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Everett Transit

Everett Transit's website has a new look to it! With this modernized design, you can now easily access what you need on a computer or mobile device. Perfect for on-the-go riders who need to quickly check their routes and schedules. [Check it out!](#)



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“One kind word can warm three winter months.”

Read on for information you'll want to know as an employee transportation coordinator or commuting employee.

With 2024 around the corner, it's time to get those vision boards and New Year's resolution lists started! Best of all, changing your commute is the perfect opportunity to give the Earth and your wallet a break.

In this informative issue, check out exciting details on new bike projects in Everett, transit savings, and how to ride the bus like a pro. Then, learn more about the real cost of this year's record breaking climate and weather disasters. Make sure to peek at the side columns for more events and opportunities. Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season!



If there is anything you would like to see in the next edition of this newsletter, please share your thoughts by emailing agonzalez@everettwa.gov or by calling 425.257.7782 with any suggestions.

Winter Weather

El Niño is heading back to the PNW this winter for the first time in four years. According to the Climate Prediction Center's outlook for the PNW, we can expect warmer-than-average temperatures. We can also expect average amounts of rainfall to improve drought conditions in the area. Stay up to date with seasonal predictions at climate.gov.



EVERETT TRANSIT



Everett's Bicycle Friendly Program

Prepare for these exciting new bike networks by taking [Everett's bicycle friendly driver course](#). Take a moment to better your understanding of how to share the road with bicyclists and avoid common crashes between drivers and bicyclists. Key topics include why bicyclists take the lane, how to safely turn at intersections, and **the importance of treating bicyclists as drivers of vehicles**. Finish off your learning experience by taking the [self-assessment](#) for a free bicycle-friendly driver sticker!



Active Connections coming to Everett

The City of Everett has multiple projects planned to create a continuous network of bike facilities. With 19 projects completed, 11 more are set to be concluded by 2026.

[Wall Street Connector](#) A pedestrian pathway is planned to connect Everett Station and the Angel of the Winds arena in 2024. This path will have ADA improvements, bike wayfinding and detection, and traffic calming with flagstone pattern curb extensions.

[Fulton Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor](#) New bikeways with wayfinding and sidewalks are coming in late 2024. This route provides connections to Everett Station and California Street bike and pedestrian corridors.

[California Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor](#) This project is pending construction funding but planned for the next few years. It will feature Everett's first cycle track with two-way bike lanes that are elevated from the travel lanes with a buffer.

Featured commute mode: Busing

Leave the driving to the professionals this winter.

Say goodbye to stressful driving and the accompanying road rage. Plan your trip, prepare for a comfortable ride, and let the skilled drivers navigate the icy roads.

Public transportation is one of the safest ways to travel as it is **10 times safer** per mile than driving a car. Taking public transit makes communities safer overall with less car travel and traffic congestion.

Everett Transit [snow routes](#) are available online and you can sign up to be notified of changes or emergencies with [Rider Alerts](#) on our website.

Need help planning a trip? Call Everett Transit at 425.257.7777 for trip planning services.



Busing Pro Tips

1. Use a [trip planner](#) to find the best route.
2. Use [Everett Transit Arrivals](#) (ETA) — call or text your bus stop number to 425.312.6329 for transit updates.
3. Come ready with an [audio-book](#), podcast or playlist to enjoy while you ride.
4. Track your trips on [Rideshare Online](#) and reap the rewards.



Transit savings grow

What could you do with an extra \$13,000 per year in your bank account? The [American Public Transportation Association \(APTA\) reports](#) that transit users can save more than \$1,100 per month considering increased auto costs and gas prices. Since 2019, the average cost of purchasing has increased 30% for new cars and 40% for used cars. This year, gasoline prices have increased 25%. Meanwhile, public transit fare prices been stable since 2020. Take the economical and climate-friendly commute alternative to get to work!



Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters in 2023

In only ten months, 2023 claimed the annual record for the highest number of [weather and climate disaster](#) events with losses over \$1 billion. These 24 disasters included severe storms, flooding, cyclone, drought, wildfire, and winter storm events. These events have already taken the lives of 373 people and significantly impacted the economic wellbeing of those areas. [On average, weather and climate losses total \\$59.9 billion and cost 369 people their lives each year.](#) However, over the past 3 years alone, these events have surpassed that average with \$152 billion spent and 487 deaths per year.

Climate change continues to be the leading cause of major disasters. The summer of 2023 saw [record-high temperatures](#) around the world. High temperatures lead to worsened drought conditions and increased wildfire risk. The desolate landscapes left behind by wildfires can lead to an increased risk of floods and mudslides because there is no longer any vegetation to absorb rainfall. Other factors contributing to the high price of climate change include population

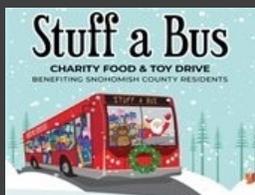
distribution, land use and development. [Read the full article](#) on how these billion dollar disasters are taking a toll.

Climate change is fast-moving and it's important we all do our part to protect our environment. With transportation being Washington's [largest source of emissions](#), **your commute matters!** A car-free lifestyle can [reduce your carbon footprint](#) by up to 2 tons per year, so start taking care of the Earth today.



Stuff-a-Bus in Everett

Volunteers of America Western Washington is partnering with ATU local 883, Everett Transit and Fred Meyer to host the annual "Stuff-a-Bus" toy and food drive at Fred Meyer (12906 Bothell- Everett Hwy). Shoppers are invited to help load an Everett Transit bus with gifts and donations for local families in need. This year's goal is to provide **6,000 meals and 2,500 gifts!** Help us get there with weekend events on: **Dec. 2- 3 and Dec. 9 - 10 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.**





Need anything?

If you need trip-planning or transit assistance, do not hesitate to contact Everett Transit Customer Service by phone at 425.257.7777 or by email at ETmail@everettwa.gov.

If you need assistance as an ETC, please contact:

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Upcoming events

- **Wintertide in Everett | Nov. 24 — Dec. 31, 2023**
The City of Everett has plenty of events to enjoy and spread holiday cheer. Check out the [Wintertide page](#) for all of the holiday happenings this season!
- **Community Ice Rinks in Everett | Nov. 25 — Jan. 8, 2024**
Bring your family to the [Angel of the Winds](#) or [Pacific Ice](#) Community Ice Rink this season to enjoy some ice skating.

If you have a commute-related event (virtual or otherwise) open to the public that you'd like to see on this list, please [send us your event](#). The next newsletter will be published in mid-March.

Commuter Resources

[Everett Transit's CTR Website](#)

Find past newsletters, trainings, RCWs and more!

[Trip Planner](#)

Use this to find the best route to your destination.

[Rideshare Online](#)

Use this to find someone to start a carpool or vanpool with.

[Washington State Ridesharing Organization](#)

News, resources, and training for ridesharing professionals.

[Seattle Transit Blog](#)

For news on transit throughout the region.



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