



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Kitsap Transit proposes big changes to transit, seeks public participation**

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Kitsap Transit will hold a second round of public outreach in November and December to gather feedback on proposed systemwide changes to bus service. The feedback received will inform the transit board’s decision on how best to expand bus service in 2018 and beyond.

Under proposed changes, Kitsap Transit would add more bus service to high-demand corridors while eliminating or streamlining routes with less ridership. The public will have the opportunity to see the proposed changes and give feedback on three potential transit scenarios at five in-person open houses and through an online open house.

The three potential options involve tradeoffs between more frequent buses on routes, Sunday service, or later hours.

All of the in-person open houses will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m. Attendees are invited to stop by at any time. Here are the dates and locations of the open houses:

Port Orchard: November 13, Givens Community Center

Bremerton: November 14, Eagle’s Nest Community Center

Bainbridge: November 15, Bainbridge High School

Silverdale: November 16, Ridgetop Middle School

Poulsbo: December 4, Poulsbo Library

From November 1 to December 8, members of the public also can give feedback via an online survey at [KitsapTransit.participate.online](http://KitsapTransit.participate.online).

Last spring, Kitsap Transit began a comprehensive analysis of community input, data on current ridership patterns and projected population growth in Kitsap County. The purpose of the analysis was to understand how Kitsap Transit buses currently connect riders to neighborhoods, city centers, social and community services and ferries. The agency is using this analysis to make recommendations for future routes.

Kitsap Transit is looking to the public to provide feedback on the recommended changes to our bus system. The agency wants to hear from a broad group of transit users and community members – including those who are dependent on transit and those who might not use transit now.

Kitsap Transit anticipates sharing a final plan, which incorporates community feedback, in early 2018.

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**About Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.5 million riders in 2016 across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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