



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

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In-person public comments, please state your name for the record. You will have three (3) minutes to address the Board.

Two written public comments are included with the July 7, 2026, Board packet. 77

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Transit Board members' comments.

12. ADJOURN:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners
DATE: July 7th, 2026
SUBJECT: Ratification of Cash and Registered Warrants

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described herein and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation against Kitsap Transit, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

Paul Shinnors, Finance Director

Warrants audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board of Commissioners.

As of July 7th, 2026, the Board, by a (unanimous/majority) vote, does approve the following warrants and payments for May 1st, 2026, through May 31st, 2026:

- Warrant numbers transit fund 176955 to 177258 of \$3,062,488
- Warrant numbers ferry fund 610339 to 610447 of \$3,073,342
- Payroll account disbursements of \$4,008,837
- ACH clearing account payments of \$93,593
- Travel account disbursements of \$6,367
- Purchasing card disbursements of \$80,064

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of July 2026.

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

**KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES OF June 2, 2026**

Board of Commissioners Present:

Driskell, Robert, Teamsters Local No. 589, *non-voting member*
Moriwaki, Clarence, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island, **Vice Chair**
Putansuu, Robert, Mayor, City of Port Orchard
Rebelowski, Jane, Councilmember, City of Bremerton
Rolfes, Christine, Kitsap County Commissioner
Root, Oran, Kitsap County Commissioner
Rosapepe, Jay, Councilmember, City of Port Orchard
Stern, Ed, Mayor, City of Poulsbo
Walters, Katie, Kitsap County Commissioner, **Chair**
Wheeler, Greg, Mayor, City of Bremerton

Staff Present:

Sanjay Bhatt, Marketing & Public Information Director; Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board, Public Records Officer; Michael Bozarth, Operations Director; John Clauson, Executive Director; Dennis Griffey, Vehicle and Facilities Maintenance Director; Steffani Lillie, Service and Capital Development Director; Mary Pauly, Human Resources Director; Charlotte Sampson, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Shinnars, Finance Director; Nick Zylstra, Marine Services Director

Also Present: David Weibel, Legal Counsel

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Walters called the meeting of the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners to order at 10:30 AM.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Upon review by the Board, the agenda remained unchanged.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

0:00:29, Commissioner Walters expressed appreciation for Kitsap Transit's World Cup preparation efforts and noted positive public response to the tap-to-pay program.

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

0:01:29, Executive Director Clauson noted he had not been present at the meeting, but reported that the CAC reviewed challenges with the free ride ticket program distribution at Kitsap Community Resources (KCR), gathered feedback on the new bike racks installed on the Bremerton Fast Ferries, and discussed potential approaches to managing heavy bus loads originating from the Southworth Ferry Terminal.

0:04:04, Board discussion included questions about CAC members on the Board, timeline for the Board Composition Review, and responsibilities of the review committee.

5. CONSENT / ACTION ITEM:

- a. Warrants for April 2026
 - Warrant numbers transit fund 176559 to 176954 of \$3,031,050
 - Warrant numbers ferry fund 610255 to 610338 of \$2,094,450
 - Payroll account disbursements of \$5,315,704
 - ACH clearing account payments of \$100,345
 - Travel account disbursements of \$31,539
 - Purchasing card disbursements of \$72,844
- b. Minutes of May 5, 2026
- c. Resolution No. 26-30, Approve Renewal of CAC Member

0:07:06, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Mayor Putaansuu seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. FULL DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution No. 26-31, Approve Additional 2nd Qtr Procurements

0:07:40, Executive Director Clauson reported that the resolution requests adding two items to the quarterly procurement list: design work for the Port Orchard ferry float and an engine overhaul for the MV Commander vessel.

0:09:25, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Mayor Putaansuu seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-31, authorizing Kitsap Transit Staff to go to bid for the items listed in the second quarter procurement list.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Resolution No. 26-32, Approve-Initiate Property Acquisition Negotiations Training Facility

0:13:56, Executive Director Clauson reported that the resolution would initiate property acquisition negotiations for a new training facility, noting that \$15 million in funding has already been secured. He explained that the next phase requires hiring an outside appraiser to determine the property's fair market value, which will establish the basis for beginning negotiations.

0:15:28, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Root seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-32, authorizing staff to initiate negotiations with the property owner(s) for the purchase of the Training Facility site.**

Discussion:

0:15:47, Board discussion included questions about leasing the facility out to other public entities.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Resolution No. 26-33, Acknowledge Approved Change Orders on KT 25-011

0:18:09, Executive Director Clauson explained that the resolution acknowledges authorized Change Orders for additional work identified during dry dock repairs on the Enetai, noting that the scope required concurrence from the Board Chair because it exceeded the standard 10% authority limit.

0:19:07, **Mayor Stern moved and Mayor Moriwaki seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-33, authorizing staff to approve KT 25-011 Change Orders 2 and 3, in the cumulative amount of twenty-four thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$24,157) and resetting the Executive Director's ten percent (10%) contract authority in accordance with Kitsap Transit's Procurement Policy.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Resolution No. 26-34, Acknowledge Approved Change Orders on KT 25-014

0:20:18, Executive Director Clauson explained that the resolution acknowledges authorized Change Orders for additional work identified during dry dock repairs on the MV Reliance, noting that the scope required concurrence from the Board Chair because it exceeded the standard 10% authority limit. Change Order work included bike rack modifications and bulkhead repairs that exceeded initial estimates.

0:21:55, **Mayor Moriwaki moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-34, authorizing staff to approve to Change Orders Two and Three on contract KT 25-014 in the amount of fifty-three thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$53,791) and resetting the Executive Director's ten (10) percent contract authority in accordance with Kitsap Transit's Procurement Policy.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Resolution No. 26-35, Approve C/O 7 - KT 22-788 Glostén-Waterman for Design Services

0:23:32, Executive Director Clauson presented a resolution for Change Order 7 for additional design services to Glostén, Inc. This involves the conversion from straight electric propulsion to a hybrid propulsion battery management system. The design change is directly related to new federal requirements, Kitsap Transit noted that they would conduct due diligence before final approval.

0:25:39, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Mayor Moriwaki seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-35, authorizing staff to approve Change Order 7 to Glostén, Inc. for additional design services in the amount of six hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$695,000), increasing the total contract amount to two million four hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$2,435,468), and reauthorizes the Executive Director's authority in accordance with the procurement policy.**

Discussion:

0:26:22, Board discussion included the transition from electric to hybrid due to federal requirements and changes in propulsion system technology, consultant cost for old technology and the possibility of no additional funding from the federal government. Some members expressed disappointment in the shift away from all-electric to hybrid.

0:32:09, Mayor Stern requested that the vote tally reflect Board members reluctantly passed the motion.

Motion passed with a vote of nine (9) to zero (0), though members expressed disappointment.

- f. Resolution No. 26-36, Award KT 26-024 to Glosten, Inc. for CM Services for Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel

0:32:40, Executive Director Clauson requested approval to award Contract 26-024 to Glosten Inc. for construction management services totaling \$1,458,275, within the overall \$15 million project budget.

Discussion:

0:33:20, Board discussion included the option of using the existing design to build another vessel, which would serve as a sister boat to the Commander; the original overall contract amount; the percentage Glosten would receive for construction management services; and the original design firm and associated cost.

0:34:14, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Root seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-36, authorizing staff to award Contract 26-024 to Glosten, Inc. for the Construction Management Services for Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel project in the amount of one million four hundred fifty-eight thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,458,275).**

Motion passed unanimously.

- g. Resolution No. 26-37, Approve KT 26-041 - BTC Security Camera Upgrade

0:38:20, Executive Director Clauson requested approval to award Contract KT 26-041 for the acquisition and installation of additional security cameras at the Bremerton Transportation Center to enhance the existing system.

0:39:43, **Commissioner Root moved and Councilmember Rosapepe seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-37, authorizing staff to award a contract to Long Building Technologies for the purchase and replacement of security cameras at the Bremerton Transportation Center in the amount of four hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$491,650).**

Discussion:

0:40:08, Councilmember Rebelowski reported that community members had expressed concerns about the high-frequency noise generator at the Bremerton Transportation Center, noting its negative impact on young people, particularly children with sensitive hearing. She asked whether the device would be removed as part of the new camera installation.

0:40:47, Executive Director Clauson clarified that the system is intended to deter loitering in the smoking area and stated he would verify any potential impact on children.

0:42:17, Further Board discussion noted that last year's review of the system found the device was not located in an area typically accessed by children. Discussion also covered the device's placement relative to the fast ferry, video storage time limits, 911 alert system, and active monitoring.

Motion passed unanimously.

h. Resolution No. 26-38, Request Approval to Seek Bids-Asset Management Software

0:46:05, Executive Director Clauson requested authorization to seek pricing and proposals for replacement asset-management software, as the current system will no longer be supported after January 2027. He noted that the software tracks parts and maintenance costs for vehicles and vessels, and that this need was unanticipated and not included in the 2026 Budget.

0:47:38, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-38, authorizing staff to seek pricing and proposals for replacement asset management software.**

Discussion:

0:47:59, Councilmember Rebelowski referenced the resolution summary, which listed a budgeted amount, and asked for clarification on whether funding for this item is included in the 2026 Budget.

0:48:30, Executive Director Clauson acknowledged that the \$250,000 budgeted amount shown in the resolution summary is incorrect and will be corrected for the record to reflect that no funds were budgeted.

0:48:40, Commissioner Rolfes requested that the minutes reflect that the "Budgeted Amount" for this resolution is zero.

Motion passed unanimously.

i. Resolution No. 26-39, Request Approval to Seek Bids for Security Roll-up Doors for BTC Customer Service

0:49:54, Executive Director Clauson reported that staff are asking to seek bids for a coiling security door at the Bremerton Transportation Center Customer Service area after an incident in which a small paper fire was pushed under a service window. The unplanned expense will be covered through internal budget reallocation, with no need for additional funding.

0:51:16, Board discussion included the cost and budget to pay for the unplanned expense.

0:52:18, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-39, authorizing staff to advertise and seek bids for a coiling security door for the Bremerton Transportation Center Customer Service Windows.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

0:53:00, Executive Director Clauson briefed the Board on recent transit competitions. At the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) National Rodeo in Omaha, senior operator Val Quill placed second in the 35-foot bus competition and her son Damien Sabado came in seventh in the cutaway competition.

At the American Public Transit Association (APTA) roadeo in Salt Lake City, Routed Operator Lexi Ship placed 36 out of 90 competitors. The maintenance team, including Ruben Castro, John Falla, and Reagan Meador, also competed in Salt Lake City, successfully completing various technical challenges in engine, air, and HVAC systems modules, placing 9th out of 49 teams.

0:59:20, Executive Director Clauson also mentioned the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission in Texas where they learned about hydrogen production and fuel cell vehicles.

1:07:21, Executive Director Clauson reported that anticipated FIFA-related expenditures are estimated at (\$983,000), with six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) covered by federal, state, and county grants, leaving approximately \$300,000 to be covered by the local budget.

1:08:20, Board discussion included questions about Kitsap Transit's out of pocket costs.

1:08:51, Service and Capital Development Director Steffani Lillie shared that Kitsap Transit received \$60,000 from Kitsap County for signage, \$200,000 from federal funds, and \$315,000 from the state. She noted that \$330,000 would come from Kitsap Transit

1:09:36, Executive Director Clauson requested Board feedback on the Board Retreat scheduled for July 21, 2026, at 8:30 AM, asking what the Board expectations are for the length of time and topics. He shared that Kitsap Transit will be reaching out to Board members for their ideas.

1:13:32, Mayor Putaansuu reported that his recent participation in the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission in Texas was highly informative. He noted that Texas is a national leader in both fossil fuels and overall energy production. He also observed that clean-energy projects in Texas can be

permitted in roughly six months, compared to about two years in Washington when not appealed. He stated that the experience was very interesting and that he gained valuable insights.

1:15:15, Commissioner Root reported that he approached the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission with an open mind, focusing on differences between the two states in areas such as legislative policy, pro-business environments, local economies, and geography. He noted that Texas offers valuable lessons in efficient energy practices.

1:19:00, Executive Director Clauson reported that on item 8g, stating the fuel analysis shows \$2.5 million in reserves on the transit side compared to \$1.2 million on the ferry side, due to current fuel prices being approximately \$5 per gallon, compared to the budgeted \$4 average. He noted that staff may request Board approval for the transit side to support the ferry side if a fuel shortage occurs.

1:21:58, Board discussion included whether transit funds could be used to support ferry operations and the separation of ferry and bus funds.

1:22:22, Executive Director Clauson clarified that ferry revenue is only used for ferry use, but bus revenue has more flexibility and can be used for transportation-related expenses.

8. STAFF RECOGNITION / PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Recognizing Drivers of the Month for Month 2025 (10:45am)

0:10:20, Thomas Gilbert, Routed Manager, recognized the Routed Driver of the Month for April 2026, Eric Engelhard.

0:11:11, Cyndi Griffey, Worker/Driver Manager, recognized the ACCESS Driver of the Month for April 2026, Fenya Joy.

0:13:02, Cyndi Griffey, Worker/Driver Manager recognized the Worker/Driver of the Month for April 2026, Bryon Kingsbury.

- b. June 2026 Report from KT Lobbyist
- c. Minutes of March 26, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- d. Draft Financial Reports through April 2026
- e. Capital Work in Progress April 2026
- f. Fuel Costs Report through the end of May 2026
- g. Fuel Reserve Analysis
- h. 1st Quarter 2026 System Performance Report
- i. 1st Quarter 2026 Financial Report

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1:26:29, Peter Brady of Bainbridge Island raised concerns about Kitsap Transit's 2026 budget, highlighting a significant gap between expenses and revenues and questioning the efficiency and necessity of current services.

1:29:19, Mark Stroh of Silverdale submitted three emails for the public comment section which were read by the Clerk of the Board. Mr. Stroh's public comments addressed Board composition, transit-dependent community representation, and the need for accountability, urging action on HB1418 before the September 30 deadline.

10. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1:33:00, Mayor Putaansuu reported on his recent transit experience traveling from Port Orchard to Bremerton and then to Seattle for the annual PSRC meeting, using the foot ferry, fast ferry, and bus. He noted that his return trip provided an opportunity to see a significant portion of South Kitsap County by bus.

1:34:14, Commissioner Walters reported that she attended the Mosquito Fleet Festival, where Kitsap Transit distributed passenger-only ferry passes. Members of Maritime Washington used the passes to ride the Carlisle II for the story sail and took the foot ferry to Bremerton and back. They commented that they were impressed by the level of community connectivity now in place.

11. ADJOURN: At 12:05 PM, Chairperson Walters adjourned the regular meeting.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Attest:

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received by the Clerk of the Board

**Presented at the Kitsap Transit Board of
Commissioners Meeting June 2, 2026**

From: [Mark Stroh](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 11:16:00 AM

Thx.

From: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment

Thank you for your comments, Mr. Stroh.
I will read your comments during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Jackie Bidon
Clerk of the Board - Public Records Officer
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From: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:16 AM
To: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment

Commissioners:

With HB 1418, you have the opportunity to give marginalized, transit-dependent communities a formal voice in transit policy. I urge you to take this action before the September 30 Board Composition Review deadline. Please also assure the Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee (KTCAC) that this step ensures added accountability rather than replacing their vital role.

Mark Stroh
Silverdale, WA
markgstroh@gmail.com

From: [Mark Stroh](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:49:30 AM

Commissioners:

Executive Director Clauson's earlier recap of the May 28th Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee (KTCAC) meeting omitted that four members of the public (Lane Daniel, Kathryn Owen, Diana Tyree-Eddy and Mark Stroh) of the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) Social Justice Committee made public comment against the proposed resolution KTCAC is considering in opposition to the addition of the two transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board.

Mark Stroh

From: [Mark Stroh](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 12:06:46 PM

Thank you. I appreciate that.

From: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 12:05 PM
To: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

Mr. Stroh, your complete comments will be included in the Board minutes and forwarded to each Kitsap Transit Board member.

Thank you.

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From: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 11:34 AM
To: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

This is corrected version of last comment.

From: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 11:28 AM
To: jacquelyn@kitsaptransit.com <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Subject: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

Executive Director Clauson said the decision was delegated to a separate committee. Where is that in the law? See highlights in yellow. Read it as part of my comments/

RCW 36.57A.055

Governing body—Periodic review of composition.

After a public transportation benefit area has been in existence for four years, members of the county legislative authority and the elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the public transportation benefit area shall review the composition of the governing body of the benefit area and change the composition of the governing body if the change is deemed appropriate. When determining if a change to the composition of the governing body is appropriate, the proportional representation requirements of RCW [36.57A.050](#) must be taken into consideration if the population of the county in which the public transportation benefit area is located is more than four hundred thousand and the county does not also contain a city with a population of seventy-five thousand or more operating a transit system pursuant to chapter [35.95](#) RCW, and the composition of the governing body must be changed if necessary to meet this requirement. The review shall be at a meeting of the designated representatives of the component county and cities, and the majority of those present shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. Twenty days notice of the meeting shall be given by the chief administrative officer of the public transportation benefit area authority. After the initial review, a review shall be held every four years.

If an area having a population greater than fifteen percent, or areas with a combined population of greater than twenty-five percent of the population of the existing public transportation benefit area as constituted at the last review meeting, annex to the public transportation benefit area, or if an area is added under RCW [36.57A.140\(2\)](#), the representatives of the component county and cities shall meet within ninety days to review and change the composition of the governing body, if the change is deemed appropriate. This meeting is in addition to the regular four-year review meeting and shall be conducted pursuant to the same notice requirement and quorum provisions of the regular review.



Board of Commissioners Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 07/07/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 26-40, Reappointment of CAC Member

SUBMITTED BY: John Clauson

TITLE: Executive Director

DEPARTMENT: Executive

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 26-40

BUDGETARY IMPACT *(if applicable)*

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$ 0.00

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$ 0.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

REVIEWED BY: Executive Director

REVIEWED DATE: 06/30/2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has a representative whose term expires at the end of June. James Kinnison is a member representing the Peninsula Council for the Blind. Staff requested the representative submit an updated application to confirm continued interest in the Committee. The application was returned and reviewed by staff. The existing CAC members also voted to approve Mr. Kinnison's request. Staff recommends renewing the membership, extending one (1) year from the most recent expiration date, to maintain an experienced Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 26-40, reappointing James Kinnison to the Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee for a one-year (1-year) term effective July 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KITSAP TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, by Resolution 91-91, the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit authorized the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to determine the makeup of its committee to ensure regular participation by representative groups of Kitsap residents; and

WHEREAS, the term of James Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, came up for renewal in June 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnison has expressed an interest in continued membership on the CAC; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Transit staff requested and received an updated application from Mr. Kinnison; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnison helps facilitate communication between Kitsap Transit and the visually-impaired community, bringing issues to the attention of Kitsap Transit with public transit being his main source of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the existing CAC members voted to approve Mr. Kinnison’s request to continue membership; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the reappointment of James Kinnison for another one-year (1-year) term as reflected below, effective on the original expiration date, in order to maintain an experienced committee.

James Kinnison	Peninsula Council for the Blind	07/26 – 06/27
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that James Kinnison be reappointed to the Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee for a one-year (1-year) term effective July 1, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

DRAFT



Board of Commissioners Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 07/07/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 26-41, Kitsap Transit's 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan

SUBMITTED BY: Steffani Lillie

TITLE: Service and Capital Development Director

DEPARTMENT: Capital

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 26-41, 2026 - 2031 Transit Development Plan

BUDGETARY IMPACT *(if applicable)*

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$ 0.00

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$ 0.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

REVIEWED BY: Executive Director

REVIEWED DATE: 06/30/2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Washington State Department of Transportation and Washington State Legislature require transit agencies to develop a Transit Development Plan (TDP) annually depicting a six-year projection of projected revenues, expenses, ridership and capital projects.

The public hearing was advertised, soliciting public comments in writing or in person. The TDP supports the KT Long Range Transit Plan that was adopted in December 2022. This annual update replaces the prior year TDP.

The Community Advisory Committee was provided with the draft TDP at the June 25, 2026, meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 26-41, adopting the 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-41

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING KITSAP TRANSIT'S 2026-2031 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the basic planning requirement for transit systems as established by the Washington State Department of Transportation and Washington State Legislature and direct each agency to annually develop a Transit Development Plan (TDP); and

WHEREAS, the TDP is a six-year (6-year) planning document that provides a report of Kitsap Transit's operating and program data as well as goal achievement for the prior year, in addition to addressing service and capital goals for the period of 2026 through 2031; and

WHEREAS, staff provided the TDP to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for their review on May 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff presented the TDP to the Community Advisory Committee on June 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 7, 2026, at the regularly scheduled Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners meeting to review the TDP and accept additional public comment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Kitsap Transit 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan as Kitsap Transit's guiding document for Operations and Capital improvements.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board



Board of Commissioners Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 07/07/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 26-42, Approve 2026 3rd Qtr. Procurements

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Shinnors

TITLE: Finance Director

DEPARTMENT: Finance

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 26-42

BUDGETARY IMPACT *(if applicable)*

BUDGETED AMOUNT:

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:

FUNDING SOURCE: Capital / Operating

REVIEWED BY: Executive Director

REVIEWED DATE: 06/30/2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In an effort to streamline and expedite the procurement process, staff consolidates a list of Capital projects, assets and services for the Board of Commissioners to authorize staff to begin the process of advertising and competitively bidding select projects each calendar quarter. All projects included on the list are in the approved Capital and/or Operations Budget for 2026. The awards for these projects will be brought forth to the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners for final review in accordance with the procurement policy and procedures.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 26-42, authorizing Kitsap Transit Staff to go to bid for the items listed in the third quarter procurement list.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-42

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE AND SEEK BIDS FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENTS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2026.

WHEREAS, in an effort to streamline and expedite the procurement process, staff consolidates a list of Capital projects, assets, and services for the Board of Commissioners authorizing staff to begin the process of advertising and competitively bidding select projects each calendar quarter; and

WHEREAS, all procurements presented in this resolution are included with in the 2026 Operating or Capital Budget as approved by the Board through Resolution 25-73; and

WHEREAS, for the third quarter of 2026, staff are requesting permission to advertise and seek bids for the following additional procurements:

- Resurface Bremerton Dock Gangway; and

WHEREAS, bonding requirements for each Capital project is one hundred percent (100%) unless staff otherwise reviews and requests alternate bonding levels with the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS; upon completion of each procurement, staff will subsequently ask the Board of Commissioners for their final review and approval of contract award in accordance with the procurement policy and procedures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to advertise and seek bids for Capital projects, assets, and services as presented.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

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Board of Commissioners Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 07/07/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 26-43, KT 26-031 WBTC Park and Ride Redevelopment Design

SUBMITTED BY: Steffani Lillie

TITLE: Service & Capital Development Director

DEPARTMENT: Capital

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 26-43

BUDGETARY IMPACT *(if applicable)*

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$ 1,340,383.00

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$ 1,344,239.00

FUNDING SOURCE: Capital

REVIEWED BY: Executive Director

REVIEWED DATE: 06/30/2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This project is to complete 20% design and the environmental process to redevelop the West Bremerton Transit Center (WBTC). Environmental work on this site will be greater than other projects due to the age of the facility, hazardous building materials (lead & asbestos) and the contents within the building. This project also will complete a full demolition plan for the existing facility along with plans for temporary site stabilization prior to a full design and construction process. The price proposal is higher than budgeted, however, staff has evaluated the proposal and deemed it appropriate for the level of effort. Staff will manage the budget overage through bottom line budgeting in the Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 26-43, authorizing staff to award KT 26-031 WBTC Park and Ride Redevelopment Design in the amount of one million three hundred forty-four thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$1,344,239) to Transpo Group.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-43

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO AWARD CONTRACT KT 26-031 FOR THE WEST BREMERTON TRANSIT CENTER (WBTC) PARK AND RIDE REDEVELOPMENT DESIGN

WHEREAS, in 2023 Kitsap Transit purchased Bremerton Lanes in Bremerton, Washington for an improved transit center, hydrogen bus fueling and park and ride facility under resolution 23-35; and

WHEREAS, staff has been researching the best hydrogen options and working with the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) to determine the best path forward for site redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, during conversations with FTA and hydrogen bus manufacturers it has been determined that a phased approach is the preferred method due to bus manufacturers' adoption of the hydrogen fuel cells and current administrative priorities; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Transit has adopted this phased approach and is requesting to move forward with the necessary design to obtain the federal environmental approvals under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, the site plans under this agreement will be designed without the hydrogen fueling facility however, site plans will incorporate space for future inclusion of this element; and

WHEREAS, the project will complete a twenty percent (20%) design, all NEPA documentation, full demolition plan, site stabilization, and demolition bid ready documents; and

WHEREAS, the contract will also include bid support for building demolition and supported site mitigation; and

WHEREAS, a competitive request for qualifications was solicited in April 2026 and five proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated the proposals and determined that TranspoGroup to be the highest and best qualified for this scope of work; and

WHEREAS, costs were evaluated, negotiated and staff deemed the amount of one million three hundred forty-four thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$1,344,239) to be fair and reasonable for the scope of work requested; and

WHEREAS, staff will return to the Board of Commissioners to request the remaining design authorization, permission for demolition construction work, and full site redevelopment construction at a later date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize staff to award contract KT 26-031 for the WBTC Park and Ride Redevelopment Design for the cost of one million three hundred forty-four thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$1,344,239) to the TranspoGroup.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board



Board of Commissioners Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 07/07/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 26-44, Award KT 26-040 Finest 2-Year USCG to NBBB

SUBMITTED BY: Nick Zylstra

TITLE: Director

DEPARTMENT: Marine Services

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 26-44

BUDGETARY IMPACT *(if applicable)*

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$ 348,580.00

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$ 348,580.00

FUNDING SOURCE: Operating

REVIEWED BY: Executive Director

REVIEWED DATE: 06/30/2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Resolution 26-44 authorizes staff to award KT 26-040 M/V Finest two-year (2-year) USCG dry dock to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders (NBBB). This project is to haul and block the M/V Finest, as the United States Coast Guard (USCG) requires marine vessels to adhere to an inspection schedule of every two (2) years.

Total proposed expenditure is three hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$348,580). This expenditure is included in the 2026 Operating Budget-Ferry Funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 26-44, authorizing staff to award KT 26-040 M/V Finest two-year (2-year) USCG Inspection to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in the amount of three hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$348,580).

RESOLUTION NO. 26-44

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR KT 26-040 M/V FINEST TWO-YEAR (2-YEAR) USCG DRY DOCK TO NICHOLS BROTHERS BOAT BUILDERS

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2026, Kitsap Transit Procurement staff publicly advertised an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for KT 26-040 M/V Finest two-year (2-year) USCG dry dock; and

WHEREAS, staff sought a qualified contractor to haul and block the M/V Finest as the United States Coast Guard (USCG) requires marine vessels to adhere to an inspection schedule of every two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, Kitsap Transit received three (3) bids in response to this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, Nichols Brothers Boat Builders (NBBB) was the apparent lowest bidder pending responsiveness and responsible checks in the amount of three hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$348,580); and

WHEREAS, Procurement staff conducted a price analysis to Kitsap Transit's Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) and deemed the bid fair and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to award contract KT 26-040 M/V Finest two-year (2-year) USCG dry dock to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in the amount of three hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$348,580).

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

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To: Kitsap Transit
From: Doty & Associates, Inc. (prepared by J. Dylan Doty)
Date: June 26, 2026
Re: July 7, 2026, Board Meeting – Legislative Report

Interim Update

Much of the focus in Olympia has shifted to the August 4 Primary Election, with legislators spending significant time in their districts campaigning and engaging with constituents. That said, legislative staff and select committees continue to hold stakeholder meetings and work sessions on issues expected to be priorities for the 2027 session. We continue to monitor those discussions, along with the state's budget situation, to identify emerging issues that could affect Kitsap Transit as policymakers begin laying the groundwork for the 2027 legislative session.

State Budget Outlook: 2027–29 Biennium

Washington's June revenue forecast shows a mixed picture, according to the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC). The economic slowdown results in a projected \$427 million decrease in the current 2025–27 biennium, driven by lower personal income and slower employment growth. Additional economic-related declines of \$450 million are expected in 2027–29 and \$122 million in 2029–31.

With this backdrop, and with what the Office of Financial Management (OFM) has described as potentially the most challenging budget environment in decades, OFM formally advised agencies in June that significant shortfalls are expected in both the operating and transportation budgets and directed agencies to focus budget requests on mandatory cost increases rather than program expansion.

Several factors are contributing to the state's current fiscal challenges:

- Inflation has substantially increased the cost of providing public services. OFM notes that prices have risen approximately 39 percent over the last decade, reducing the purchasing power of state revenues across operating, transportation, and capital programs.
- Washington's population grew by more than one million residents between 2015 and 2025, increasing demand for state services and infrastructure.
- Federal funding uncertainty, ongoing economic volatility, and court decisions with significant fiscal implications continue to pressure state finances.
- While the Legislature enacted significant new taxes during the 2025 and 2026 sessions, much of the projected revenue either will not materialize until later years or remains subject to legal and political uncertainty. OFM specifically instructed agencies not to assume availability of revenue from the new Millionaire's Tax when developing 2027–29 requests.



As a result, OFM directed agencies to pause most program expansions, identify significant ongoing reductions and efficiencies, and develop budget proposals focused primarily on legally required costs and critical services.

For local governments and transit agencies, the broader takeaway is that the 2027 Legislature is likely to focus heavily on budget sustainability, preservation of existing services, and cost containment. New discretionary investments will face heightened scrutiny, and competition for limited state resources is expected to be significant.

Transportation Budget Outlook: 2027-29 Biennium

Although the Legislature adopted a major transportation revenue package in 2025, Washington's transportation budget continues to face long-term structural challenges. The package increased fuel taxes, vehicle-related taxes and fees, rental car taxes, and other transportation revenues, providing sufficient revenue to maintain budget balance through the 2027–29 biennium. However, much of that revenue was used to address existing project cost overruns and preserve previously authorized investments rather than launch major new initiatives.

Several trends are shaping the transportation budget heading into 2027:

- Declining fuel consumption continues to erode the state's largest transportation revenue source. Gas taxes account for roughly 40 percent of transportation revenues, and forecasts continue to show long-term declines as vehicles become more fuel efficient and electrification increases.
- Transportation revenue forecasts have already softened since passage of the 2025 transportation package. Recent forecasts show revenues falling below earlier projections due primarily to reduced fuel consumption, partially offset by stronger toll, ferry, and vehicle-related revenues.
- Construction inflation continues to increase project delivery costs, creating additional pressure on state transportation accounts. Several transportation stakeholders have warned that cost escalation remains one of the most significant long-term risks facing the system.
- OFM has directed transportation agencies to submit 2027–29 requests focused on mandatory needs and critical costs, signaling that transportation funding, like the operating budget, will face significant constraints.

The 2026 supplemental transportation budget largely reflected these realities. Legislative investments focused heavily on preservation and maintenance of existing assets, including highways, bridges, and ferries, rather than major system expansion. Lawmakers also funded a legislative review of the long-term sustainability of Washington's transportation finance system, with recommendations expected prior to the 2027 session.



For Kitsap Transit, the key implication is that the 2027 transportation debate will likely center on preservation of existing programs, ferry system reliability, transportation revenue sustainability, and the state's response to declining fuel-tax revenues and other long-term transportation funding challenges. While transit remains an important part of Washington's transportation system, new statewide transit investments may be difficult to secure absent a broader conversation about transportation funding reform and long-term revenue replacement strategies.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

We will continue monitoring interim meetings and developments throughout the summer and will report on any significant legislative or budget activity affecting Kitsap Transit.

7/21-22 – Washington State Transportation Commission: The Commission will be holding a virtual meeting on July 21 and 22. Click [here](#) to learn more.

7/30 - The County Road Administration Board (CRAB): CRAB will be holding a board meeting on July 30 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Washington State Transit Association (WSTA)

The 50th Washington State Public Transportation Conference, Vendor Expo, and State Rodeo will take place from August 10th to August 12th in Tacoma, WA. The conference provides an opportunity for transit leaders from across Washington to discuss statewide policy priorities, operational challenges, funding issues, and policy priorities ahead of the 2027 legislative session.

Key information:

- The Conference will run from Monday, August 10th, to Wednesday, August 12th.
- Monday will be a half-day - the Morning will be for those attending tours and WSTA Committees.
- Leadership Training - Using the link below, you can register to attend a 1-day leadership training course on Monday. Seats are limited, and a description of the training is coming soon.
- Wall of Fame Banquet is on Wednesday night, August 12th, the last day of the Conference.

Please send all registration questions to: wsta@watransit.com

Washington Highway Users Federation (WHUF)

Save the date for the WHUF Interim Briefing. WHUF will be holding its annual Interim Briefing on December 4 at the Tacoma Convention Center. More details are coming soon.

KITSAP TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2026

Meeting Recording:

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

In the absence of Chair Ken Longcrier, meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by Executive Director John Clauson.

ATTENDED:

Rudy Baum, Kitsap Health District
Patricia Bradley, Silverdale
Marsha Cutting, Bainbridge Island
Robert Dollar, Bremerton, West (virtual)
Cindy Hare-Willis, Peninsula Community Health
Maxwell Judd, KT Cross-Sound Fast Ferry
JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind
Tecla Legge, Kingston
Kelsey Murray, South Kitsap
Susan Woolley, Kitsap Mental Health

ABSENT:

Ken Longcrier, Port Orchard (excused)
Daniel Walkup, Bremerton, East (excused)

STAFF:

John Clauson, Executive Director
Charlotte Sampson, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Sanjay Bhatt, Marketing & Public Information Director

VISITORS:

Kat Woofter

Mark Stroh, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Lane Daniels, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Marty Bishop, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Cris Amburgey, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship Accessibility Committee

Agenda was modified, moving Discussion Item 3, Ballot – Leadership Positions on Committee, to the beginning of the meeting. Ballots were distributed with the names of those interested in serving as Chair and/or Vice Chair.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kelsey Murray to approve the March minutes as written; seconded by Maxwell Judd. **Minutes approved as presented.**

2. Board of Commissioners Agenda Review

Executive Director Clauson reviewed the items for the May 5 meeting:

- Approve change order for additional design services related to the new training facility. This will authorize Phase 2 of the RFP, moving ahead with the design of the project so we have the documents necessary to go out to bid for construction.
- Acknowledging of prior approval of change order on KT 25-011 regarding repairs on the M/V Enetai. Explanation of process regarding getting concurrence from Board Chair for Marine Services expenditure, to be documented with formal resolution at next business meeting.
- Approval of sole source purchase of renewable propane from Blue Star Gas in Tukwila. This is the only company we have found that produces renewable propane. They will also be providing a fueling station for our South Base location and double the capacity at Charleston Base.

Executive Director Clauson continued, making note of the items in his Executive Report to the Board:

- Cancellation of Work Study meetings in May and June due to schedule conflicts
- Update on plans for World Cup service

At this time, Executive Assistant Charlotte Sampson reported on the ballot results, with Kelsey Murray being elected as Chair and Cindy Hare-Willis as Vice Chair. Appointment is for one year. Executive Director Clauson then turned the meeting over to Kelsey Murray.

3. Committee Member Reports

Tecla Legge, Kingston, reported on the new lights and system at the Kingston Ferry Terminal for cars loading on the ferries.

JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, said he used the shuttle service to Purdy to connect with Pierce Transit and continue to Tacoma. He asked if more runs would be added to this service, as it currently only makes three runs in the morning and three runs in the afternoon, with no service on Sunday (meaning he had to travel around to Seattle to take the ferry over). Executive Director Clauson stated the service level depends on the demand. JR added that this service is operated by *ACCESS* and goes into Pierce County, but *ACCESS* does not go into the Aero Mobile Home Park just north of Bremerton Airport. His blind friend that lives there, Kevin Jones, must walk out to the road. Executive Director Clauson explained that we try to make our *ACCESS* service as efficient as possible and that there are areas we are not able to readily serve. He also noted that this area is served by our SK RIDE, so Mr. Jones could use that service to get to Port Orchard. JR stated Mr. Jones has tried that and was told the bus would not go into the mobile home park.

JR continued, asking what the difference was between using Pingo on Sunday and regular *ACCESS* service on Sunday. Executive Director Clauson explained that it had to do with eligibility. Pingo is a Dial-a-Ride service that is open to the public, whereas *ACCESS* is the demand-response service we use for eligible passengers. For efficiency, we use one bus to do both services.

Kelsey Murray, South Kitsap, expressed appreciation for the updated ferry ridership numbers on the website. She also stated that the World Cup message sent out by KT was very informative, unlike other messages she has been seeing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation – Marketing Updates

Marketing and Public Information Director Sanjay Bhatt gave a presentation covering real-time service information updates (**attached**). Projects include digital displays at transit centers, Text for Next Bus for real-time updates on phone, and support for disadvantaged riders. He noted that not only are these improvements being made for World Cup but to also improve the experience for our current customers.

****NOTE**** Technical difficulties at beginning of presentation resulted in restarting Zoom and delayed visual of presentation.

Discussion/questions during presentation:

Digital and E-Paper Displays

- Gives us the opportunity to inform passengers quickly when changes are made.
- Updated displays will replace older dot-matrix displays on passenger ferry dock.
- E-paper displays and LED boards/TVs only for FIFA? No, these will be permanent improvements.
- Audible option for boards/TVs? Unsure, will need to check. E-paper displays will have text-to-speech buttons.
- Standard usable file formats for e-paper displays, or proprietary? Hardware can work with different providers. Some performance differences with software (refresh rate), but still dependable.
- Discussion on security and avoiding vandalism.

Text for Next Bus

- Usage is increasing for customers both texting in and calling in.
- Looking for feedback on recent test – text service vs paper schedules – by removing schedule panels along Routes 221 and 224 but keeping them along Routes 220 and 226. Monitor and evaluate customer comments.
- Same phone number used for texts as what is used by *ACCESS* for notifications? No, but same number that is used for Rider Alerts.

- Use of “location” option on phone to avoid having to put stop number in? Not everyone has location enabled on phone.
- QR code? Decided not to go this route as it is not secure and the design can fade, etc., leading to errors.

Support for Disadvantaged Riders

- Lifeline program provides low-income households with discounted home and cellular phone service.
- KT is working with partners in social service agencies to promote Lifeline and explore reuse of cell phones abandoned on KT buses.
- Draft information shown for artwork and beta site as well as service providers.

2. Discussion – CAC Resolution to Maintain Structure

Executive Assistant Charlotte Sampson distributed copies of the draft resolution and additional information submitted by Kelsey Murray for two additional “whereas” statements. She asked the committee members to give thought as to where to insert the two statements. Committee agreed to postpone discussion to May so everyone had time to review.

3. Ballot – Leadership Positions on Committee

Covered at beginning of meeting.

4. Member Renewal – Tecla Legge, Kingston

Executive Director Clauson noted that the membership term of Tecla Legge, Kingston, is up for renewal. Tecla had submitted a renewal membership application, and the committee members had been asked their thoughts on continuation. Request was approved and a resolution will go before the Board of Commissioners in June for membership renewal for one year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Marsha Cutting, Bainbridge Island, commented that in trying to advocate for more ridership, it seems BI RIDE is not completely understood. It gets conflated with *ACCESS* because the same vehicles are used for each program, and there

seems to be confusion over how to use BI RIDE. She'd like to look at ways of getting the information out to the people on the island, as the program is underutilized. Executive Director Clauson agreed and indicated that Kitsap Transit had participated in a cooperative marketing effort with the City of Bainbridge to promote BI RIDE. Participation is better than it was before the promotion, but we still have people that have challenges utilizing the service. Marketing Director Bhatt added that he welcomes any help amplifying the messages on our website. He agreed that there is confusion, especially due to the comingling of resources to improve efficiency. Discussion on the makeup of BI RIDE, being a combination of a dial-a-ride service but with fixed time points.

JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, noted that the information on the driver's manifest does not always match what is known about the passenger. Not all drivers look at all the information on the manifest, especially if it's for a regular rider. Discussion on the layout of the manifest and the space allotted for necessary information, especially when working with tablets, and the predictability of qualified riders.

Executive Director Clauson wanted to show the committee an updated rough-draft version of our Transit 101 video but was unable due to time constraints. Hope to show final version at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (also made throughout the meeting)

Mark Stroh, Co-Chair of Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship (KUUF), introduced others with him from KUUF. He expressed their involvement in the 2025 Week Without Driving campaign and is looking to be more involved in the 2026 event, October 1 – 8. He also referenced the draft resolution distributed to the members, indicating that the group behind the Week Without Driving Campaign were also in support of House Bill 1418. He expressed concern over the intent of the resolution and expects to provide more comment on it.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Real-Time Service Information Update

April 30, 2026

Community Advisory Committee

Sanjay Bhatt

Marketing & Public Information Director

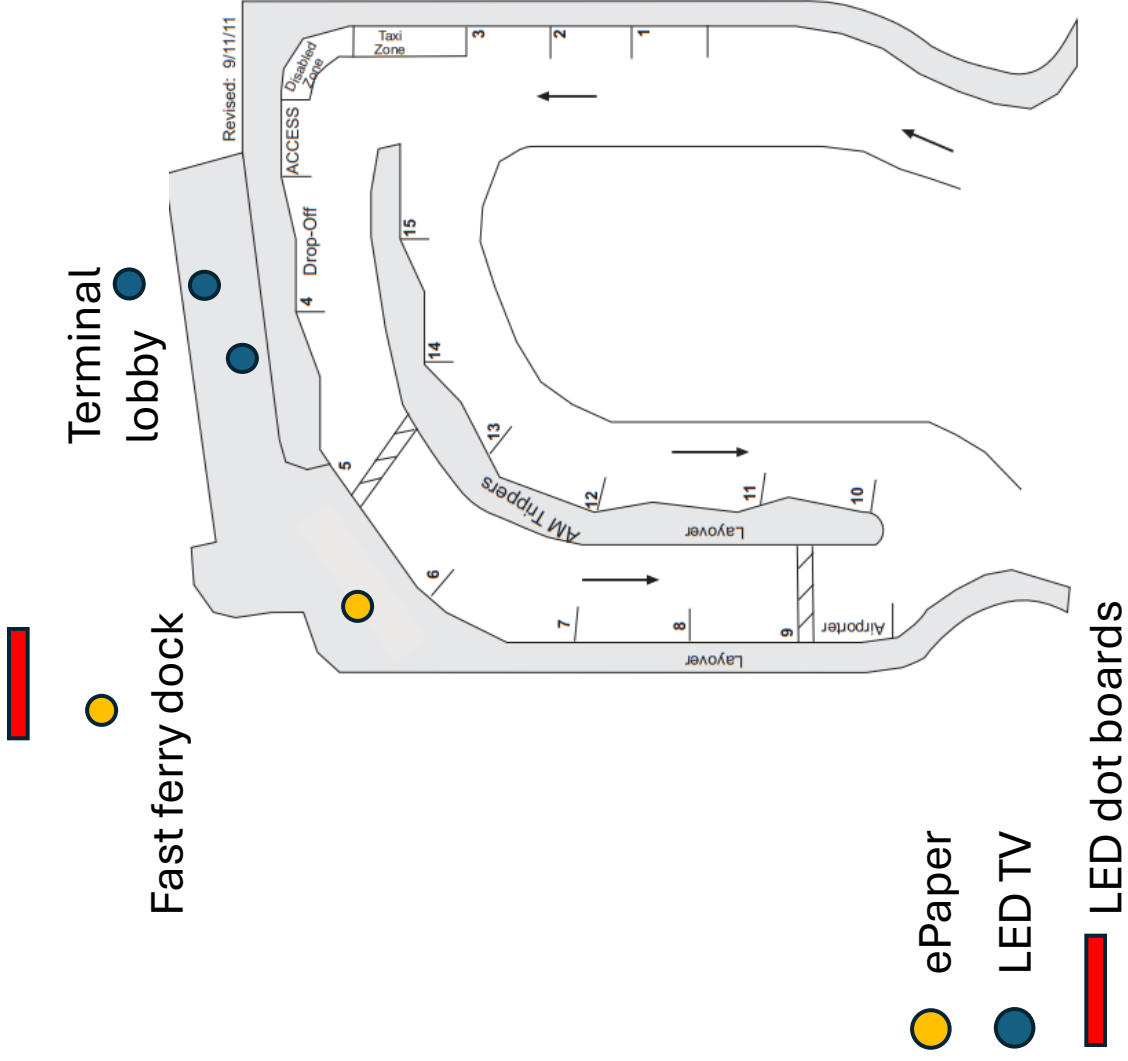


Project Updates

- Digital Displays: Real-time trip updates at transit centers
 - Bremerton Transportation Center
 - Wheaton Way Transit Center
 - Silverdale Transit Center
- Text for Next Bus: Real-time updates on your phone
 - Phase 1: 325 stops installed in January
 - Phase 2: 1,000 stops to be installed in June
- Closing the Digital Divide: Support for disadvantaged riders

Bremerton Transportation Center

- Real-time departure times by route displayed at multiple locations across BTC footprint
- Departures by route:
 - By CSO window: One indoors and two outdoors.
 - Two back-to-back TVs outdoors above covered walkway
 - One 32" ePaper by Bay 6
 - One 13" ePaper (ferries only) at entrance to POF walkway
- Ferry trip status updates:
 - 2 LED dot boards mounted to ceiling. MSAs could update via controller.





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Restrooms
Elevators
Escalators





BUS DEPARTURES






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ROUTE	DESTINATION	DEPARTING	BAY
220	West Bremerton TC	5:31 PM	5
224	West Bremerton TC	5:31 PM	4
225	Wheaton Way TC	5:32 PM	8
301	North Viking TC	5:45 PM	13
222	Gateway P&R & Bremerton UM P&R	5:45 PM	14
228	West Bremerton TC	6:05 PM	6

FERRIES

ROUTE TO	DEPARTING
500 Port Orchard	5:18 PM
501 Annapolis	5:21 PM
400 Seattle	5:45 PM

NEXT FEW HOURS

6PM		61°	6%
8PM		59°	3%
10PM		55°	1%
12AM		52°	1%
2AM		50°	0%



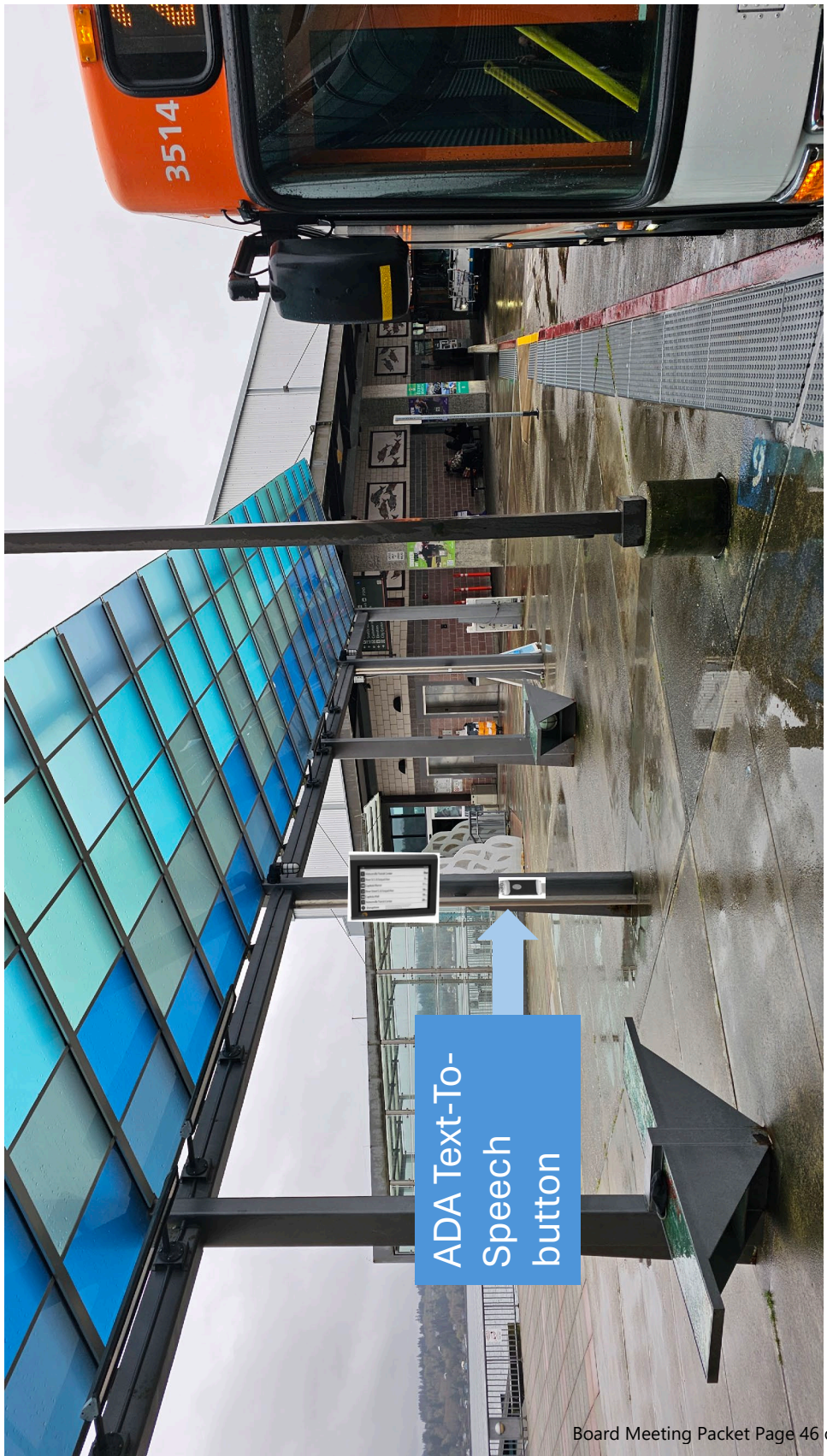
Bremerton Transit Center

Route	Bay	Departing
212 Silver Dale West	1	10:59 AM Next: 11:25 AM
215 McWilliams	2	6 min Next: 10 min
217 Silver Dale East	5	7 min Next: 12:30 AM
220 Sunn Fjord	9	Now Next: 10:42 AM
221 Perry Avenue	7	5 min Next: 2:10 PM
222 Gateway	6	5 min Next: 11:00 AM
224 Olympic College	5	5 min Next: 11:02 AM
225 Sheridan Park	4	11:53 AM Next: 2:48 PM
226 Bay Vista	3	5 min Next: 11:37 AM
228 Marion	6	5 min Next: 11:22 AM
229 Trenton	2	5 min Next: 10:54 AM
301 North Kitsat Fast Ferry		10:54 AM Next: 11:09 AM
400 Porth Orchard Foot Ferry		5 min Next: 9 min
500 Annapolis Foot Ferry		5 min Next: 10:55 AM
501 Bremerton Fast Ferry		10 min Next: 11:10 AM



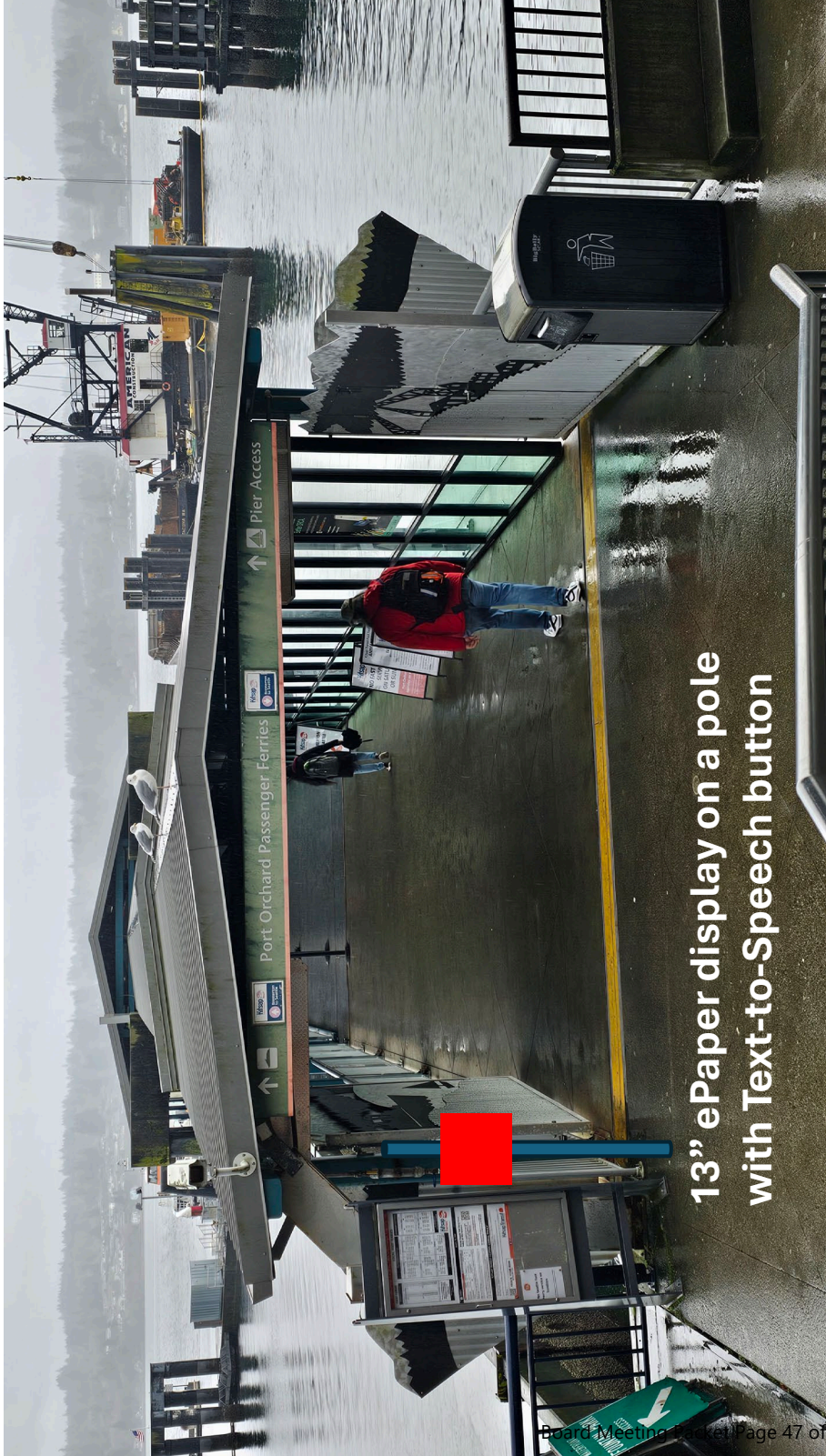
On Sundays we offer On-Demand rides. Book a ride up to 7 days in advance. Call 1-844-475-7433 or use the Ride Pingo app. To access Kitsap Transit ferries, proceed to the lower-level dock.

Mock-up



ADA Text-To-Speech button

Bremerton Passenger Ferry Dock entrance



13" ePaper display on a pole with Text-to-Speech button



Two new headsigns in gangway for trip updates (cancels, at capacity, safety messages)

BTC EXTERIOR



1

		Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries to Seattle
		Kitsap Transit Ferries to Annapolis, Port Orchard
		Washington State Ferries to Seattle

2

		Kitsap Transit Ferries		Restrooms
		Boardwalk		Bike Racks
		Public Parking (2nd St)		

4

	Fast Ferry to Seattle
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6

	Local Ferry to Annapolis
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1



4



Fast Ferry to Seattle

6



Local Ferry to Annapolis

Temporary FIFA Wayfinding signage at and around BTC and at STC

1

To Seattle
Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries
Downstairs

Buses
Bremerton Transportation
Center Customer Service

LET'S SEA PLAY 26
Kitsap Transit
Washington State Ferries

4

Fan Zone Quincy Square
Walk or Buses

212 217 221 224
225 226 229

Get off at first bus stop

Downtown Bremerton

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

15

To Seattle for Summer Soccer

Buses 212 217
Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries
Washington State Ferries

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

3

To Seattle
Washington State Ferries

To Seattle
Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries
Downstairs

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

2

To Seattle
Washington State Ferries

To Seattle
Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries
Downstairs

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

10

To Central Kitsap Hotels

Bus Route 212
See schedule & map
KitsapTransit.com/212

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

1

To Seattle
Kitsap Transit Fast Ferries
Downstairs

To Seattle
Washington State Ferries

LET'S SEA PLAY 26

5

Fan Zone Quincy Square
Walk or Buses

212 217 221 224
225 226 229

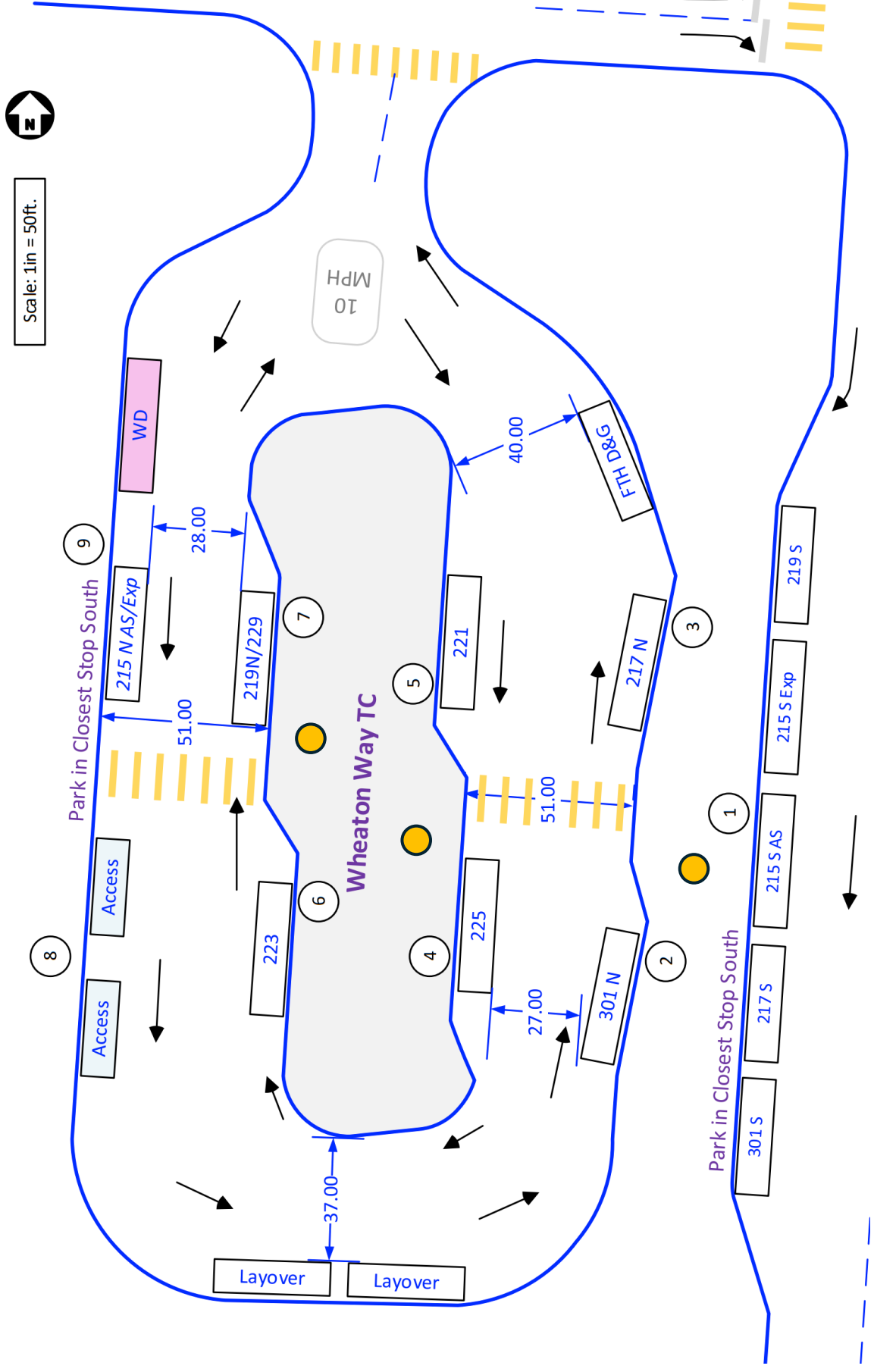
Get off at first bus stop

Taxis

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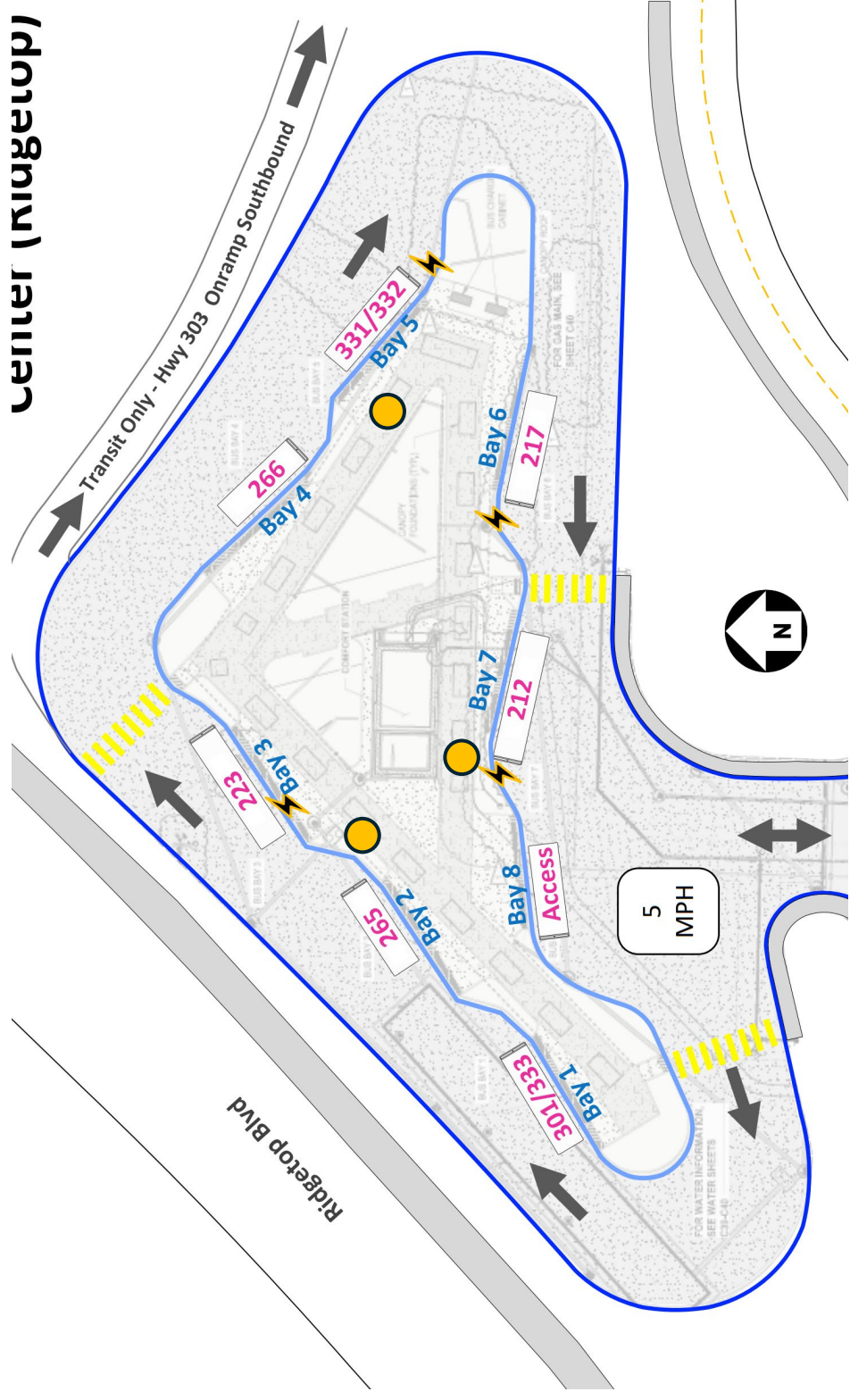
Wheaton Way Transit Center

- 13" ePaper display on bus stop pole with Text-to-Speech (TTS) button below for ADA
- Three spread out across transit center near bays



Silverdale Way Transit Center

- 13” ePaper display on poles or pillars with Text-to-Speech (TTS) button below for ADA
- One for each side of transit center



Solar-powered lighting at bus stops



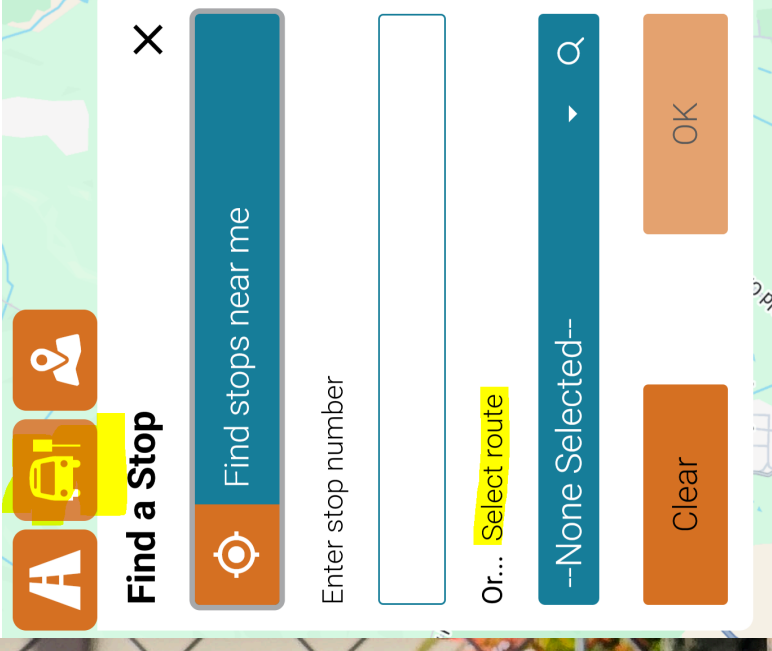
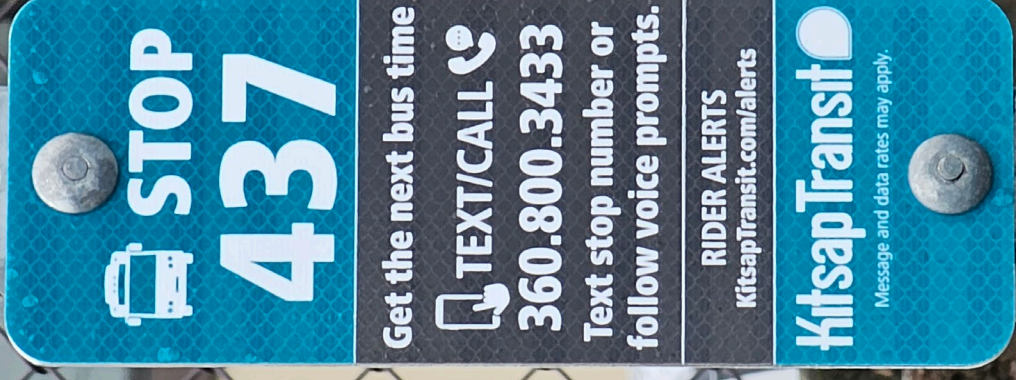
- Pilot of Urban Solar ePaper will include one unit with solar-powered, button-activated lighting unit
- Install at existing stop along Highway 305 in North Kitsap that is dark at night, no available AC power source for light
- Light reduces rider pass-bys, enhances security for rider, offers reliable LED lighting
- Battery back-up to power light for about 5 nights

Example of unit installed in Jacksonville, FL

Text for Next Bus

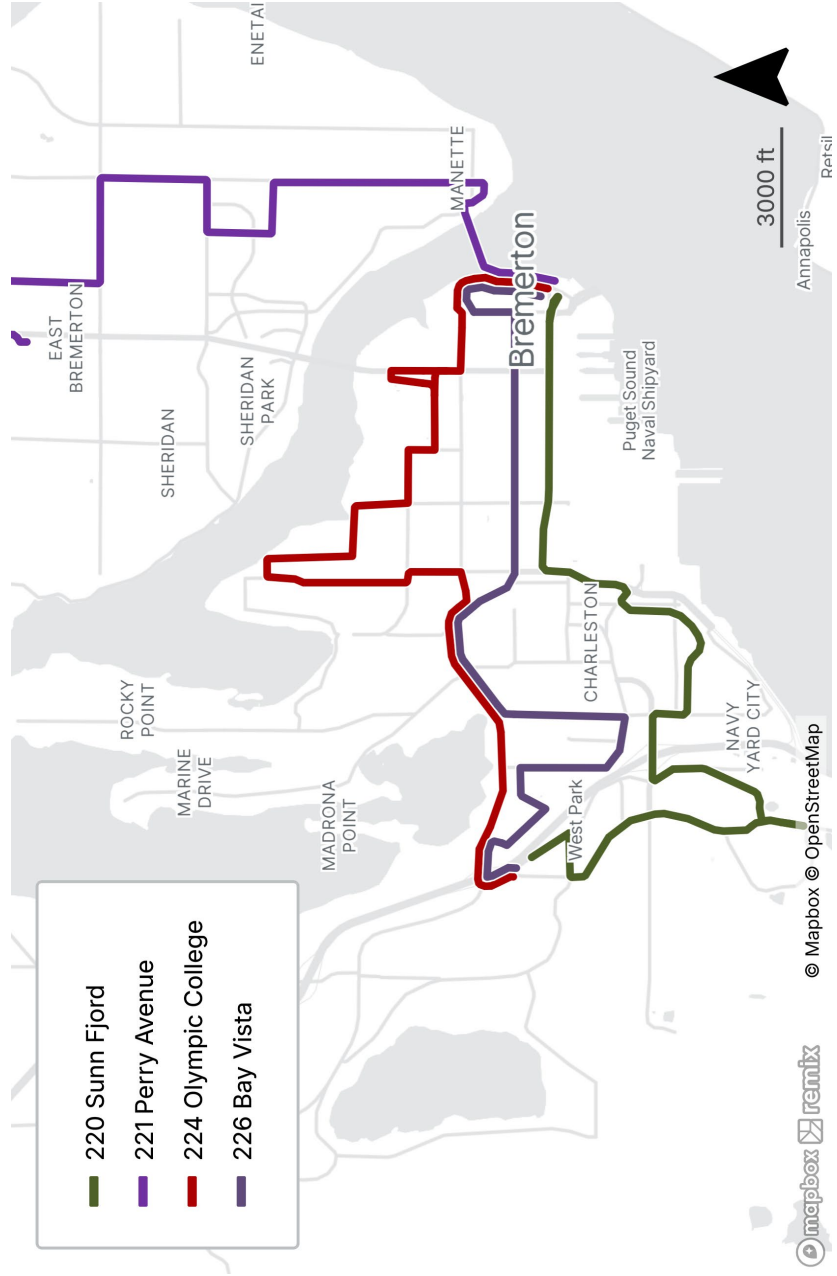
Text for Next Bus

- Text (360) 800-3433 with stop number to receive expected time of departure of **up to 3 vehicles** in next 60 minutes.
- To filter by route, add a hyphen and the route number.
 - Example: 1-217, where 1 is the stop number for Bremerton Transportation Center and 217 is the route number.



Text for Next Bus Pilot

325 signs installed in January 2026 along 5 routes



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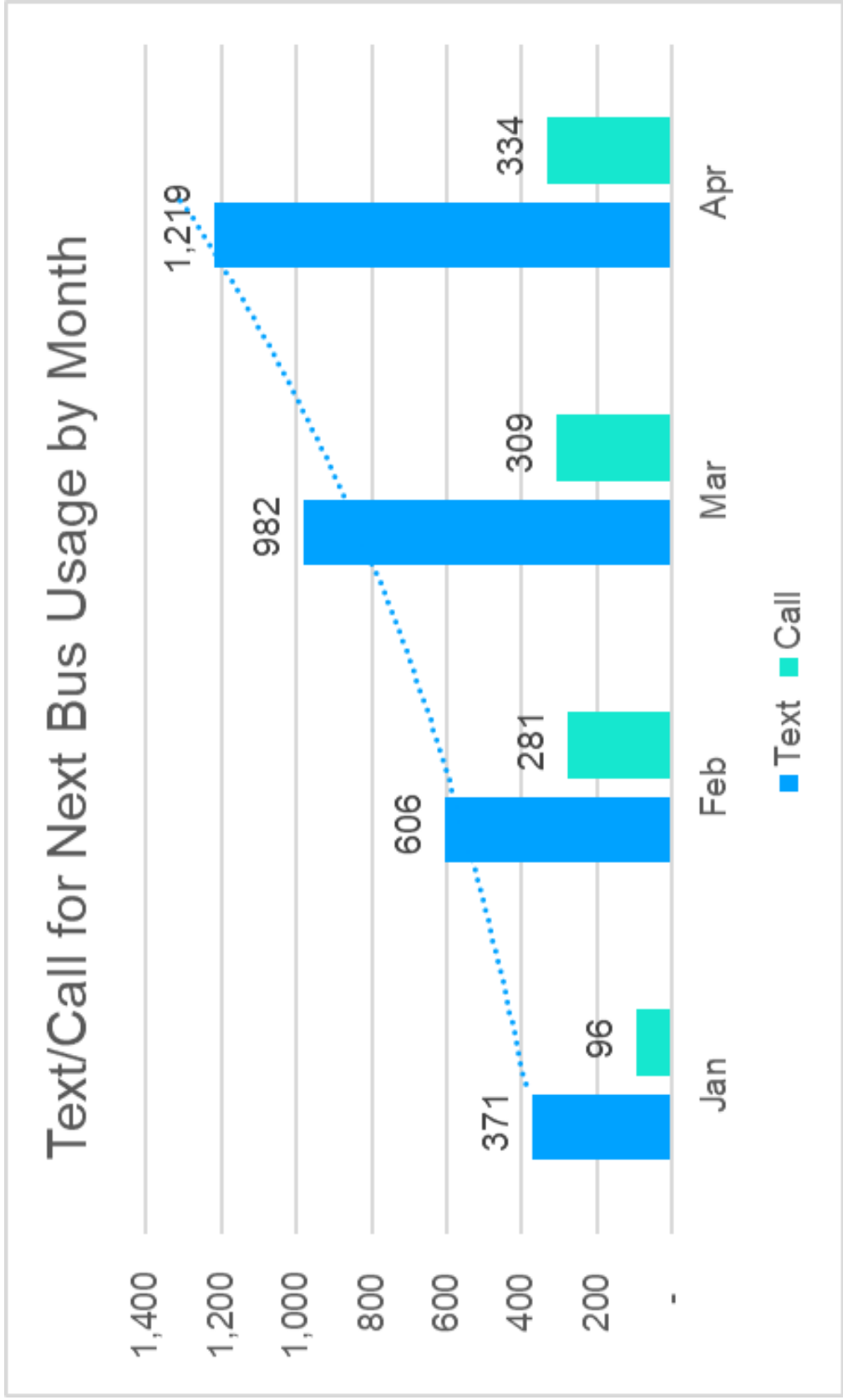
(360) 800-3433 Usage, Year to Date

Text (SMS) Usage

- 778 unique phone numbers sent a text (SMS) for the next bus time.
- Usage ranged from 1 to 80 SMS messages per user.
- 85% of users sent 5 or fewer SMS messages to our system.

Call (IVR) Usage

- 341 unique phone numbers called for the next bus time.
- Usage ranged from 1 to 96 calls per user.
- More than 90% made 5 or fewer calls to the number.



Testing: Texting Service, Physical Panels

- **Hypothesis:** Riders prefer dynamic, real-time information over static sources. Physical panels may not be accessible or current.
- **Intervention:** Remove physical panels along route that has signage posted on Text for Next Bus for test period.
 - Remove panels along Routes 221-Perry Avenue, 224-Olympic College
 - Keep panels along Routes 220-Sunn Fjord, 226-Bay Vista
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:**
 - Usage of Text for Next Bus technology along the routes
 - Customer Comments

Closing the Digital Divide: Support for Disadvantaged Riders

Solutions for Digitally Excluded Riders

- Mobile phone adoption in Kitsap County is nearly universal, even among low-income riders (2025 Title VI survey). Only 28 out of 1,096 respondents reported not having a cellphone.
- Lifeline program, a Universal Service Fund, provides low-income households with discounted home and cellular phone service.
- Nationally, only about 20% eligible households are enrolled, due to barriers – low awareness, complex application, provider confusion, annual recertification rule, and other factors.
- Kitsap Transit working with Kitsap Housing and Homelessness Coalition to promote Lifeline, exploring reuse of cell phones abandoned on KT vehicles instead of waste disposal.

UW Information School Student Project

- Information School students working on awareness toolkit to help Kitsap Transit, Kitsap County social service providers expand awareness of Lifeline subsidized cellular service.
- Beta (not final) site to promote Lifeline: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Artwork (draft) for posters, channel cards in buses: [CLICK HERE](#)

Kitsap Transit

A simple guide to the Lifeline program for community members in Kitsap County.

APPLY NOW



Find a phone plan that works for you

Compare the top phone providers you have available in Kitsap County side-by-side, and choose the plan that works best for you.

Carrier	Device	Data Plan	Minutes	Texts	Physical Store	TrustPilot Rating
TrueConnect	Not Provided	4.5GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	4
AirTalk Wireless	Free	5GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	3.8
enTouch Wireless	Free	4.5GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	3.5
Gen Mobile	Free	4.5GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	3.4
Access Wireless	\$25 per device	4.5GB	1000 minutes	Unlimited	None	3.2
Life Wireless	N/A	4.5GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	2.6
SafeLink	Not Provided	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	1.6
AT&T	Not Provided	N/A	2000 minutes	Unlimited	Yes	1.3
Assurance Wireless	\$25 per device	10GB	Unlimited	Unlimited	None	1.2

Last updated 3/17/2026



Do you know someone

WHO NEEDS A FREE PHONE?

LIFELINE CAN HELP!

Scan this QR to learn more about the Lifeline program!

[kitsaptransit.com/lifeline](https://www.kitsaptransit.com/lifeline)

Kitsap Transit
Connecting Communities

Thank you for riding transit!

Sanjay Bhatt

Email: SanjayB@kitsaptransit.com



KITSAP TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026

Meeting Recording:

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Chair Kelsey Murray.

ATTENDED:

Rudy Baum, Kitsap Health District
Patricia Bradley, Silverdale
Marsha Cutting, Bainbridge Island
Robert Dollar, Bremerton, West (virtual)
Cindy Hare-Willis, Peninsula Community Health
JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind
Tecla Legge, Kingston
Kelsey Murray, South Kitsap
Daniel Walkup, Bremerton, East (virtual)
Susan Woolley, Kitsap Mental Health (virtual)

ABSENT:

Maxwell Judd, KT Cross-Sound Fast Ferry (excused)
Ken Longcrier, Port Orchard (excused)

STAFF:

Sanjay Bhatt, Marketing & Public Information Director
Michael Bozarth, Operations Director
Nicholas Zylstra, Marine Services Director
Charlotte Sampson, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

VISITORS:

Kat Woofter

Mark Stroh, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Lane Daniels, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Kathryn Owen, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship

Diana Tyree-Eddy, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship Accessibility Committee

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Cindy Hare-Willis to approve the April minutes as written; seconded by JR Kinnison. **Minutes approved as presented.**

2. Board of Commissioners Agenda Review

In the absence of Executive Director John Clauson, Executive Assistant Charlotte Sampson reviewed the items for the June 2 meeting. The Consent Agenda consisted of the typical warrants and minutes from the prior meeting but also included a resolution approving the membership renewal of CAC member Tecla Legge.

Full Discussion resolutions included:

- Approval of additional 2nd Quarter procurements
- Approval to initiate property acquisition negotiations for the new training facility
- Approval of change orders for additional repairs on the Enetai and for mounting locations for bike racks on the Reliance
- Approval of a change order for Glosten, Inc., changing the design from the original all-electric to a hybrid for our local foot ferry
- Approval of a change order for Glosten, Inc., for construction management services for the new Kingston passenger-only vessel
- Approval of a contract adding upgraded security cameras at BTC
- Requesting approval to seek bids for asset management software, as our current software will no longer be supported after 2026
- Request to seek bids for a roll-up security door at the Customer Service windows at BTC

Tecla Legge, Kingston, asked the reason behind the new vessel for Kingston. Executive Assistant Sampson stated that this is as a result of the \$15 million grant received to replace the Finest.

3. Committee Member Reports

Cindy Hare-Willis, Peninsula Community Health, reported that PCH has not seen the yellow bus tickets in a couple of years, and asked if Kitsap Transit is still offering this program. Sanjay Bhatt, Marketing Director, stated that the program is run through Kitsap Community Resources (KCR), who allocates them to social service agencies. This is the first he has heard of this and noted that they have had some staff turnover. Cindy indicated she would follow up on the request. Tecla Legge, Kingston, added that she had requested some for St. Vincent de Paul a couple of years ago as well. Director Bhatt explained that it was about two years ago when the turnover occurred and some agencies were having trouble getting tickets. In recent correspondence with KCR, it sounded like the issue had been resolved, but he indicated he would work with PCH if necessary. Cindy stated she would reach back out to KCR to get on the distribution list again.

JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, reported on communication issues between *ACCESS* customer service and scheduling, with a lot of communication gaps in the ETA/prior notifications. In addition, routing doesn't make sense, in that there are times two buses are sent when it seems both rides could have been handled by one bus, thus doubling the driver and fuel costs. Operations Director Michael Bozarth asked whether the problem involved day-of or prior-day text notifications. JR said prior-day messages used to arrive at a consistent time but are now unpredictable. Same-day notifications also vary, arriving anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes before the pickup window. Director Bozarth explained that sending same-day texts closer to the arrival time improves accuracy, as sending messages earlier creates a greater opportunity for there to be schedule issues due to traffic, etc. Discussion on having enough time to prepare for bus arrival and not receiving text notification in time, resulting in no-shows. Director Bozarth indicated he would take this back to his team and if they had any further questions, they would reach out to him. He added that if a no-show was because of a technology issue by the agency, they do not count against the passenger, and this is stated in the policy.

Kelsey Murray, South Kitsap, reported on the following:

- She has received feedback, both positive and critical, regarding the bike racks on the Bremerton fast ferries. She would like to find out next month the number of comments received from the public. Marine Services Director Nick Zylstra reported that most of the comments are negative, and he will have data at the next meeting. He noted that it is just on the Reliance, and explained the issue, which is the fact that even though the racks were designed to accommodate more of the fat-tire bikes, getting the bike up on the rack is proving to be challenging.
- There are still no rider alerts or reports on the availability of sailings after a run is cancelled. “Back in service” alerts would be appreciated. Marketing Director Bhatt stated that policy has been if the ferries are cancelling the whole morning or whole afternoon or whole day, an alert will be issued indicating we are back in service. However, if we cancel one sailing, the default assumption is that subsequent sailings will run. It costs the agency every time an alert is sent out, so it’s not financially feasible.
- Status update on an earlier request to have additional service in the mornings at 7:35 at Harper Church for second to last run and following runs to fast ferry. There is an *ACCESS* vehicle that drives by at that time; could it swing in and pick up passengers? Operations Director Bozarth said he would follow up with Executive Director Clauson about this (**attached to minutes**).
- Follow-up on use of mid-boat doorway and ramp to expedite offloading of Southworth boat. Marine Services Director Zylstra confirmed that the ramp in question doesn’t line up with our vessel at that location, and it’s used for other boats on the Seattle side, so it can’t be modified.

JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, reported that the ramp in Bremerton for the fast ferry is at such an angle that Kat has to back onto it to board the boat. She doesn’t have that issue with the ramp in Seattle. He asked if there was a different type of ramp or some way to make it more level. Director Zylstra stated he would look into this. The design of the ramp is to accommodate the difference in height between the deck of the dock and the deck of the boat. If we construct the ramp with less angles and we get any type of wake, the ramp will act like a teeter-totter. Discussion on differences between the Seattle dock and the Bremerton dock. Director Zylstra noted that backing onto and off of ramps is actually safer than wheeling forward, even if it does add time to loading and unloading.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation – CTAA and APTA Roadeo Competitions

Operations Director Michael Bozarth showed pictures from the recent Roadeo competitions (**attached**). He reported on the results:

- CTAA National Roadeo
 - Val Quill, Routed Operator, placed 2nd out of 21
 - Damien Sabado, *ACCESS* Operator, placed 7th out of 53
- APTA International Roadeo
 - Elexi Shipp, Routed Operator, placed 36th out of 90
 - John Falla, Ruben Castro, Reagan Meador, Maintenance Team, placed 9th out of 49

These competitions provide an opportunity for our operators and maintenance teams to practice and hone their skills in preparation for these events as well as see what other agencies are like across the nation.

2. Presentation – Service for World Cup

Marketing Director Sanjay Bhatt gave a presentation on the final plans for the service developed for the FIFA World Cup event (**attached**). All of this can be found on our website at www.kitsaptransit.com/SEA26. Information included details on night service on game days, shuttle and transit options in Seattle, and updates on the digital displays that have been purchased for BTC, both indoor and outdoor.

JR Kinnison, Peninsula Council for the Blind, asked about having QR or bar codes available for more schedule information instead of having to wait for the display to change. Director Bhatt explained that the screens on the pillars will just indicate next arrivals, where the screens on the side of the building will be more dynamic, offering more information such as schedules and maps. There will also be a QR code at the Customer Service Window that will link to information on real-time departures.

Kelsey Murray, South Kitsap, gave kudos to the Marketing team, indicating that we have provided the best information earliest. She asked if we had been able to alleviate the concerns regarding having enough drivers for the additional bus service. Director Bozarth reported that we have been working on recruitment efforts for the past 12 months and are fairly comfortable we have enough operators for both routed as well as paratransit so as not to affect normal services. However, things do come up.

Director Bhatt noted that the hotels are not seeing the results expected for the FIFA event. This could change, but at this point it seems hard to imagine people being turned away due to the bus being full.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (also made throughout the meeting)

Lane Daniels, Co-Chair of Social Justice Committee, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship (KUUF) spoke in support of HB 1418. People that are most dependent and would be most affected by decisions on Board should have the opportunity to speak to those decisions on the Board. Hopes the process for making the decision regarding who is on the Board is done with transparency

Diana Tyree-Eddy, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship (KUUF), Case manager for Olympic Connect program. Feels it's very important for the CAC to support HB 1418 and make the process transparent and inclusive.

Tecla Legge, Kingston, asked if the members of the public felt there was a lack of transparency.

Mark Stroh, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship (KUUF), stated yes. He noted that this is the sixth meeting held by the CAC since December where there was notification of the Board Composition process. No one has been brought in to speak to the committee in support of HB 1418. Not even anyone from the Week Without Driving group, who sponsored the bill. The CAC agendas and minutes are not published, and he had to make a public records request to obtain them. He

stated that this has been happening successfully in Thurston County since the 1980's, with three members of the public on their board and a 20-member advisory council. He said they don't want to see the CAC disbanded. They want public participation on the board, especially since not many people on the Board use public transit.

Executive Assistant Charlotte Sampson clarified that the CAC does not make these decisions. A Board subcommittee – the Board Composition Review Committee—determines the makeup of the Board, and she provided a brief overview of that process. Mr. Stroh replied, stating that the committee would make a recommendation not to have members of the public on the Board, and the Board will listen to this, because the voices of the CAC members matter.

Chair Kelsey Murray, Southworth, stated that the issue was not on the agenda for this month as the committee will revisit it and discuss it again.

Mr. Stroh added that the three minutes allotted at the end of Board meetings is not enough, and there needs to be more back and forth discussions occurring. This won't happen if the public doesn't have a vote and doesn't have a seat at the table.

Kathryn Owen, Kitsap Unitarian Universal Fellowship (KUUF), expressed concern over the fact that only four percent of board members use public transit. She also stated that there are many transportation issues happening that Boards are not aware of because there are no voices at the table.

Tecla Legge, Kingston, asked if the CAC minutes are available on the website. Executive Assistant Sampson stated that they are not available on the website but are available upon request and are now as a part of the progress reports in the Board packets. She added that links to meeting recordings are also included in each meeting's minutes.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

Items/questions from May CAC Meeting

- Status update on an earlier request to have additional service in the mornings at 7:35 at Harper Church for second to last run and following runs to fast ferry.

After reviewing ridership data from May and early June, we confirmed that morning demand on Route 184 has been consistently strong, with peak loads of 27 passengers at 7:24 a.m. and 34 passengers at 8:26 a.m. with the p.m. runs experiencing similar peak loads. These levels, while manageable, indicated that a larger vehicle would provide a more comfortable and reliable experience for riders during the morning and afternoon peaks.

To address this, Operations assigned a 40-foot coach to the p.m. runs on Route 184 beginning shortly after June 16, 2026, and assigned a 40-foot coach to all runs of the 184 starting June 24, 2026. This change is an attempt to ensure that both the morning and afternoon peak trips have adequate capacity without affecting other services. Early observations show that the larger vehicle is performing well on the p.m. runs, and we are hopeful that riders have already begun to experience relief from the crowding previously reported.

Kitsap Transit

Income Statement - Transit Fund

May 2026

	Current Month		Year to Date		Year to Date Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Dollar	Percent
OPERATING REVENUE						
Routed Fare	\$171,664	\$160,100	\$776,209	\$698,300	\$77,909	11.16%
Worker Driver Fares	\$49,528	\$59,800	\$248,166	\$308,500	(\$60,334)	(19.56%)
Van Pool Fares	\$29,202	\$25,642	\$147,715	\$128,208	\$19,507	15.21%
Access Fare	\$13,256	\$15,700	\$66,617	\$72,100	(\$5,483)	(7.60%)
Parking	\$15,543	\$16,000	\$79,181	\$80,000	(\$819)	(1.02%)
Lease Income	\$32,089	\$31,667	\$156,033	\$158,333	(\$2,300)	(1.45%)
Other Operating Income	\$4,186	\$2,500	\$12,314	\$12,500	(\$186)	(1.49%)
OPERATING REVENUE	\$315,468	\$311,408	\$1,486,236	\$1,457,942	\$28,294	1.94%
OPERATING EXPENSES						
General Administration	\$666,839	\$773,905	\$2,592,729	\$3,023,464	(\$430,735)	(14.25%)
Capital Development	\$91,637	\$112,225	\$344,696	\$437,985	(\$93,289)	(21.30%)
Customer Service	\$133,468	\$129,963	\$437,825	\$462,243	(\$24,418)	(5.28%)
Routed	\$2,107,125	\$2,187,111	\$7,451,306	\$8,335,809	(\$884,503)	(10.61%)
Worker Driver	\$155,669	\$183,133	\$528,246	\$657,357	(\$129,111)	(19.64%)
Rideshare	\$49,230	\$49,695	\$173,566	\$196,834	(\$23,267)	(11.82%)
Access	\$1,638,555	\$1,647,668	\$6,082,473	\$6,290,938	(\$208,465)	(3.31%)
Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,385,075	\$1,221,053	\$5,486,611	\$5,142,795	\$343,816	6.69%
Facilities Maintenance	\$419,359	\$448,585	\$2,000,138	\$1,941,588	\$58,550	3.02%
Service Development	\$447,197	\$440,774	\$1,862,779	\$1,861,097	\$1,682	0.09%
Total Operating Expense	\$7,094,153	\$7,194,110	\$26,960,368	\$28,350,109	(\$1,389,741)	(4.90%)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(\$6,778,685)	(\$6,882,702)	(\$25,474,132)	(\$26,892,167)	\$1,418,035	(5.27%)
NON OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)						
Sales Tax	\$5,681,000	\$5,521,000	\$24,802,000	\$24,922,000	(\$120,000)	(0.48%)
State Operating Grant	\$8,963	\$10,417	\$44,813	\$52,083	(\$7,271)	(13.96%)
Interest Income	\$354,685	\$300,000	\$1,762,809	\$1,560,000	\$202,809	13.00%
Misc Income / (Expense)	(\$1,153)	\$0	(\$8,085)	\$0	(\$8,085)	0.00%
Depreciation Expense	(\$1,019,191)	(\$875,000)	(\$4,443,687)	(\$4,375,000)	(\$68,687)	1.57%
Amortization Expense	(\$5,527)	(\$5,527)	(\$27,634)	(\$27,635)	\$1	0.00%
Sales Tax Collection Fee	(\$56,810)	(\$55,210)	(\$248,020)	(\$249,220)	\$1,200	(0.48%)
Gain/Loss Disposition of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$230	\$0	\$230	0.00%
Total Non Operating Income (Expense)	\$4,961,967	\$4,895,680	\$21,882,425	\$21,882,228	\$197	0.00%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$1,816,718)	(\$1,987,022)	(\$3,591,707)	(\$5,009,939)	\$1,418,232	(28.31%)

Kitsap Transit

Income Statement - Ferry Fund

May 2026

	Current Month		Year to Date		Year to Date Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Dollar	Percent
OPERATING REVENUE						
Local Ferry Fares	\$74,241	\$68,600	\$322,253	\$299,500	\$22,753	7.60%
Bremerton Fast Ferry Fares	\$288,299	\$295,800	\$1,198,297	\$1,232,900	(\$34,603)	(2.81%)
Kingston Fast Ferry Fares	\$79,579	\$65,700	\$303,863	\$276,000	\$27,863	10.10%
Southworth Fast Ferry Fares	\$120,336	\$112,400	\$515,439	\$475,000	\$40,439	8.51%
Total Operating Revenue	\$562,455	\$542,500	\$2,339,852	\$2,283,400	\$56,452	2.47%
OPERATING EXPENSE						
General Administration	\$268,008	\$269,161	\$1,126,890	\$1,190,876	(\$63,986)	(5.37%)
Local Ferry Operations	\$199,037	\$265,237	\$740,063	\$994,650	(\$254,587)	(25.60%)
Bremerton Fast Ferry Operations	\$525,633	\$380,001	\$1,846,829	\$1,578,939	\$267,890	16.97%
Kingston Fast Ferry Operations	\$415,294	\$386,642	\$1,636,663	\$1,645,301	(\$8,638)	(0.53%)
Southworth Fast Ferry Operations	\$327,977	\$380,544	\$1,496,091	\$1,604,207	(\$108,116)	(6.74%)
Maintenance and Facilities	\$503,666	\$972,689	\$2,965,204	\$4,475,522	(\$1,510,318)	(33.75%)
	\$2,239,615	\$2,654,273	\$9,811,741	\$11,489,495	(\$1,677,754)	(14.60%)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(\$1,677,160)	(\$2,111,773)	(\$7,471,889)	(\$9,206,095)	\$1,734,206	(18.84%)
NON OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)						
Sales Tax Revenue	\$2,038,000	\$2,068,000	\$9,202,000	\$9,336,000	(\$134,000)	(1.44%)
Operating Grants	\$0	\$66,667	\$0	\$333,333	(\$333,333)	(100.00%)
Interest Income	\$59,011	\$42,000	\$294,678	\$210,000	\$84,678	40.32%
Interest Expense	(\$56,078)	(\$52,000)	(\$283,390)	(\$260,000)	(\$23,390)	9.00%
Depreciation	(\$396,990)	(\$325,000)	(\$1,974,414)	(\$1,625,000)	(\$349,414)	21.50%
Amortization	(\$1,013)	(\$1,013)	(\$5,067)	(\$5,065)	(\$2)	0.03%
Sales Tax Collection Fee	(\$20,380)	(\$20,680)	(\$92,020)	(\$93,360)	\$1,340	(1.44%)
Total Non Operating Income (Expense)	\$1,622,549	\$1,777,974	\$7,141,788	\$7,895,908	(\$754,120)	(9.55%)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$54,611)	(\$333,800)	(\$330,101)	(\$1,310,186)	\$980,086	(74.81%)

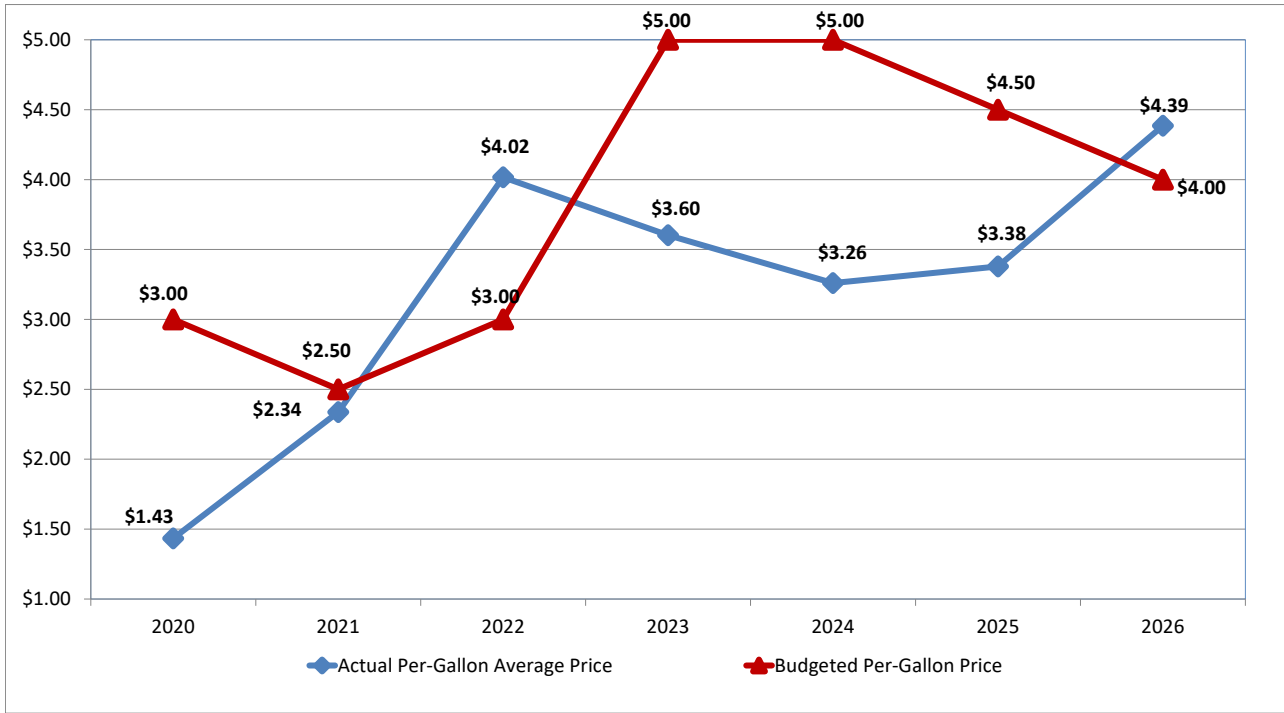
**Kitsap Transit
Balance Sheet
May 31, 2026**

	Bus Fund	Ferry Fund	Consolidated
		ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,870,074	2,060,445	9,930,520
Investment - General Fund	78,742,474	15,749,835	94,492,309
Investment - Stimulus Reserve	23,837,990	-	23,837,990
Investment - Debt Service Reserve	-	2,403,421	2,403,421
Investment - Contingency Reserve	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
Investment - Fuel Reserve	2,583,487	1,025,329	3,608,816
Tax Receivable	10,407,862	3,805,331	14,213,192
Capital Grants Receivable	121,554	77,970	199,524
Operating Grants Receivable	26,887	27,710	54,597
Accounts Receivable	809,087	236,879	1,045,966
Due from Transit	-	158,557	158,557
Inventory	1,841,222	6,999,359	8,840,581
Prepaid Expenses	2,559,927	724,835	3,284,763
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 132,800,565	\$ 33,269,670	\$ 166,070,235
Fixtures & Equipment, Net of Depreciation	6,035,637	49,988	6,085,625
Facilities, Net of Depreciation	50,250,457	9,686,213	59,936,669
Rolling Stock, Net Depreciation	45,990,231	53,941	46,044,172
Passenger Ferries, Net Depreciation	-	63,562,648	63,562,648
Capital Work in Progress	23,377,122	8,082,638	31,459,760
Leasehold Improvement, Net Amortization	2,969,956	-	2,969,956
Leased Facilities, Net Amortization	182,441	2,868,809	3,051,250
Land	24,643,189	-	24,643,189
Intangible Assets, Net Amortization	217,860	-	217,860
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 153,666,892	\$ 84,304,237	\$ 237,971,129
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 286,467,457	\$ 117,573,907	\$ 404,041,364
		LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
		LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	1,535,540	2,195,770	3,731,310
Due to Ferry	158,557	-	158,557
Payables to Other Transits	163,551	-	163,551
Deferred Revenues	92,551	18,215	110,766
Accrued Wages Payable	3,270,309	622,592	3,892,901
Employee Benefit Payable	966,515	245,517	1,212,032
Interest Payable	-	175,983	175,983
Short-Term Debt	-	3,080,000	3,080,000
Long-Term Debt	-	20,075,000	20,075,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,187,022	\$ 26,413,077	\$ 32,600,100
		NET POSITION	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	153,666,892	61,149,237	214,816,129
Restricted	30,421,477	2,403,421	32,824,899
Unrestricted	96,192,065	27,608,172	123,800,237
TOTAL NET POSITION	280,280,434	91,160,830	371,441,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 286,467,457	\$ 117,573,907	\$ 404,041,364

Capital Work In Progress - May 2026

	Capital Budget And Expenditures										Capital Funding		
	2026 Budget	Current Month	YTD Expenditures	Encumbrance	Budget Remaining (\$)	Budget Remaining (%)	Cumulative Expenditures	Local Funds Budget	Grant Funds Budget	Total Funds Budget			
Hyper Converge (Server/Storage/Network Off Site Recovery System)	200,000	-	-	-	200,000	100%	-	200,000	-	200,000			
Website Content Management	418,000	-	-	-	418,000	100%	-	418,000	-	418,000			
Engine Repair Trainer	100,000	-	58,129	-	41,871	42%	58,129	100,000	-	100,000			
Rodeo/Training Speed Radar Sign	7,500	-	6,787	-	713	10%	6,787	7,500	-	7,500			
Rodeo Trailer	14,100	-	-	-	14,100	100%	-	14,100	-	14,100			
Emergency AC Units Server Room	-	-	43,155	-	(43,155)	-	43,155	-	-	-			
ORCA Phase II	-	-	20,699	-	(20,699)	-	267,979	-	-	-			
Payroll System	-	2,500	37,777	-	(37,777)	-	243,089	-	-	-			
Transit Fund Total	134,262,736	136,635	1,349,204	19,568,002	113,345,530	84%	23,377,122	51,072,309	83,190,427	134,262,736			
Ferry Fund													
Ferry Vessels													
Owner Representation (New Vessels)	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	100%	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000			
Electric Fast Foil Ferry Design & Prototype	4,245,950	4,594	5,774	969,710	3,270,465	77%	1,909,442	245,950	4,000,000	4,245,950			
Kingston Fast Ferry	17,531,963	-	27	-	17,531,936	100%	27	4,031,963	13,500,000	17,531,963			
Electric Foot Ferry & Infrastructure Design and Construction Waterman II	15,015,136	-	15,000	907,044	14,093,092	94%	1,880,664	2,680,000	12,395,136	15,015,136			
Ferry Terminal & Maintenance Facilities													
Seattle Terminal PE (10% & Environmental/PE)	5,995,916	10,681	51,881	5,057,201	886,835	15%	2,904,444	965,024	5,030,892	5,995,916			
Southworth Terminal Redevelopment (WSF Partner)	3,102,691	-	161,905	3,102,691	(161,905)	-5%	347,187	852,691	2,250,000	3,102,691			
POF System PM (Vessel & Terminal) (Maint. Parts, Labor & Cleaning)	5,160,400	-	628,056	-	4,532,344	88%	628,056	-	5,160,400	5,160,400			
Breakwater at Port Orchard Marina (Partnership)	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	100%	1,644	1,000,000	-	1,000,000			
Marine Maintenance Fac. (Locate, ROW & Concept. Design)	825,425	-	-	-	825,425	100%	399,175	825,425	-	825,425			
PO Intermodal Terminal PE	1,022,059	12,000	12,000	-	1,010,059	99%	12,000	170,343	851,716	1,022,059			
Navigational Software	11,000	-	-	-	11,000	100%	-	11,000	-	11,000			
Navigational Hardware	33,000	-	-	-	33,000	100%	-	33,000	-	33,000			
Ferries Maint. Vehicles (2)	120,000	-	-	-	120,000	100%	-	120,000	-	120,000			
Ferry Fund Total	56,063,540	27,275	874,643	10,036,646	45,152,251	81%	8,082,638	12,935,396	43,128,144	56,063,540			
Grand Total	190,326,276	163,910	2,223,847	29,604,649	158,497,781	83%	31,459,761	64,007,705	126,318,571	190,326,276			

Kitsap Transit Diesel Costs Updated through June 2026



Per-gallon average price	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	\$1.99	\$1.68	\$2.89	\$3.50	\$4.72	\$3.04	\$3.12
February	\$1.80	\$2.04	\$3.18	\$3.40	\$4.20	\$3.10	\$3.51
March	\$1.31	\$2.15	\$3.90	\$3.46	\$2.99	\$3.06	\$4.70
April	\$1.04	\$2.07	\$4.30	\$3.48	\$3.20	\$3.09	\$5.42
May	\$1.08	\$2.23	\$4.30	\$3.00	\$3.01	\$3.41	\$5.08
June	\$1.25	\$2.44	\$5.10	\$3.25	\$3.04	\$3.70	\$4.48
July	\$1.36	\$2.37	\$4.99	\$4.08	\$3.14	\$3.82	
August	\$1.37	\$2.47	\$3.99	\$4.18	\$2.87	\$3.55	
September	\$1.27	\$2.41	\$3.89	\$4.35	\$3.06	\$3.71	
October	\$1.38	\$2.73	\$4.42	\$3.71	\$3.02	\$3.56	
November	\$1.72	\$2.73	\$4.35	\$3.51	\$3.00	\$3.42	
December	\$1.64	\$2.72	\$2.89	\$3.30	\$2.87	\$3.09	
Monthly Avg. Cost YTD	\$ 1.43	\$ 2.34	\$ 4.02	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.38	\$ 4.39
Budgeted Per-Gallon Price	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.00

In June, KT paid \$4.48 a gallon for fuel compared to \$5.08 in May. The year-to-date per-gallon average price as of June was \$4.39 compared to \$4.00 a gallon for fuel budgeted for 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received by the Clerk of the Board

**Presented at the Kitsap Transit Board of
Commissioners Meeting July 7, 2026**

From: [Mary Ann Edwards](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Access buses
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:00:43 PM

Hello. Last year I contacted Kitsap Access via online email and made a complaint about the increase in height from the ground to the first step upon getting on a new Access bus. Getting off of the bus, it is the final step and it is higher from the ground than the other Access buses. As a result, I almost fell when getting off of the bus; fortunately I held on tightly to the open doors to prevent a fall. While I realize that it appears to be a design issue, nothing has been done about it. I sent the email to advise Kitsap Transit of a safety issue so that they would have notice of a hazardous situation.

I am increasingly concerned because a woman using two canes fell to the ground upon exiting the bus via the stairs. It is my understanding that she injured her jaw area; I do not know if she sustained any other injuries.

I knew that this would happen to someone. I would appreciate it if you could discuss with the Board possible solutions in an effort to avoid future injuries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Mary Ann Edwards
Bainbridge Island

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Boarding failure, 3:20 PM Seattle–Kingston sailing, June 11
Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 6:31:47 AM

To the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners,

My name is James Allan Beatty. I am a Kingston resident and a frequent commuter on the Kitsap Transit fast ferry. I am writing to formally document a boarding failure on the 3:20 PM Seattle-to-Kingston sailing today, Thursday, June 11, and I request that this be entered into the public record for the next Board meeting.

Reliable fast ferry service was one of the main reasons I was able to move to Kingston, a place I genuinely enjoy living. Up to this point that service has been dependable. I understand that sailings are occasionally canceled for weather or other unpreventable events, and I have never had an issue with that. What happened today was different, because it was preventable.

I was waiting in line at the Pier 50 terminal in Seattle for the 3:20 PM departure. Roughly 75 passengers were queued ahead of the sailing. Shortly before boarding, a large school group with chaperones was brought to the front and loaded first. As a result, only about 20 of the approximately 75 passengers who had been waiting in line were able to board. The rest of us were left behind.

When passengers asked staff what was happening, we were told the group "had to be together so they could be counted." Staff also stated that they had been informed of this group approximately 90 minutes before the sailing. This appeared to be a school trip, which by its nature requires advance planning. Kitsap Transit therefore had both notice and time to act, and at least two straightforward ways to do so. The agency could have sent a notice through its alert system, to which I subscribe, informing riders that capacity on the 3:20 sailing would be limited. Alternatively, the staff working the terminal could simply have told those of us in line that we were unlikely to board. Neither happened. We were given no warning until passengers were already being turned away at the gate.

I would also note the downstream impact. Approximately 55 displaced passengers were pushed onto the following departure, compounding crowding and delay for the commuters already scheduled on that sailing. A single boarding decision therefore affected far more riders than those standing at Pier 50 this afternoon.

To be clear, my objection is not that a school group was traveling. It is that Kitsap Transit had advance notice, prioritized the group over passengers already waiting in line, and failed to communicate any of it through the very channels that exist for exactly this purpose. The result is that I now find myself looking into alternative ways to travel to and from downtown Seattle, because today gave me reason to doubt that Kitsap Transit has its riders' interests in mind, despite the fact that this service is supported by my fares and my tax dollars.

I request written answers to the following:

1. What is Kitsap Transit's policy for boarding large pre-arranged groups ahead of passengers already waiting in the standard queue?
2. Given that staff had approximately 90 minutes of advance notice, why was no alert issued and no announcement made to waiting passengers that capacity would be limited?
3. What specific changes will Kitsap Transit implement to ensure that, when a known group will consume most of a sailing's capacity, riders are notified in advance through the alert system or at the terminal?

I will not be attending a Board meeting in person, but I am requesting a written response that includes a specific, actionable plan to prevent a recurrence.

I hope your response is prompt and sufficient to restore my confidence in this service, so that I can continue to support it with my fares, my tax dollars, and my vote.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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