



SYSTEM REDESIGN – Phase 3

Imagine a Better Bus System

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Preliminary Service Change Summary **DRAFT**

May 2026: System Redesign



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September 2025

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Service Change Summary & Analysis

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Bus System Redesign

In May 2026, Intercity Transit will complete the implementation of a system redesign. The redesign is being carried out using a three-phase process outlined below:

Phase	Timeline	Changes to System
Phase 1	May 2025	Expanded service hours and increased frequency.

Dedicated webpage

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October - November 2025

- October 1 – Schedule a public hearing, begin comment period
- November 14 – end comment period

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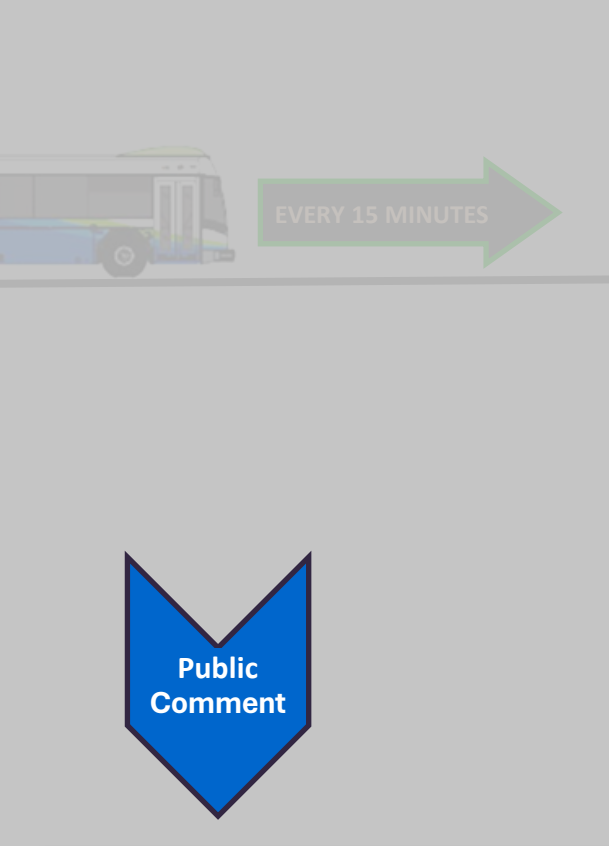
- ✓ October 3rd TRPC
- ✓ October 8th TPB (TRPC)
- ✓ October 28th Lacey City Council
- November 25th Tumwater City Council

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Open House!

Learn about exciting changes coming to our bus system in 2026

Monday, Nov. 3, 2025
5 - 7 p.m.

Olympia Transit Center
OTC Boardroom
205 Franklin Street NE
Olympia, WA 98501

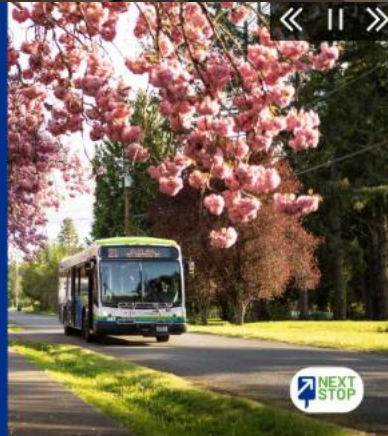
Come to our first of many open houses as we prepare for our May 2026 service change.

- Learn about new routes.
- Talk to our transit planners in person.
- Give feedback on upcoming changes.

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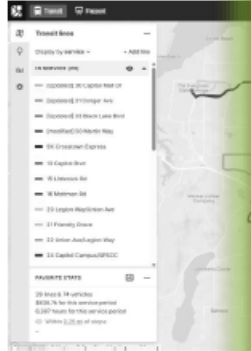
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Interactive Map: https://planning.idaho.gov/arcgis/rest/services/Intercity_Transit_Map/MapServer/info?layers=122.90656,12.253&sp.id=6807



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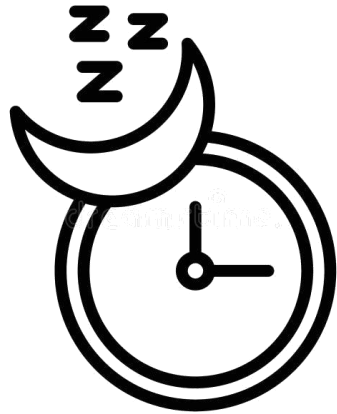


The Important role of Bus Route Interlines

Important Piece of Information

Nightline service will continue through June 2026

Route 41: Weekends from 12:00 AM – 3:00 AM



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Route 41: Nightline Service

What we are hearing

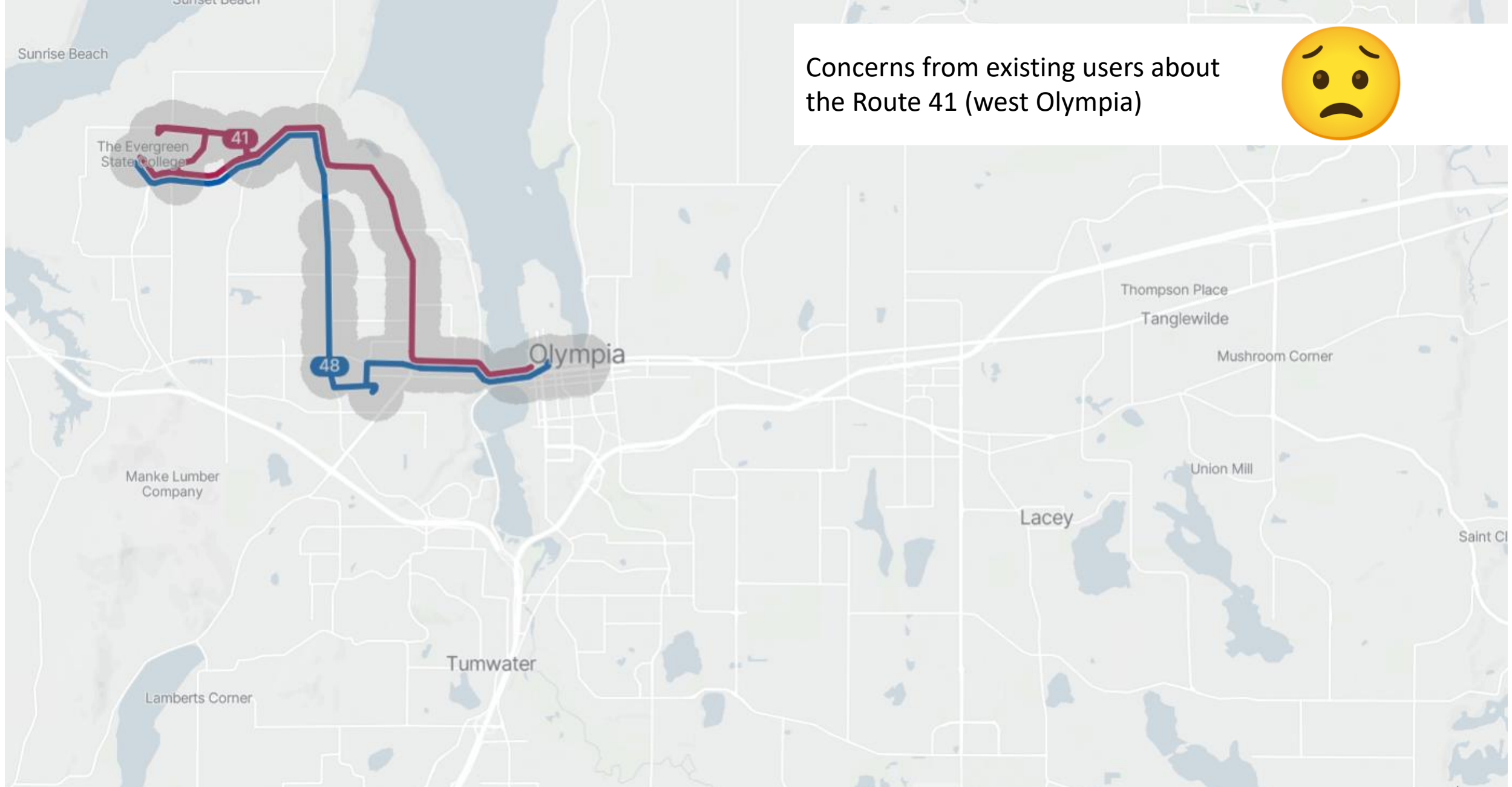


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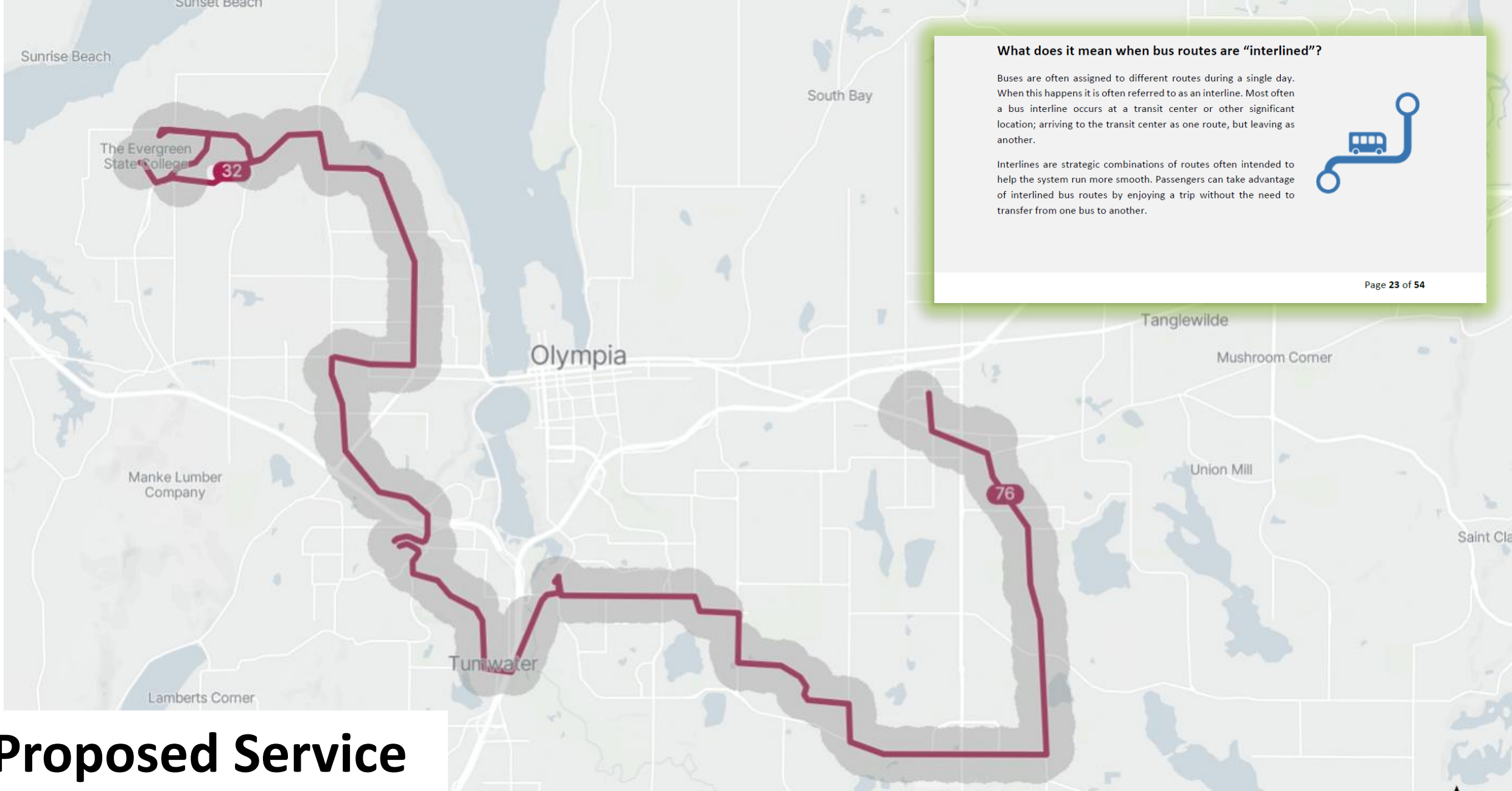
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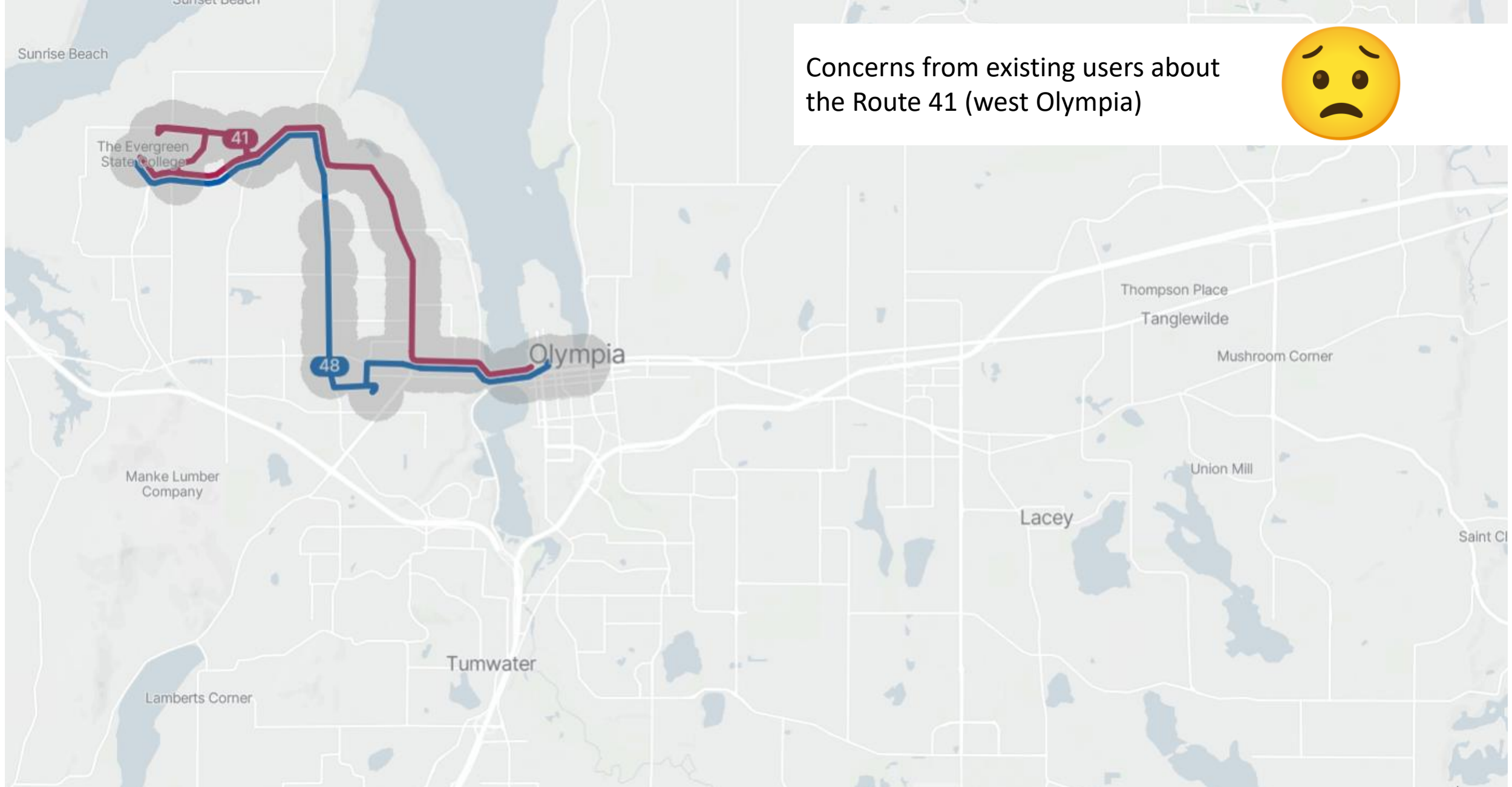
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One-Seat Ride: Evergreen to Downtown Olympia (and beyond)



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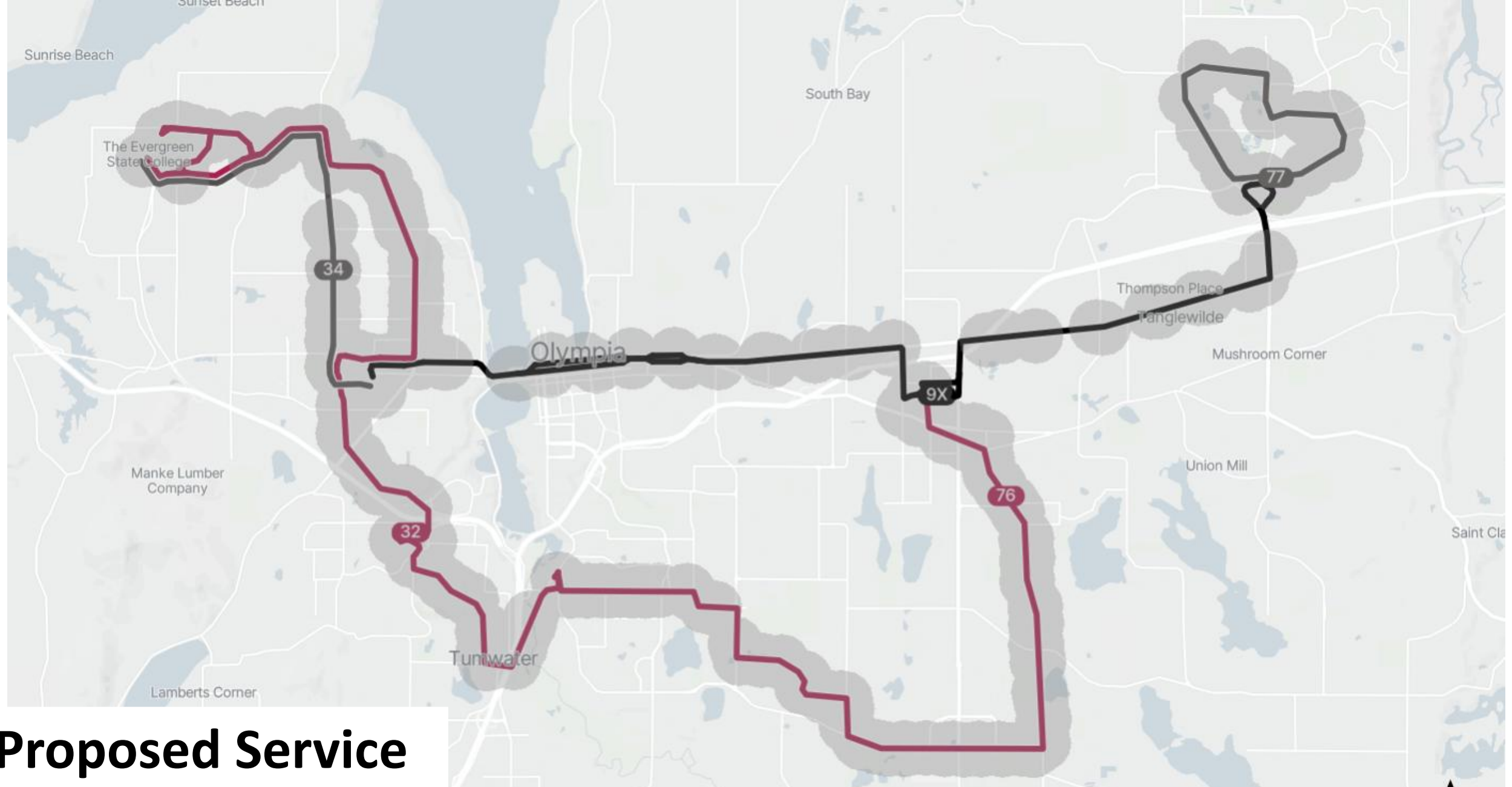
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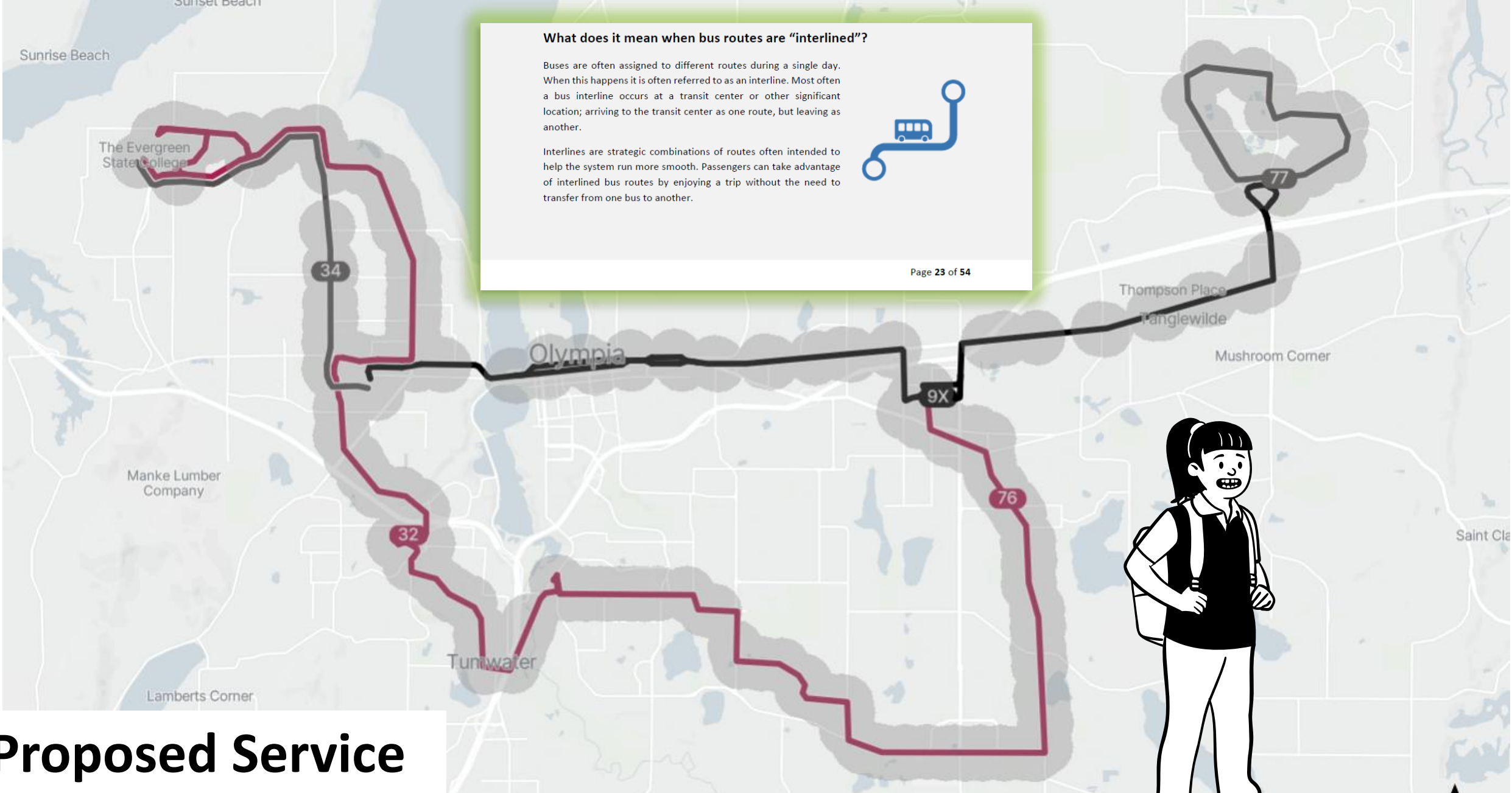


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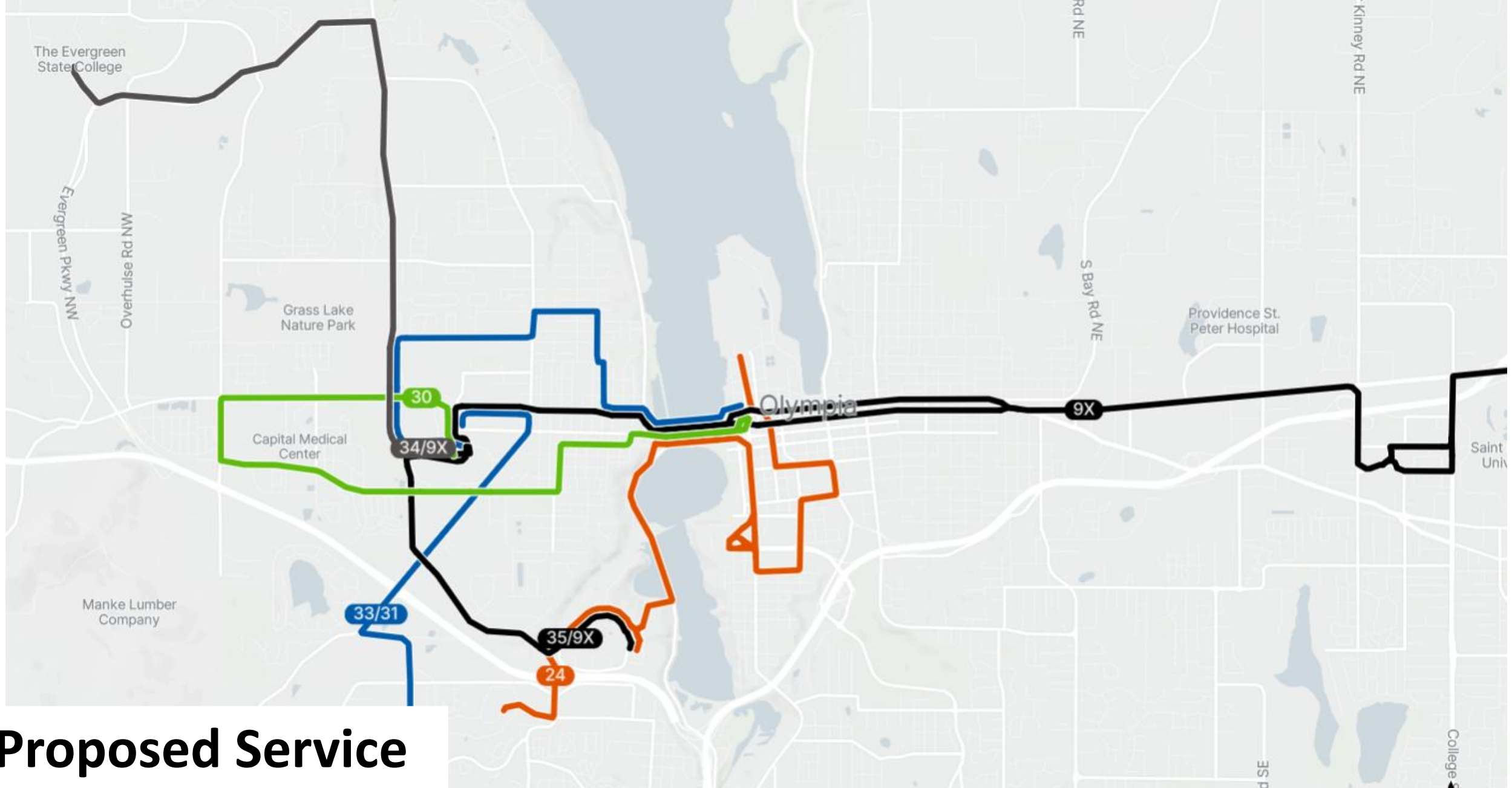
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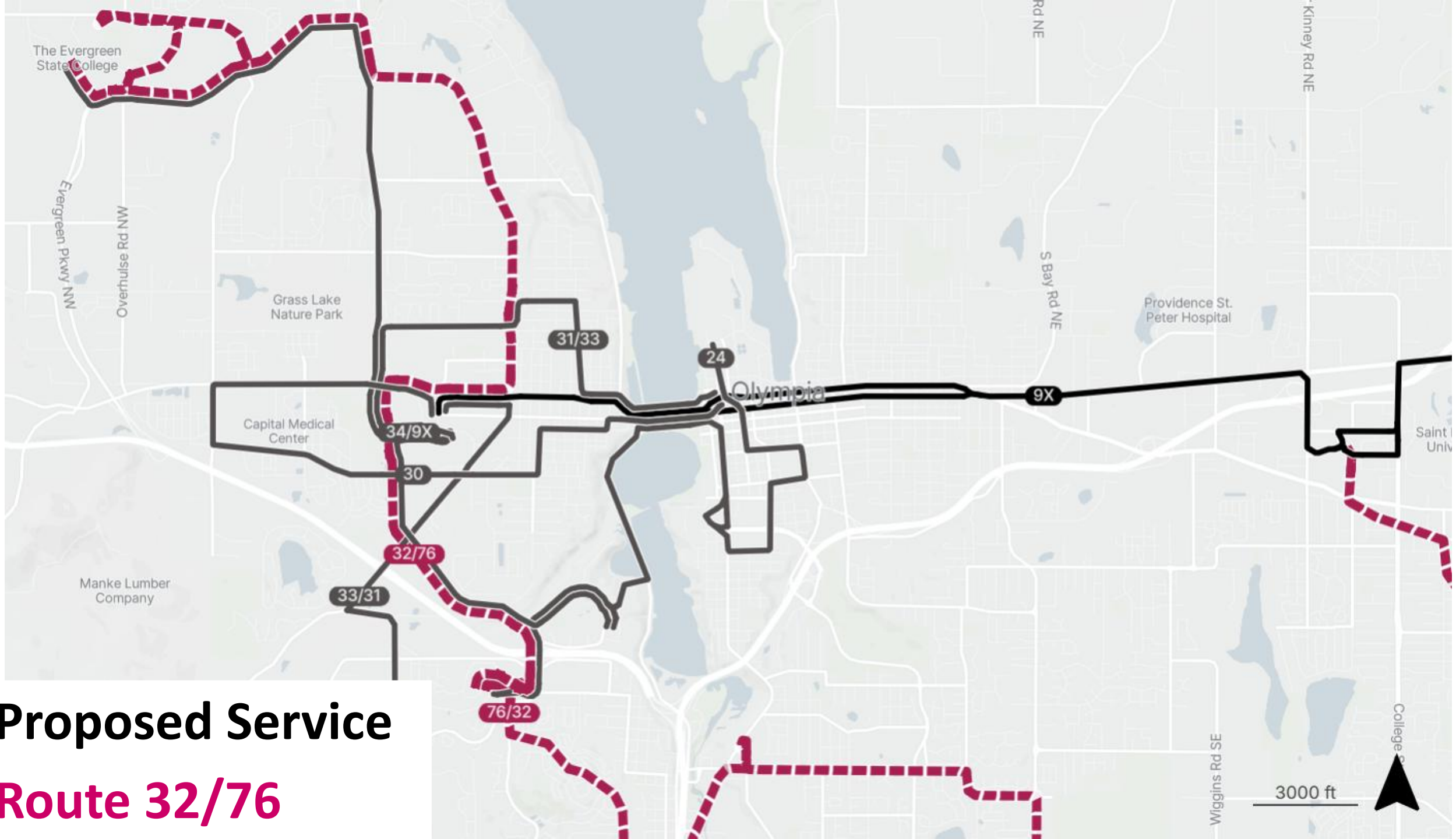
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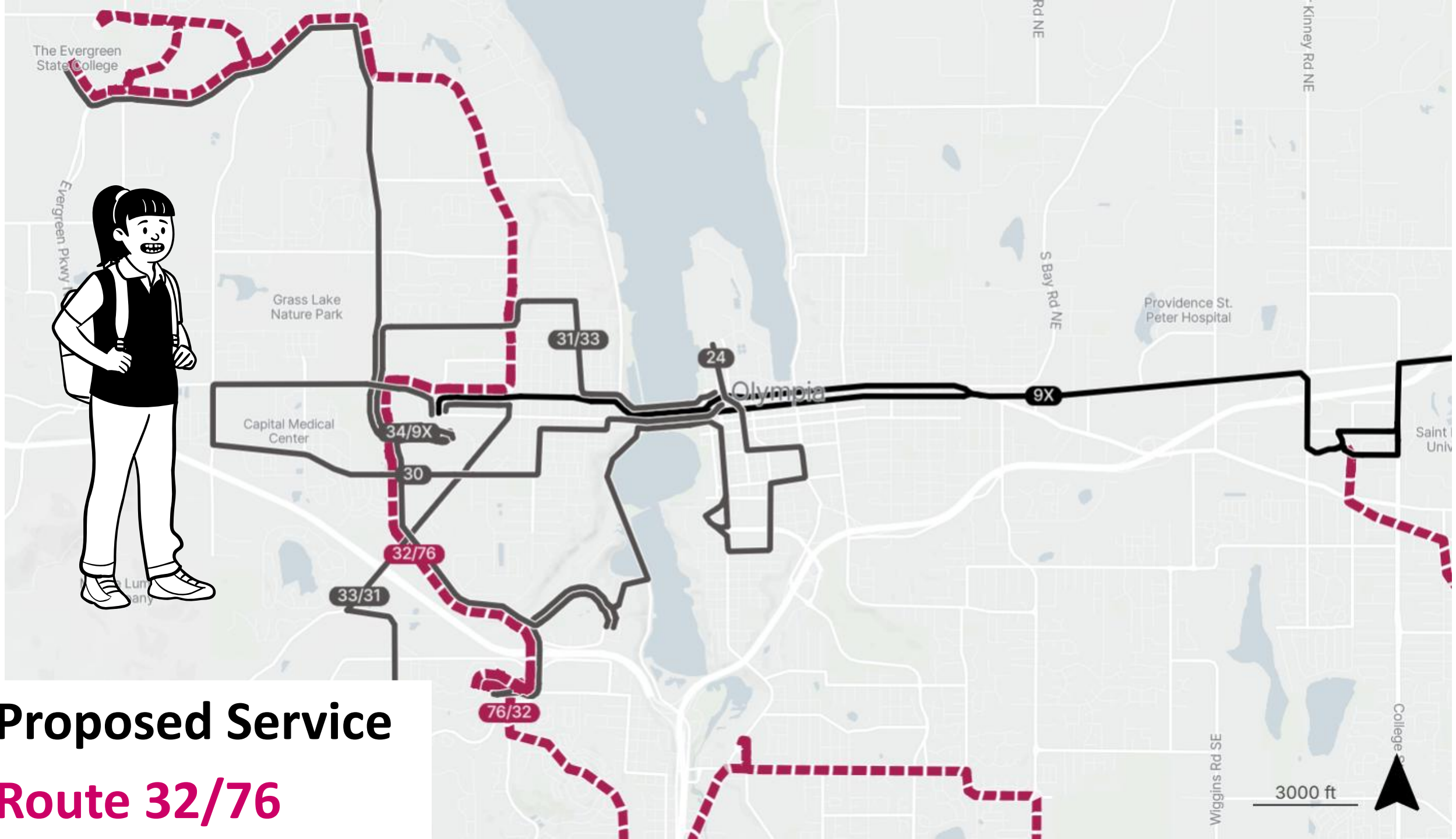


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Route 32/76



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Route Design Considerations

Expanded access to Capital High School, SPSCC and Evergreen

Income-challenged neighborhoods

- Jefferson MS
- LP Brown Elementary

Supports a west side Urban Center

- Consistent with the City of Olympia's Capital Mall Triangle Subarea Plan
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD)



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Board Action

November - December 2025

- November 17 – CAC Recommendation
- December 3 – ITA Adoption of Service Summary & Analysis

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