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Ferry operations in Bremerton meet global standard for environmental sustainability

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BREMERTON, Wash. – While a global agreement on climate change at this week's United Nations conference seems elusive, Kitsap Transit is showing progress in reducing its carbon footprint and meeting a globally recognized standard for environmentally responsible operations.

Since 2013, Kitsap Transit has reduced its carbon-dioxide footprint by about 5 percent, or 375.5 metric tons; its electricity use by 31 percent; and the amount of solid waste sent to landfills by 50 percent.

In September the Bremerton-based agency's ferry operations at the Bremerton Transportation Center (BTC) were registered to the international standard for environmental management systems known as ISO 14001. The certification is for public transit vessel fueling, storage, and light maintenance activities at the BTC.

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BTC is Kitsap Transit's third site to be certified: Charleston base in Bremerton was first registered to ISO 14001's 2004 standard in 2015 and transitioned last year to the latest standard, ISO 14001:2015. Kitsap Transit's North Viking base in Poulsbo has also been certified to the 2015 standard.

The certification for Charleston and North Bases covers public transit vehicle staging, fueling, lubrication, washing, maintenance, dispatch, and administrative support activities. It indicates the agency is meeting or exceeding federal recommendations for environmental sustainability.

Under the new 2015 standard, organizations must demonstrate that top leadership has a commitment to environmental sustainability in business decisions and include interested stakeholders in their decision-making processes. Kitsap Transit met this standard by, among other things, surveying the community about its priorities for protecting the environment.

To learn more about Kitsap Transit's environmental sustainability efforts, visit http://kitsaptransit.com/environment.

About Kitsap Transit
Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.8 million riders in 2018 across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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