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Bark in the Park
Clark Park
Sept. 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Get there with transit!



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Check out Everett Transit's new social media series: Get There with Transit!

Once a week, we pick an Everett landmark and tell you how to get there by bus. Past destinations include the Jetty Island Ferry, Silver Lake, Imagine Children's Museum, and the new Clark Park off leash dog area.

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/everett.transit for more tips on getting around the city!

Transit Option: Route 7 North



Route 7 North serves Clark Park via Stop 2240, located at Broadway and 26th Street.

Walk one block north and one block west, and you're there!



Switch your trips and WIN!

Switch Your Trips 2025 begins October 1st!

Switch Your Trips WA challenges people who live, study, or work in Washington State to replace drive alone trips with sustainable travel options such as walking, biking, rideshare, and transit.

And it's not just for getting to work! Switch your Trips is for commutes, errands, and social outings. That means carpooling to work, taking the bus to the grocery store, and bicycling to a friend's house will all help you qualify for the prize drawing and have a chance to win \$1,500, or one of many other great prizes.

How to Participate:

Most importantly, use sustainable travel options throughout October. Public transit, carpooling and vanpooling, biking and e-biking, walking and rolling all count as eligible trips. Log at least ten of these trips at RideshareOnline.com and you will be automatically entered in the prize drawing. It's that easy!

There's also an opportunity to win a \$25 gift card. Follow the Switch Your Trips WA Facebook page (facebook.com/SwitchYourTripsWA) and post a photo of yourself on a switched trip during the month of October and you'll be entered to win.



State Ferries and Sound Transit become dog friendly

Public transportation in Washington is becoming more pet friendly, with two large organizations amending their policies.

Washington State Ferries recently initiated a six-month trial allowing leashed dogs to accompany their owners on all areas of the vessels, except galleys.

The Sound Transit Board voted in July to allow leashed dogs aboard the Link Light Rail, Sounder trains, and Sound Transit express buses.

Everett Transit, King County Metro, and Community Transit all welcome leashed dogs.

Riding Everett Transit with animals:

Pets must be kept on your lap or on the floor of the bus; animals may not occupy a customer seat. Dogs must be on a leash and have a muzzle that covers the mouth and is secured behind the head. Owners must control their animals at all times and clean up after them. Except for dogs, all animals must be in an approved carrier.

Service or guide animals are allowed on all Everett Transit buses. Under the American's with Disabilities Act, service animals must be harnessed, leashed or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal or other effective controls.

Fall service changes are here!



Fall is here! And for many Puget Sound area transit organizations, the change in season means changes to services, fares, and more!

Everett Transit's service changes took effect Sept. 7. Fares remain at \$2 and changes are minimal. Sunday-level service will be restored on the 4th of July and New Year's Day.

Other changes include:

- **Route 8:** The segment from Evergreen Way and 112th to Airport Road and Evergreen Way was redirected on 112th. The route now ends at South Everett Freeway Station, providing new connections to regional service. One weekday evening trip was added in both directions.
- **Route 18:** The segment from Seaway Boulevard and 75th to Merrill Creek Parkway and Hardeson was redirected. Route 18 travels from Seaway Transit Center to Merrill Creek Parkway via 75th and Hardeson, in both directions, adding coverage to more employers in the area.
- **Route 19:** A bus stop pair was added on Colby Avenue at 16th/17th.
- **Route 29:** The Carl Gibson Center is no longer served directly on Lombard Avenue. The facility can still be accessed by North and Southbound stops on Pacific Avenue.

Community Transit's service changes took effect Aug. 30. The agency's fares remain at \$2.50, but service has been changed on several routes to increase frequency, expand hours of operation, and add stops. Additional information about Community Transit's service change can be found at ctgo.org/aug2025.

Fares on **King County Metro** increased to \$3 on Sept. 1. The agency also updated bus service on Aug. 30, with a focus on adding and amending Eastside service to integrate with the Link Light Rail 2 Line. More information about the King County Metro service change can be found at kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/routes-and-service/service-change.

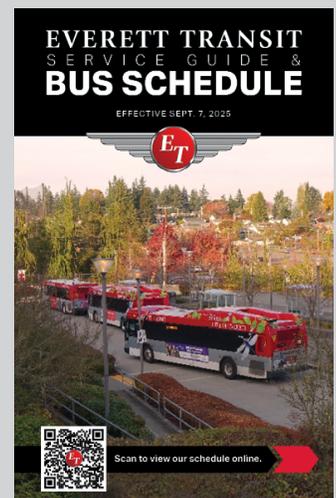
Grab a new schedule book!

Need a new schedule book?

Grab one off of an Everett Transit bus or stop by Everett Station for our latest version.

For ETCs: If your workplace needs new schedule books, contact Amelia Dickson at adickson@everettwa.gov.

Complete bus schedules are also available online at everetttransit.org/101/Schedules.



Scan to view our schedule online.

How do our riders use Everett Transit?

The Everett Transit Long Range Plan Survey conducted in July of 2025 showed that our riders largely desire a local transit system that runs frequently and helps connect them to other systems throughout the Puget Sound.

Of the 228 survey respondents, 63 percent identified themselves as Everett Transit riders.

By far, respondents were most interested in improving service frequency. When asked to identify their top three priorities for improvement, the top response was “More Service Frequency” (120 selections), followed by “More Regional Connections” (92 selections), then “Safer Buses and Stops” (82 selections).

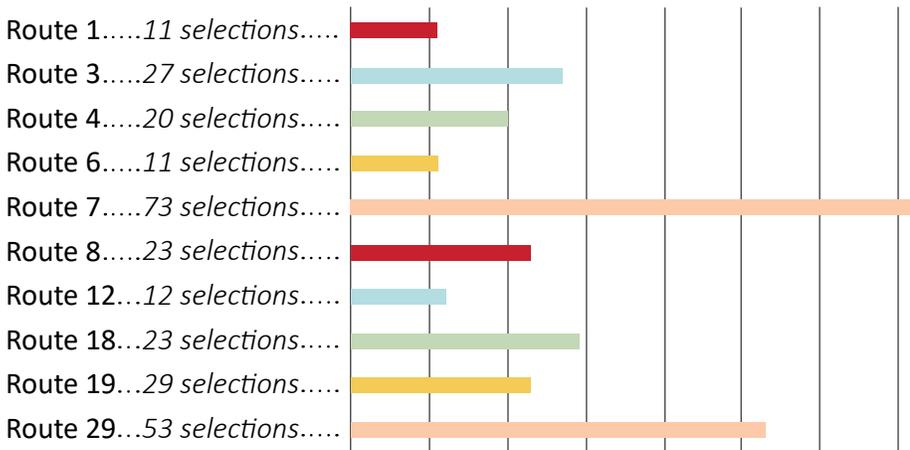
About 83 percent of respondents stated that they use other regional services, such as Link light rail, the Sounder Train, Washington State Ferries, and Community Transit. The Link light rail was the most popular of the other transit services, with 66 percent of respondents indicating that they use light rail. Respondents also asked for more connections to these services, with 40 percent identifying “More Regional Connections” as a priority when asked to select three areas for improvement.

Data shows that respondents value Everett Transit’s decision to provide door-to-door paratransit services to Everett residents aged 65 and older, rather than only providing service to individuals with qualifying disabilities as required by the Americans with Disability Act. Seventy-six percent of respondents indicated that Everett Transit should continue to provide service to the larger group.

Respondents also showed strong interest in safety and resiliency. The most popular response to the question, “What is your top capital investment priority?” was “Safety and Security Features,” with 30 percent of respondents choosing that option. The next most popular response, “Fleet Electrification and Associated Infrastructure,” was chosen by 18 percent of respondents. Thirty-eight percent of respondents requested that safety improvements be prioritized at stations and stops, and 22 percent requested safety improvements walking to and from transit.

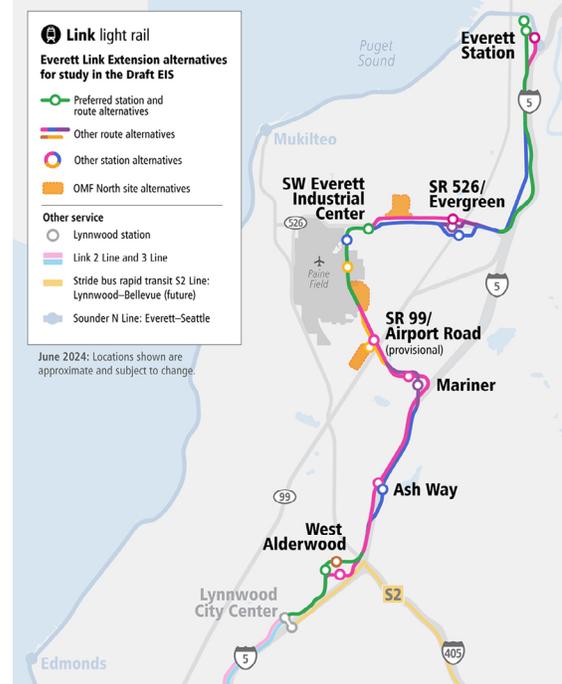
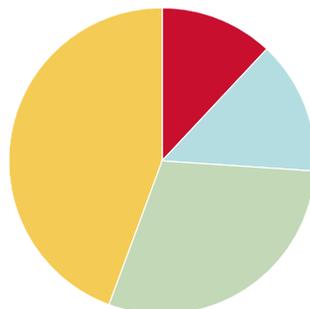
By the numbers

Which Everett Transit routes do you ride in an average month?



How often do you ride Everett Transit?

- 6-7 days per week: 12%
- 4-5 days per week: 14%
- 1-3 days per week: 30%
- < once per month: 44%



Link Light Rail Update

Everett Link Extension: Through 2025, Sound Transit will continue to work on conceptual engineering, station designs, and environmental review. The organization will publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in early 2026, and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback during a formal comment period. The Sound Transit Board will make their official decision regarding route, stations, etc. when the final EIS is published, likely in 2027. Link light rail is currently scheduled to reach Everett Station in 2041. Learn more about the project at soundtransit.org/system-expansion/everett-link-extension.

Federal Way Link Extension: The Federal Way Link Extension is scheduled to open early, on Dec. 6, 2025. This portion of the service includes the Federal Way Downtown Station, the Kent Des Moines Station, and the Star Lake Station. From Federal Way, riders can reach the Sea-Tac Airport in 16 minutes and Downtown Seattle in 50 minutes.

East Extension: Sound Transit began testing the Link light rail segment across the I-90 bridge in early September, with that section of rail currently set to open in early 2026. This segment is needed to connect the already operational Eastside service to Seattle.

Upcoming Events



Switch Your Trips

Oct. 1-31

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Swift Gold Line Outreach

Through Oct. 2

Complete Community Transit's survey to provide input regarding the proposed Swift Gold Line. The survey is available at engage.communitytransit.org/swiftgold.



Everett Farmers Market

Every Sunday | 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy fresh food and cool finds from a variety of vendors in the heart of Downtown Everett. Every Sunday, May through October! Learn more at everettfarmersmarket.com.



WSRO 2025 Conference

Sept. 28-30 | Tacoma, Washington

Employee Transportation Coordinators are encouraged to attend the Washington State Rideshare Organization Conference. Learn more at wsro.net.



Wintertide Tree Lighting

Nov. 28, 2 to 8 p.m. | Downtown Everett at Hewitt and Colby

The City of Everett kicks off the winter holiday season the day after Thanksgiving, with a tree lighting at the intersection of Hewitt and Colby.

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 January.

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 Amelia Dickson, adickson@everettwa.gov, 425.257.7782.



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