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## **Environmental Policy**

The mission of Kitsap Transit is to provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation choices that enhance the quality of life in Kitsap County. The protection of the environment is one of the most important responsibilities any organization can undertake and Kitsap Transit has made that commitment.

It is Kitsap Transit's goal to carry out this mission in a way that establishes Kitsap Transit as a local, regional, and industry leader in environmental and sustainability management. As such, Kitsap Transit commits to implementing a formal Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS) that will develop procedures and practices to continually improve in environmental awareness and prevention of pollution.

By enacting this Environmental and Sustainability Management System, Kitsap Transit will:

- Provide a framework for setting and regularly reviewing environmental and sustainability goals, objectives and targets.
- Keep environmental protection and sustainability in the forefront during the planning stages of new programs, construction, and in all work conducted at Kitsap Transit.
- Comply with applicable legal requirements and with other requirements to which the organization subscribes which relate to its environmental aspects.
- Minimize significant environmental impacts identified in the ESMS by establishing environmental and sustainability objectives, targets, and programs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of Kitsap Transit's environmental performance through the periodic comprehensive review of Kitsap Transit's ESMS to ensure that established objectives, targets, and programs are met.
- Provide necessary training, education, and information to all Kitsap Transit staff and those
  working on Kitsap Transit's behalf in order to successfully carry out this policy in daily
  responsibilities and work functions.
- Maintain a commitment to continual improvement and prevention of pollution.

This policy will be communicated to all persons who work for, or on the behalf of Kitsap Transit, and will be available to the general public. It will be reviewed annually and, when necessary, revised.

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