

## Pedal it Forward

The community-centered Pedal it Forward program reduces the number of bikes entering landfills. Pedal it Forward teaches community members bike mechanic skills and Reduces transportation barriers by providing free bikes to members of the community.

- Through a partnership with Thurston County, we opened a new bike donation site at the Waste and Recovery Center. Community members donated **356** bikes.
- Volunteers learned bike mechanic skills while refurbishing **156** donated bikes.
- **48** refurbished bikes were given back to youth through our bike education programs.
- **112** people received bikes through the Full Cycle program. Some of the people who received bikes include college students, refugee families, people seeking permanent housing, and immigrant communities.



(Above) New donation site at the WARC.



(Left) Full Cycle Bike Distribution at Plum Street Village.

## Bike Mechanic Education & Outreach

- Held **10** bike maintenance classes teaching **79** people essential bike maintenance skills needed to keep their bikes working safely. Among these classes is a new monthly series that we offer at the WNR bike shop.
- Started offering monthly DIY Bike Repair Events. **72** participants were provided with access to tools, bike parts, and assistance from staff and volunteers to help repair and maintain their personal bikes.
- Taught **eight** youth bike mechanic skills at our first Youth Bike Mechanics summer camp.
- Offered **free** bike safety checks and repair at **seven** community events.
- Provided maintenance and repair to North Thurston Public School's bike fleet.
- Support the Hope Bike Shop at Reeves Middle School with bike mechanics instruction and supplied them with donated bikes to work on.
- Partnered with the Timberland Regional Library to offer bike repair kits at the Lacey and Olympia branches. The kits are available for **free** to anyone with a library card.



Bike repair at the Thurston County Fix-It-Fair

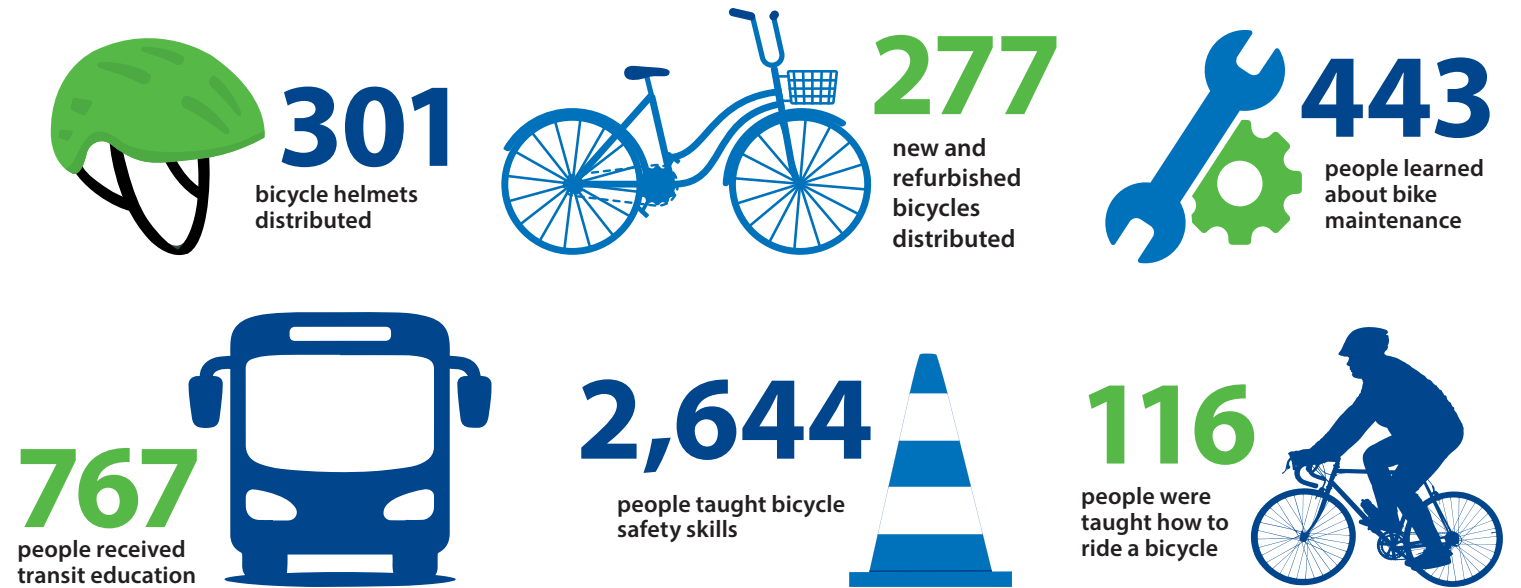


Fix-a-Flat class at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

# WALK N ROLL

INTERCITY TRANSIT

## 2025 Annual Report



## Teens Biking to Destinations

- We received a grant from Washington State Department of Transportation administered by Cascade Bicycle Club to start a new Teens Biking to Destinations (TBD) program. The grant funded **four** new staff members, a trailer, storage container, fleet of bicycles, and all other necessary program supplies. We provided bicycle safety education to **158** middle and high school students through hands-on activities and group rides on neighborhood streets. Students learned basic bicycle safety, handling, and maintenance skills.
- The program aims to provide a foundation for youth in their growth on and off the bike. To better equip participants those who completed the class received a new bike, helmet, lock, and set of lights.



TBD instructors preparing students for a group bike ride.

## Walk N Roll to School



Walk N Roll to School at McLane Elementary

- We helped seven schools in the Olympia and North Thurston school districts organize **52** Walk N Roll to School events, including celebrations for national Walk and Bike to School Days. These events encouraged students and their families to walk, bike and roll to school to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality around the schools.
- We encouraged the Cities of Tumwater, Lacey and Olympia to declare October Walk to School Month.

## Bicycle Safety



Envision bike education students.

### Youth Bike Safety Education

- At Summer Bike Camp, **12** youth ages 8-10 learned bike handling and safety skills through fun games, group bicycle rides and hands-on activities.
- **20** youth participated in our summer Earn-A-Bike classes. They learned essential bicycle safety and maintenance skills through hands-on activities and group bicycle rides on city streets. All participants received refurbished bicycles, new helmets and locks.
- We taught **52** students at Avanti High School & Envision Career Academy bicycle safety and maintenance skills as part of their physical education curriculum. To increase access to the high school programs, Walk N Roll gave students participating in the class refurbished bicycles, new helmets, locks and sets of lights. To wrap up a year of learning, **18** high school students went on an overnight bike camping trip, riding **45** miles on the Olympic Discovery Trail. For many students, it was their first camping experience.
- Partnered with Safe Kids Thurston County to provide **24** bicycle Helmets to Head Start students.
- Hired **three** high school interns to support our summer bike education programs.

### Adult Bike Safety Education

- Offered our first adult bicycle safety classes. **50** participants learned and practiced basic bike safety and handling skills.
- Partnered with the Olympia Food Coop to offer a class on riding in the rain. **Six** participants learned important skills to keep them rolling safely year-round.
- We held our first League Certified Instructor training with the League of American Bicyclists. **Six** staff, volunteers and community members were certified and equipped with skills to teach bicycle education.

### Traffic Gardens

- We partnered with Safe Kids Thurston County to take the mobile traffic garden to seven schools, community events and summer camps. **2,352** youth learned and practiced bike safety skills in Mobile Traffic Garden.
- In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County and North Thurston Public Schools, we helped install a permanent traffic garden at Chambers Prairie Elementary School.



The Mobile Traffic Garden at Lydia Hawk Elementary.

A traffic garden is a miniature streetscape that includes realistic traffic features such as intersections, roundabouts and crosswalks. The garden provides an environment for children to learn and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety skills free from motorized vehicles.



(Left) Students learned how to put their bike on a bus.

(Below) Summer Camp participants learned how to maintain their bike chain.



## Bicycle Events



For the 38<sup>th</sup> year, the Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) encouraged Thurston County residents to ride their bikes for transportation, fitness and fun!

**268**

People rode in the Winter Bicycle Challenge.

**150**

People participated in the Earth Day Market Ride.

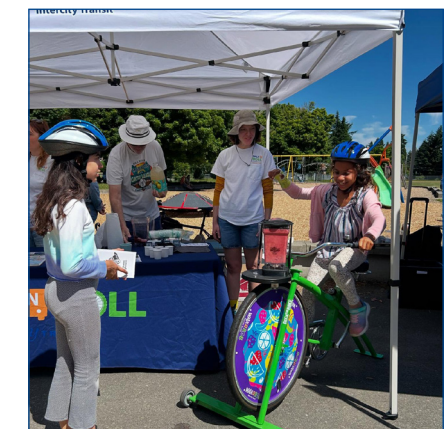
**701**

People rode in the BCC, covering **76,158** miles.

**263**

Riders participated in Bike to Work Day

- Encouraged Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey, Yelm, and Tenino to declare May **Bike Month**.
- Offered bike valet at the Olympia Farmers Market during the Earth Day Market Ride and at the City of Tumwater's Falls Fest.
- Supported four bike rodeo events. Youth visited stations where they practiced bicycle safety skills, had their helmets fitted and received a bicycle safety check.
- In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County, Target Zero, and the Olympia Police Department we held the fourth Great Olympia Bike Rodeo at Garfield Elementary School with **160** youth participants.



Pedal powered smoothies at the Great Olympia Bike Rodeo.

## Transit Education



Participants enjoying a Rolling Sotrytime on the bus.

- We provided transit education to **571** people through classroom presentations, bus visits to schools, and Rolling Classroom field trips. Participants learned how to ride the bus and about why transit is important to our community.
- We partnered with the Timberland Regional Library to offer six Rolling Storytimes on the bus. **196** participants enjoyed a song and story filled bus ride.