proposed Route 9X between downtown Olympia and east Lacey to maintain frequent service along the Martin Way corridor; restores bi-directional service on Martin Way east of Marvin Rd; includes neighborhood service in NE Lacey.
51	45, 60, 64, 94	Makes existing service along 22 nd Ave., 18 th Ave. and 14 th Ave. more direct.
52	64, 68, 94	Shortens busy segments of service on College St. and Yelm Hwy. with new service in south Olympia along Henderson Blvd. which includes Olympia High School, and 14 th Ave. to the State Capitol Campus.



Olympia to Lacey



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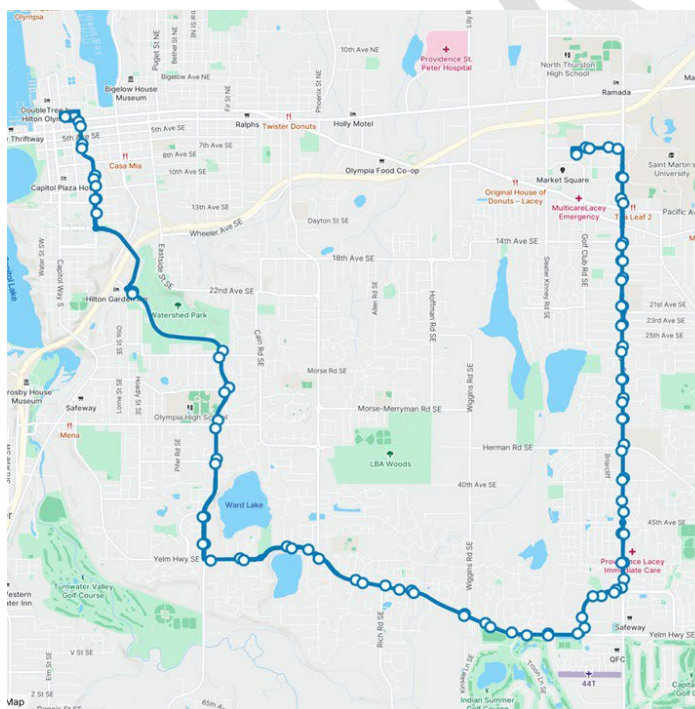
Farmer's Market/Lacey

SERVING

- Ⓢ Farmer's Market
- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Adams St
- Ⓢ 9th Ave
- Ⓢ Eastside St
- Ⓢ Watershed Park
- Ⓢ 22nd Ave
- Ⓢ 19th Ave
- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center



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College St/Yelm Hwy

SERVING

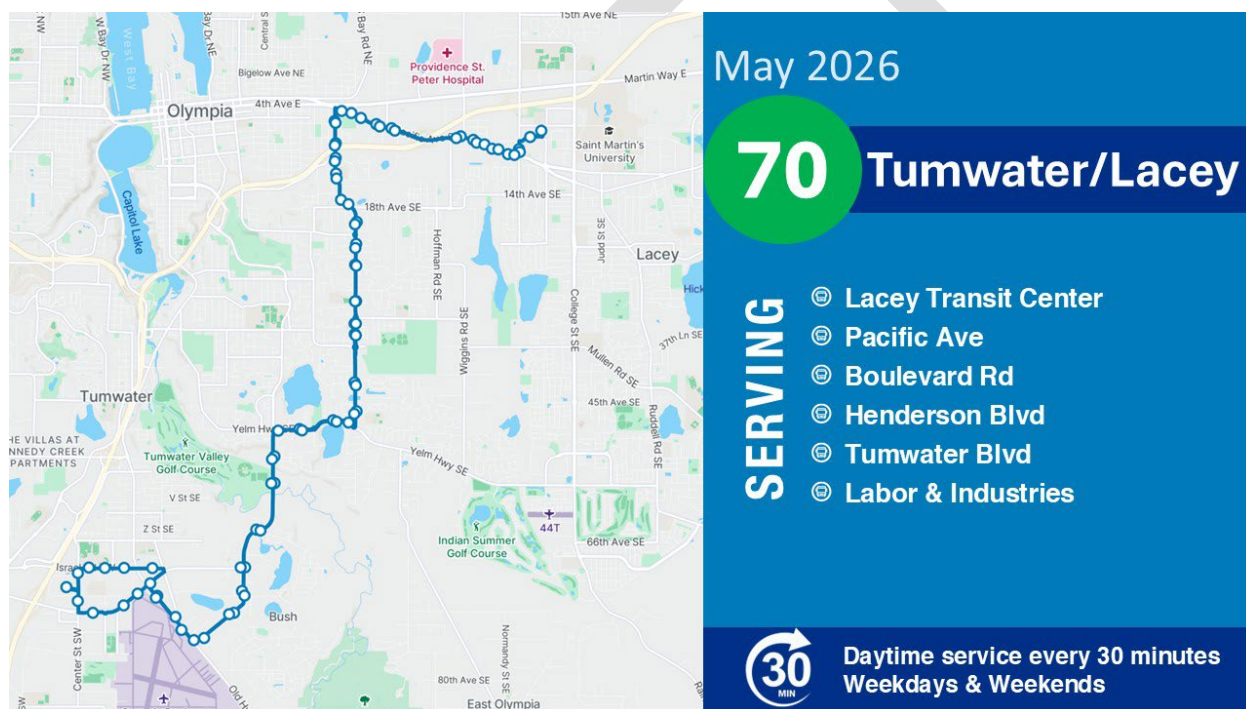
- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ College St
- Ⓢ Lacey Corporate Center
- Ⓢ Yelm Ave
- Ⓢ Henderson Blvd
- Ⓢ Olympia High School
- Ⓢ Watershed Park
- Ⓢ Adams St
- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center



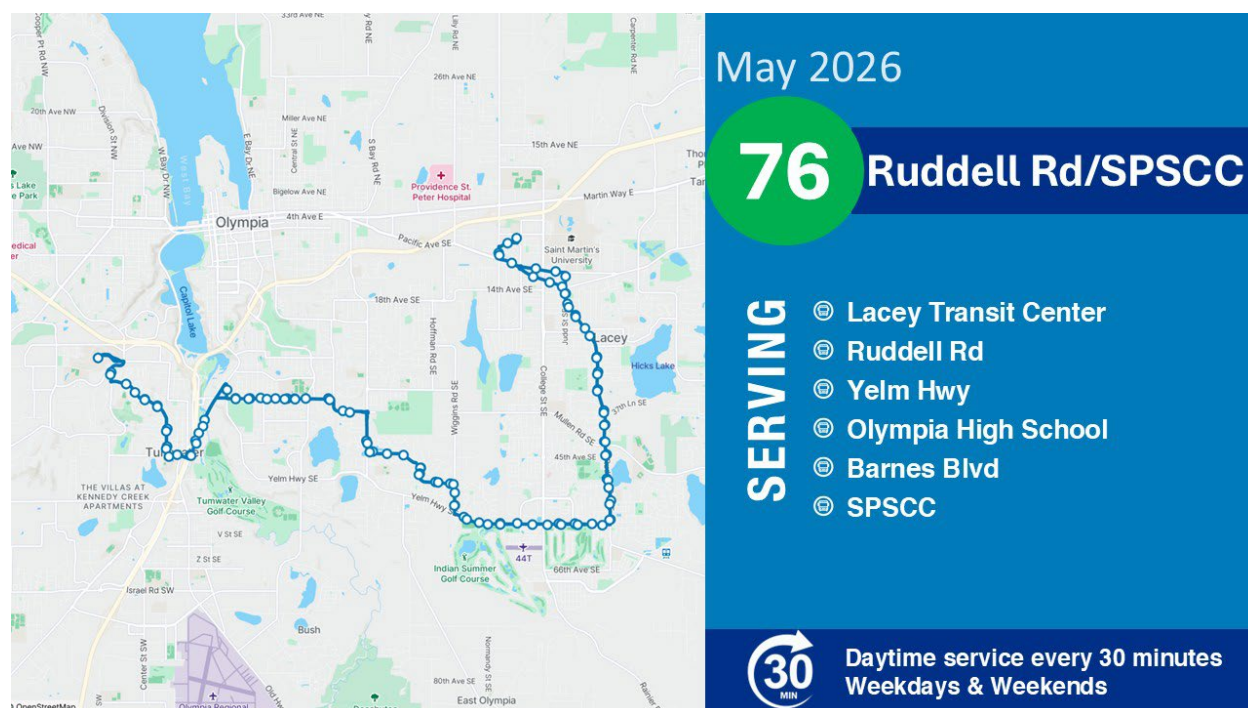
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Lacey to Tumwater

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
70	12, 13, 60, 64, 66, 68, 94	Introduces a transfer-free trip from the Lacey Transit Center to south Tumwater via continuous service on Boulevard Rd; introduces new service in Tumwater on Henderson Blvd. and Old Hwy. 99.
76	66, 68, 94	Maintains service along Ruddell Rd. Adds new service on Log Cabin Rd., Cain St. and North St. to provide more direct service to Olympia High School and Tumwater, including SPSCC.



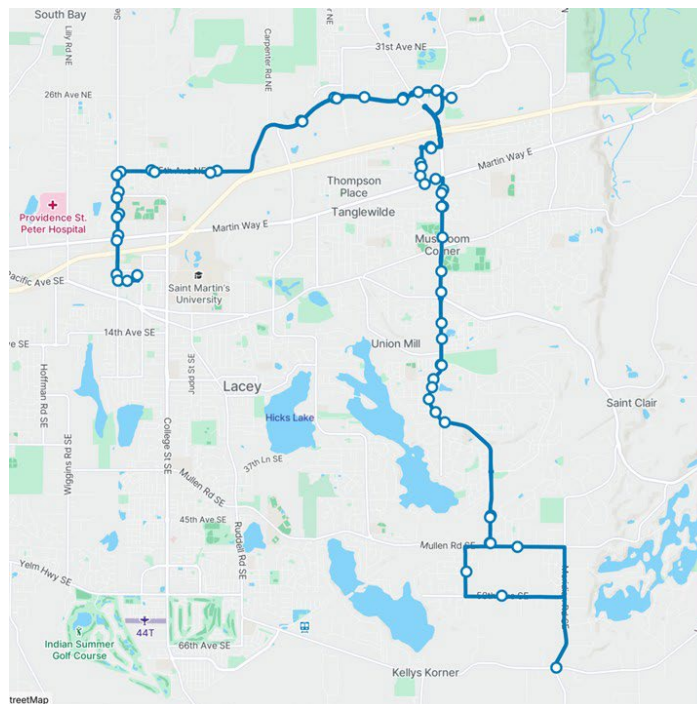
Lacey to Tumwater



East Lacey

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
71	62A/B, 65, 67	Route 71 consolidates and streamlines service in North Lacey. It adds new service along Sleater-Kinney Rd. (between Martin Way and 15th Ave.), 15th Ave., Draham St. (between Sleater-Kinney Rd. and Carpenter Rd.), and along Marvin Rd. (between Britton Pkwy. and Hawks Prairie Rd.). The route also enhances direct service on Marvin Rd. by linking growing neighborhoods and extending coverage to Yelm Hwy. Route 71 strengthens access to shopping centers, employment areas, and River Ridge High, to/from Marvin Rd., Galaxy Rd., the Lacey Walmart, Britton Pkwy, and the Lacey Transit Center.
75	62B, 66, 67, 68	Maintains service along Lacey Blvd and Pacific Ave; links east Lacey neighborhoods to the Lacey Transit Center via Pacific Ave.

East Lacey



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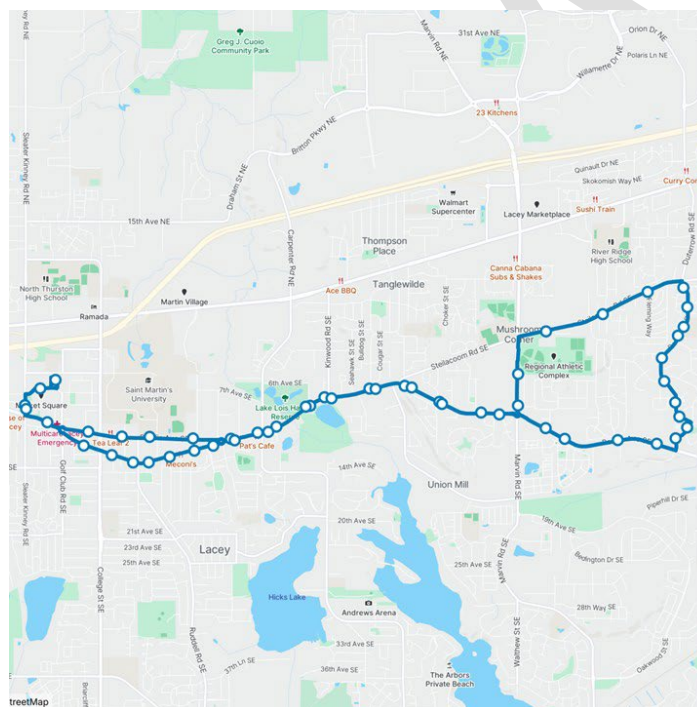
Britton Pkwy/Marvin Rd

SERVING

- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ North Thurston High School
- Ⓢ 15th Ave
- Ⓢ Britton Pkwy
- Ⓢ Hawks Prairie Park & Ride
- Ⓢ Galaxy Dr
- Ⓢ Marvin Rd



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Pacific Ave/Steilacoom Rd

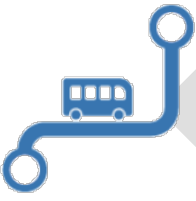

SERVING

- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ Pacific Ave
- Ⓢ Steilacoom Rd
- Ⓢ Regional Athletic Complex
- Ⓢ Deerbrush Dr

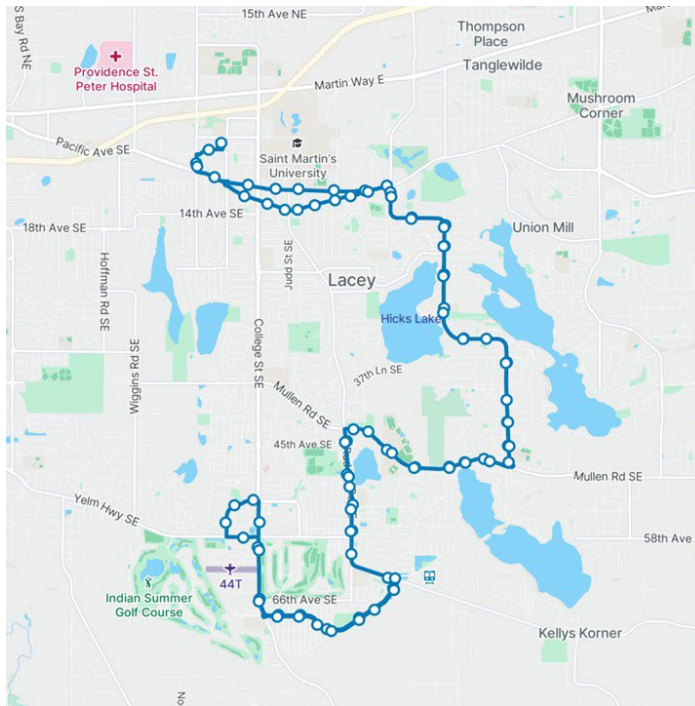


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Central Lacey

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
72	64, 68	Maintains service along Carpenter Rd; broadens access between south Lacey neighborhoods and nearby Timberline High School and shopping centers.
73	60, 64, 66	<p>Maintains existing service on Golf Club Rd and Sleater-Kinney Rd. Adds new service on 22nd Ave. and incorporates the 25th Loop service.</p> <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 74 at the Lacey Transit Center provides a transfer-free trip between central Lacey neighborhoods and North Thurston High School and the Providence St. Peter medical district on Lilly Rd.</p> 
74	60	<p>Maintains existing service to Providence St. Peters hospital and Lilly Rd; adds new service along Lilly Rd, 26th Ave, and Sleater-Kinney Rd to North Thurston High School and the Lacey Transit Center.</p> <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 73 at the Lacey Transit Center provides a transfer-free trip between the Providence St. Peter medical district, North Thurston High School, and neighborhoods in central Lacey.</p> 

Central Lacey



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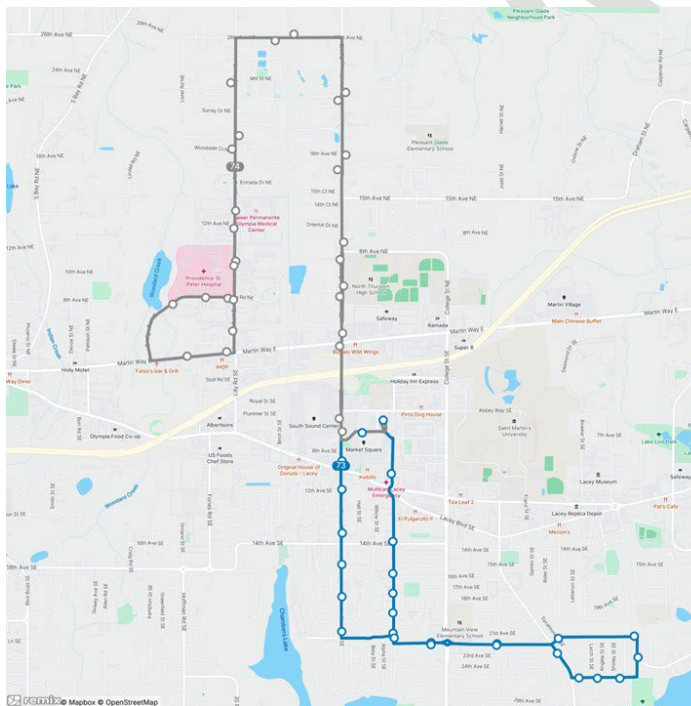
Carpenter Rd/Corporate Ctr

SERVING

- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ Lacey Blvd
- Ⓢ Timberline High School
- Ⓢ Carpenter Rd
- Ⓢ Balustrade Blvd
- Ⓢ Lacey Corporate Center



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Golf Club Rd/22nd Ave

SERVING

- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ Golfclub Rd
- Ⓢ Panorama
- Ⓢ 22nd Ave
- Ⓢ Sleater Kinney Rd



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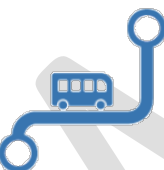
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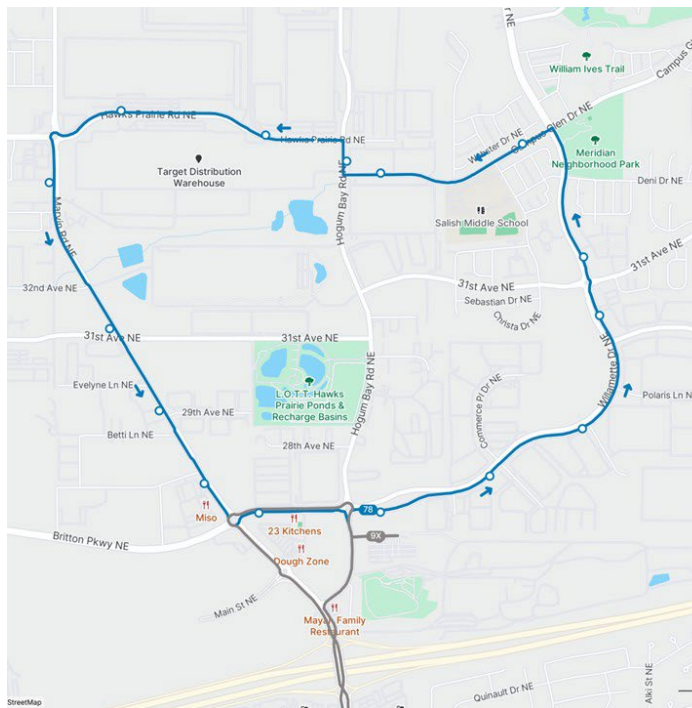
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North Lacey

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
77	62A, 65	<p>Provides complementary circulator service to the proposed Route 78 in NE Lacey between the Hawks Prairie Park & Ride, neighborhoods and employment centers.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 9X would provide a transfer-free trip from the Martin Way/Harrison corridor to Hawks Prairie employment centers.</p>
78	62A, 65	<p>Provides complementary circulator service to the proposed Route 77 in NE Lacey between the Hawks Prairie Park & Ride, neighborhoods and employment centers.</p>  <p>Note: An anticipated interline with the proposed Route 9X would provide a transfer-free trip from the Martin Way/Harrison corridor to Hawks Prairie employment centers.</p>



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Willamette Rd/Marvin Rd

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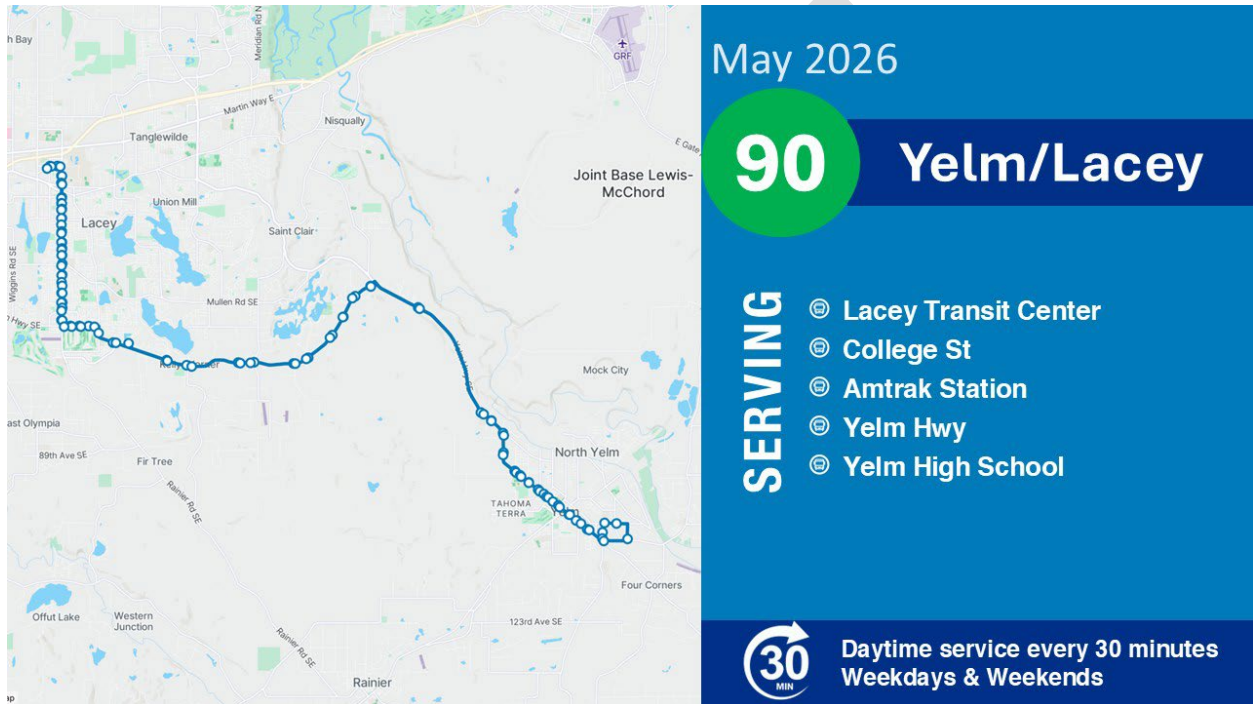
- ⊙ Hawks Prairie Park & Ride
- ⊙ Willamette Dr
- ⊙ Hawks Prairie Rd
- ⊙ Marvin Rd



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Yelm to Lacey

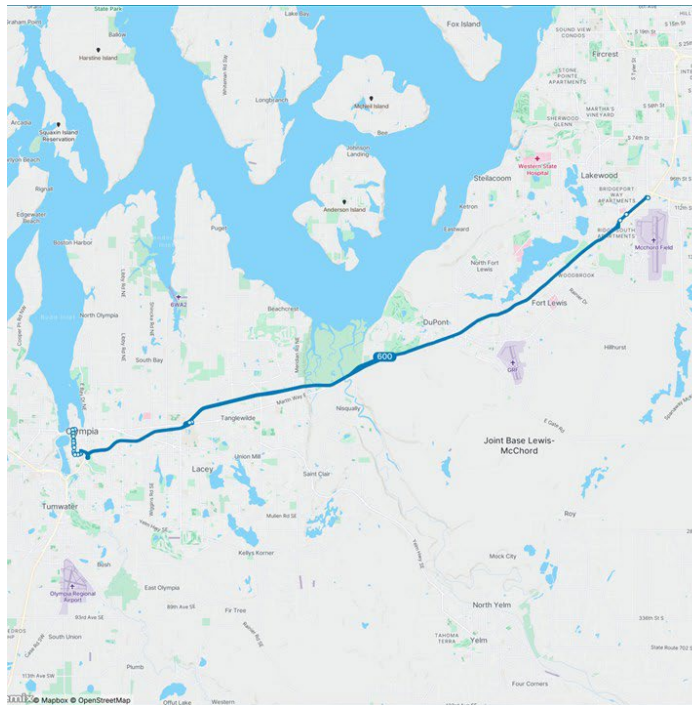
Route	Replaces:	Rationale
90	64, 66, 94	Provides direct service between Yelm and the Lacey Transit Center which includes access to the Route 9X; complements the proposed Route 52 for more frequent service on College Street.



Commuter Service

Route	Replaces:	Rationale
600	--	Maintains existing weekday commuter service between the Olympia Transit Center and the SR512 Park & Ride in Lakewood.
610	--	Maintains existing daily connector service between the Olympia Transit Center, Lacey Transit Center, and Lakewood.

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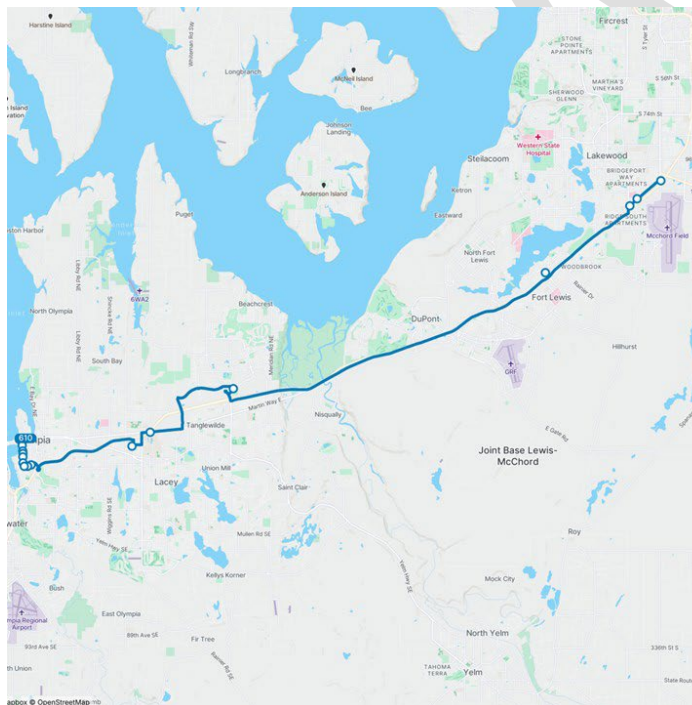
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**Lakewood
Commuter**

SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Capitol Way
- Ⓢ Martin Way Park & Ride
- Ⓢ Lakewood Station
- Ⓢ SR 512 Park & Ride.

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Lacey Connector

SERVING

- Ⓢ Olympia Transit Center
- Ⓢ Capitol Way
- Ⓢ Lacey Transit Center
- Ⓢ Hawks Prairie Park & Ride
- Ⓢ Tillicum
- Ⓢ Lakewood Station
- Ⓢ SR 512 Park & Ride

Weekdays & Weekends

Part 2: Major Service Change Equity Analysis



Intercity Transit staff are continuing the development of the demographic analysis associated with this major service change. In accordance with Title VI of the American Civil Rights Act, the analysis associated with this summary seeks to identify and measure any disparate impact the proposed changes may have on racial minority

The completed draft analysis, which includes a summary of the research methodology, findings, and conclusion will be inserted into this draft document prior to being released for public comment.