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Ride Transit Month

June is Ride Transit Month in Washington! All month long, agencies, organizations, and riders across the state will be coming together for fun events and activities as we celebrate transit together.

Follow [Everett Transit on Facebook](#) to stay up to date with local transit updates and fun giveaway opportunities.

Be sure to **like** and **comment** on eligible posts for a chance to win an exciting prize!



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Summertime and the living is easy

As the rainy spring weather starts to tease us by mixing in a day or two of sunshine, you may find yourself looking forward to another beautiful Washington summer. But why wait for nice weather to settle in (Fourth of July, anyone?) when you can get a head start? Hop on a bus for *Ride Transit Month* in June! Summer activities are even more fun when you don't have to worry about filling up your tank, paying for parking, or driving responsibly. Leave all that to a professional bus driver!

This season's issue features new information about transit options, like light rail and hydrogen buses coming to Snohomish County as well as trailhead shuttles in Seattle. While we love transit around here, I'd be remiss not to highlight how we spent the entire month of May celebrating biking. Bike Everywhere Day at Everett Station, hosted annually on the third Friday of May, was a huge success! We hope to see you again next year!

Finally, everyone's favorite phase of community engagement — surveys. I know, I know, but a short survey is incredibly important in ensuring everyone has a seat at the table, or on the bus. I highly encourage you to read page three in its entirety to get the best overview on why the City's four-year Commute Trip Reduction plan is important. To all survey respondents and smart commuters, your time and efforts are appreciated!

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



Light rail in Lynnwood

Link 1 Line service is expected to begin in Lynnwood on [August 30](#)! The new 8.5-mile segment will add four new stations in Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood City Center. During peak hours, trains should run approximately every eight minutes. After this launch, neighboring transit agencies will be making big changes to their services in an effort to connect bus service to light rail. Stay tuned for these bus service changes coming in September.



EVERETT TRANSIT



Upcoming bike repair clinics

Everett Public Library and Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop are partnering again to bring bike repair clinics to the Evergreen Branch Library in Everett starting June 11. Clinics continue monthly — see schedule, below. Drop or wheel by for free bicycle repairs.

Bike Everywhere Day 2024

Every May, the City of Everett recognizes National Bike Month and all the benefits biking brings us. Everett Transit’s favorite way of celebrating our second favorite transportation method (transit being first, of course) is by hosting an annual Bike Everywhere Day event at Everett Station to recognize dedicated bikers and share information for folks looking to give biking a try.

On Friday, May 17, 15 bike-friendly community organizations and agencies joined together at Everett Station to celebrate biking by providing participants with free event shirts, games, prizes, and other giveaways to encourage the use of this environmentally friendly mode of transportation. Organizations ranged from transit agencies, City departments, county agencies, and bike shops who engaged with over 150 people in our community.

May might be over, but you can still hop on a bike and ride to work, ride to the grocery store or ride for the sheer joy of being outside and letting the sunlight in. Enjoy some event photos on [Everett Transit’s Facebook](#). A big thank you to all who participated — we hope to see you again next year on Friday, May 16!

Second Tuesdays @ 3-6 p.m.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC

WITH
**SHARING WHEELS
COMMUNITY BIKE SHOP**

June 11
July 9
Aug. 13
Sept. 10
Oct. 8

Evergreen Branch | 9512 Evergreen way
All ages! No registration required!



Volunteer bike mechanics will be on site to repair your bike for you or help you do your own basic repairs. Mechanics can help with flat tires, broken chains, crooked handlebars, weird sounds, sticky brakes, and more. No registration is required, repair slots are limited to half an hour. Learn more about this event and others at epls.org.

Featured commute mode: Biking

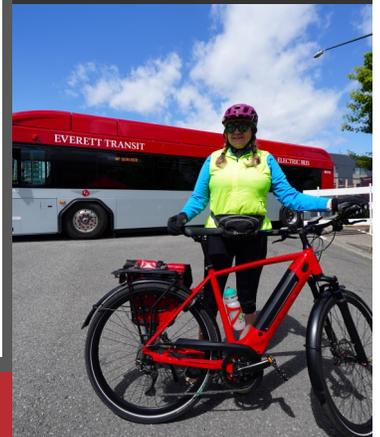
Keep those wheels turning all summer long!

If lack of bicycle wayfinding was holding you back from giving biking a try, fear not!

Everett is constructing 28 lane-miles of bike wayfinding on existing bike routes this year to help bicyclists navigate to different parts of the City.

The plan includes signage along existing bike routes that inform riders of route connections, key destinations, and approximate distances.

Learn more about upcoming projects at everettwa.gov.



New hydrogen buses in Snohomish County

[Community Transit](#) (CT) has launched a hydrogen bus as part of their zero-emission fleet transition project. Riders can expect to see the new hydrogen bus in October and will likely notice a quieter ride as well as a new signature design on the bus exterior. CT presumes the hydrogen bus will do better for longer routes, some of what they consider the hard-to-decarbonize blocks. Hydrogen fuel cells are similar to a battery, but do not need recharging. Read more about initial takeaways from the pilot program at heraldnet.com.



Trailhead Direct in Seattle

King County's transit-to-trails service for hikers is open for the summer. Trailhead Direct will service the Issaquah Alps and Mount Si areas on weekends and holidays through **Sept. 15**. Hikers can expect buses about every 30 minutes from the Sound Transit Capitol Hill Link light rail station and every hour from the Mount Baker Transit Center. The last buses will leave Mount Si Trailhead at 6:39 p.m. and Squak Mountain State Park at 6:20 p.m. Grab your hiking boots and skip the overcrowded trailhead parking lots by finding a route near you at trailheaddirect.org.

Everett Commute Trip Reduction | Four-year plan update

The City of Everett is updating its Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) four-year plan for 2025-2029 and public participation is important for its completion.

CTR's objective is to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution by focusing on large employers and providing its representatives with tools and resources that encourage non-drive-alone methods of transportation for their employees. As part of [Washington State Law](#), the City of Everett oversees affected employers within the jurisdiction and implements [requirements for employers](#). A basic CTR program mandates an employee transportation coordinator (ETC), regular distribution of commuting information, annual program reporting, and biannual employee surveying. Employers can expand their commuter programs with transit and carpool subsidies, multimodal transportation facilities, guaranteed ride home programs and more.

Everyone who lives or works in the City of Everett is invited to submit feedback on this CTR plan update by completing a short survey, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Survey questions address air pollution, transportation options and respondent demographics.

The [plan draft](#) covers the benefits of CTR, performance targets, services and strategies, alignment with regional plans and stakeholder engagement.

CTR-affected worksites and its representatives such as employees, ETCs and company leadership are direct stakeholders impacted by this plan update. On a broader scale, commute choices impact everyone in our community through traffic congestion and air quality.

The survey is open for public participation until **June 30, 2024**. The plan draft is available for review but not necessary to complete the survey.





Need anything?

If you need trip-planning or transit assistance, please 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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Commuter resources

[Everett Transit's CTR website](#)

[Trip planner](#)

[Rideshare Online](#)

[Washington State](#)

[Ridesharing Organization](#)

[Seattle Transit Blog](#)

Upcoming events

• Ride Transit Month | June 2024

Everett Transit is celebrating Ride Transit Month by showing our appreciation to our dedicated riders with free ORCA cards. Learn more about how to participate in this giveaway by following [Everett Transit on Facebook](#).

• Sorticulture | Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9, 2024

Everett's Garden Festival is a three-day celebration of the best parts of Pacific Northwest outdoor living. It is a free premier festival for garden art, local plants and flowers, and handmade outdoor products. Learn more at visiteverett.com.

• Everett Pride | June 15, 2024

Join the City's second annual Everett Pride Block Party from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wetmore Ave between Hewitt and Pacific. There will be 80 vendors and 17 food trucks with entertainment on the stage all day. Learn more at everettpride.org.

• Everett's Fourth of July | July 4, 2024

It's time to dust off those American flag shorts and scrub out your cooler. Everett's Fourth of July festivities return with fireworks and fun happenings for everyone. Learn more at visit-everett.com.

• Everett Farmer's Market | May 12 – October 27, 2024

The 2024 season kicks off in the heart of Downtown Everett (2930 Wetmore Ave) every Sunday starting May 12. Enjoy fresh food and cool finds from a variety of vendors. Learn more at everettfarmersmarket.com.



Everett Transit with the City of Everett are offering free shuttles to downtown Everett events this summer!

Information is available at visiteverett.com/rideforfree.

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 September.

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