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How did you travel this year?

Find out with ORCA Wrapped!

Are you a frequent ORCA user? Sign up this year for ORCA Wrapped to learn more about your transit habits.

For the last several years, ORCA has offered a Spotify-inspired summation of regional travel habits. Last year, they started offering individual ORCA Wrapped summaries that highlight your total number of trips (broken down by transit mode), the number of routes used, your most used route, and more!

To sign up, visit info.myorca.com/orca-wrapped/. Sign up with the email you used to create your ORCA account.

Note: You must have full access rights to your card. If your card is from your school or employer, it will not be eligible for an ORCA Wrapped report.



Building a bicycle-friendly Everett

The City of Everett is working hard to become a safer community for bicyclists, making infrastructure improvements in accordance with the Bicycle Master Plan, first adopted as an amendment to the city's Transportation Comprehensive Plan in 2011.

Keep track of City's progress online at everettwa.gov/1892/Bikes, and view current bike infrastructure on the city's [bicycle map](#).

Recently completed bike projects include:

- West Casino Road - This project built buffered bike lanes adjacent to the curblines of both sides of West Casino Road as a part of the 2024 street resurfacing project.
- Madison Street - This project built buffered bike lanes along the curb of both sides of Madison Street as a part of the 2023 street resurfacing project.
- Fleming Bicycle Boulevard - This project constructed a new north/south bicycle boulevard on Federal Avenue, College Avenue and Fleming Street from Madison Street to the pedestrian and bicycle overpass of Mukilteo Boulevard at Forest Park.
- Citywide Bicycle Wayfinding - Everett constructed 28 lane-miles of bike wayfinding on existing bike routes in 2024 to help bicyclists navigate to different parts of the City.

Upcoming projects include:

- California Street - This project will create a comfortable corridor for people biking, rolling and walking (also known as "active modes") on California Street, connecting downtown Everett with the U.S. 2 trail.
- Fulton Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Corridor - This project will build bicycle facilities and fill in missing sidewalk on Fulton Street between Pacific Avenue and California Street.



Transit service changes

Transit agencies throughout the Puget Sound region have made a few service changes in recent months. Stay up-to-date to ensure the smoothest trip possible!

Everett Transit:

Fare Free Route 12: To ensure access to important shopping destinations following the closure of the Fred Meyer at Evergreen Way & Casino Road, Everett Transit is operating Route 12 fare free through April 20, 2026.

Free Mall Station/Walmart Shuttle: For a limited time, Everett Transit is providing a fare-free shuttle running between Everett Mall Station and Walmart. The shuttle is available seven days a week. For a detailed schedule, visit [EverettTransit.org/Shuttles](https://www.everetttransit.org/Shuttles).

Community Transit:

Community Transit will make small changes beginning Dec. 15 to Route 121 (Ash Way Park & Ride – UW Bothell/ Cascadia College), Route 222 (Marysville - Tulalip), and Route 280 (Granite Falls - Everett Station).

For full information about these changes, visit ctgo.org/442V18C.

Seattle Center Monorail:

The ORCA Transfer Policy for the Seattle Center Monorail will change Jan. 1. Passengers paying fares with ORCA E-purse or an employer-provided Business Passport will no longer receive a free transfer. Riders will still be able to tap ORCA cards to ride the Monorail and there are no changes for passengers using a Monthly PugetPass or Regional Day Pass.

For full information about the change, visit seattlemonorail.com/2026-orca-transfer-policy/.

Commuter Trip Reduction refresher



Know the policy to stay on track!

What is Commute Trip Reduction?

Commuter Trip Reduction is a Washington state law focused on reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and minimizing energy consumption. Employers with 100 or more employees arriving at a worksite between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. year round are considered affected employers under the CTR law. These worksites are required to participate in the CTR program.

Employer Requirements

Companies and government agencies that are required to participate in the CTR program by law must develop a CTR program, appoint an Employee Transportation Coordinator to lead the program, submit an annual report, and participate in a biannual survey.

A company's plan can include several goals aimed at reducing single occupancy vehicle use. Some goals include:

- Growing the number of employees participating in carpool or vanpool programs
- Building employees' awareness of and access to walking, biking, public transit routes
- Increasing the number of employees telecommuting or utilizing flexible work schedules

What is an ETC?

The Employee Transportation Coordinator leads CTR efforts within an affected worksite. The ETC's role is to engage employees with non-single occupancy vehicle commuting options such as riding public transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, and more! This includes overseeing the company's goals and plan management, organizing the company's rideshare program, and assisting employees with commuting questions. The ETC works closely with the CTR Administrator at Everett Transit and often the employer's Human Resources department to decide what options, goals, and rewards can be offered to participating employees.

Voluntary Worksites

Non-affected worksites can still join the fun!

Employers with fewer than 100 employees are still welcome to build CTR programs that encourage alternative forms of transportation. To learn more or access resources, contact Amelia Dickson, Everett Transit's CTR administrator, at adickson@everettwa.gov.

Additional Resources

Everett Transit: [everetttransit.org/244/Commuter-Trip-Reduction](https://www.everetttransit.org/244/Commuter-Trip-Reduction)

WSDOT: [wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/commute-trip-reduction-program](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/commute-trip-reduction-program)

RideshareOnline: [rideshareonline.com](https://www.rideshareonline.com)

Transportation Headlines



Transportation projects and policies throughout the Puget Sound region are constantly shifting and evolving. Learn more about the events shaping our transportation landscape through a collection of local headlines.



Federal grant funding for transit

The Federal Transit Administration awarded more than \$50 million in grant funding to four Northwest Washington transit agencies to transition to low emission buses, improve service reliability, and invest in paratransit services.

Learn more from [Lynnwood Times](#)



Farmers market at Lynnwood station

The Lynnwood City Council took the first step on Nov. 10 to establish a farmers market at the city's light rail station. The market would be a partnership between the city and Sound Transit. Lynnwood does not currently have a permanent farmers market.

Learn more from [The Daily Herald](#)



Seattle to Portland in 12 hours

A University of Washington professor traveled from Seattle to Portland via local transit. He used Google Maps' transit function to navigate. With more exact timing, the trip could have taken half the time. He was interested in the variety of transit options in smaller cities.

Learn more from the [Seattle Times](#)



Amtrak ridership increase

More people are riding Amtrak than ever, and the Pacific Northwest is part of the boom. Seattle is a key hub in Amtrak's plan to modernize passenger rail, improve reliability and expand fast train service, signaling a long-term bet on train travel in the region. Amtrak carried a record 34.5 million passengers in fiscal year 2025, up 5 percent from last year.

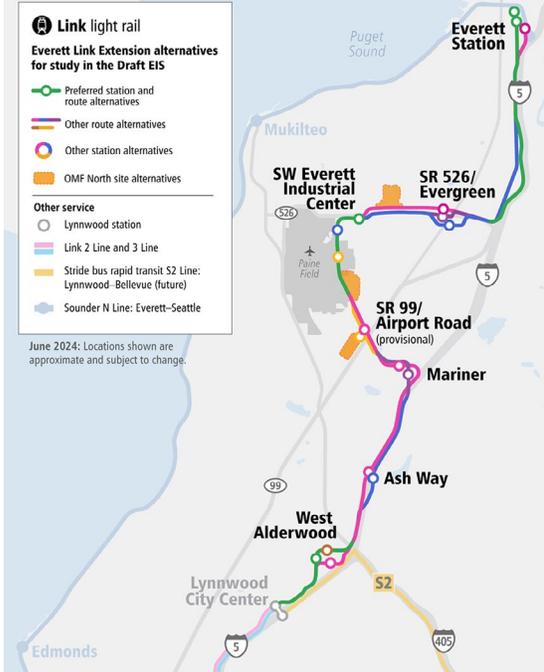
Learn more from [Axios](#)



Link Light Rail expansion funding

Leaders across Western Washington highlighted growing concerns last week over delays and rising costs associated with the Sound Transit 3 (ST3), a 62-mile light rail expansion project connecting Tacoma to Everett.

Learn more from the [Everett Post](#)



Link Light Rail Update

Everett Link Extension

The Everett Link Extension will add 16 miles of light rail and six new stations connecting Snohomish County residents to the regional light rail network.

The project is currently in the environmental review phase of planning, with Sound Transit developing conceptual design and preparing an Environmental Impact Statement that evaluates the potential effects of the project. The draft EIS will likely be published in 2026, giving the public an opportunity to make public comments on the proposal.

New stations are currently scheduled to open 2037 through 2041.

Expansion to Federal Way

New stations at Kent Des Moines, Star Lake, and Federal Way Downtown now connect riders from Lynnwood to Federal Way. Sound Transit officially opened the new stations on Dec. 6.

Trains run every 8–15 minutes, 5 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

East Link Extension

The portion of the Link Light Rail crossing Lake Washington from Seattle to Bellevue is on track to open sometime in early 2026. Sound Transit began testing that portion of track in September and plans to continue through the end of the year.

Additional Information

To learn more about Link Light Rail projects throughout the Puget Sound region, visit soundtransit.org/system-expansion.

Upcoming Events



Mall Station Re-Opening

Dec. 12 | 12 p.m.

Join Everett Transit for the re-opening of Mall Station, located just west of Everett Mall. Members of the public are welcome. Learn more at everettwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=4320



Stuff a Bus

Dec. 13-14 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everett Transit and Volunteers of America Western Washington are collecting holiday donation at the Murphy's Corner Fred Meyer, 12906 Bothell-Everett Highway.



Fare Free New Years Eve

Dec. 31

Several regional transit agencies — including Everett Transit, Community Transit, King County Metro, and Sound Transit — operate fare-free on New Years Eve.



Wintertide Events

Events continue through December

Everett will host a variety of holiday events — caroling, ice skating, light displays, and more — at various locations throughout the city. Learn more at visiteverett.com/1390/Wintertide.



Save the Date: Bike to Work Day

May 15, 2026

Join us as we kick off the start of the summer commuting season with Bike to Work Day! Everett Transit will host a Bike Everett celebration at Everett Station. Stay tuned for more details!

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 March.

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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