



## Agenda

### Cowlitz Transit Authority

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<b>Wednesday, September 10, 2025</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Hybrid Meeting Longview Council Chambers 1525 Broadway St, Longview</b>
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**AND,**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Public Hearing** on **Wednesday, September 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Kelso City Hall Council Chambers**, 203 Pacific Ave S, Kelso, WA. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive any comments concerning the continuation, reduction or elimination of transit services to the Lexington-Beacon Hill Community.

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**Next meeting**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting @ Longview City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2025**  
25-00842 *August 13, 2025 CTA Board Meeting Minutes*
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**  
25-00843 2025 July CTA Treasurer's Report  
25-00844 2025 July CTA Fund Balance Report  
25-00845 Invoice #2025-10 - City of Longview \$521,128.00  
25-00860 Invoice #E69B1C00-0009 The Daily News \$451.08
7. **REPORTS**  
25-00846 2025 Annual Fixed Route Ridership  
25-00847 2025 August Daily Fixed Route Ridership  
25-00848 2025 August Daily Fixed Route Ridership by Hour  
25-00849 2025 August Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip  
25-00850 2025 August LIFT Monthly Ridership  
25-00853 Five Year Ridership Graph  
25-00851 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2025 vs 2024
8. **SUMMARY SHEET - 2025-2026 LCC AGREEMENT**  
25-00852 **SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**  
RiverCities Transit staff has collaborated with the administration of Lower Columbia College to renew the annual agreement that allows Lower Columbia College students, staff, and faculty access to RiverCities Fixed Route service in exchange for a single lump sum payment based on usage from the prior year. RiverCities staff recommends the renewal agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.  
  
**BUDGET:**  
This agreement will generate \$3,313.80 in fare revenue.  
  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**  
Motion to authorize the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Chair to execute the 2025-2026 Ridership Agreement with Lower Columbia College  
25-00855 2025-2026 RCT LCC Ridership Agreement Draft

9. **AGENDA SUMMARY - PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE LEXINGTON-BEACON HILL COMMUNITY**

**25-00854 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**

The Cowlitz Transit Authority bylaws Section 5.3 states that the Authority shall hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on any change in transit service routes amounting to a change in excess of 20% of the total distance of any one route. The Transit Authority Board's decision regarding continuation of Route 411 and LIFT ADA paratransit service to Lexington and Beacon Hill potentially meets this criterion.

Notices of the public hearing were posted on buses, social media, on the RCT website and in the Daily News. A summary of the proposed changes was available on social media, on the RCT website, and available at the lobby of the Transit Center.

The alternatives are to:

1. Continue service as currently scheduled. This is the recommended alternative.
2. Reduce the current scheduled hours of service. While reducing some expenses, staff estimates Route 411 would also see less riders, based on the lower ridership before daily trips were increased in 2023.
3. Discontinue operating the service. There currently are no other transportation options available for Lexington-Beacon Hill residents except what the Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service may be able to provide.

**BUDGET:**

Staff estimates the expense for continuing transit service to Lexington-Beacon Hill through June 30, 2027, to be \$333,445. Funding would be split at 55% (\$183,395) from CTA sales tax revenue collected within the PTBA and 45% (\$150,050) from Special Needs Transportation and Transit Support grants funded by the Climate Commitment Act.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Hold public hearing regarding the service proposal.

**THEN:**

Motion to approve continuation of transit service between Lexington-Beacon Hill and Longview (Route 411) through June 30, 2027.

**25-00856 Route 411 Rider Survey Results Aug 2025**

**25-00857 Route 411 Survey Comments Aug 2025**

**25-00858 Route 411 Customer Comments Aug 2025**

**25-00859 Route 411 Additional Comments**

10. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

11. **MISCELLANEOUS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**



# Minutes

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#### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ KELSO CITY HALL

4:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was recited.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lisa Alexander; Vice-Chair MaryAlice Wallis (on Zoom); Member Erik Halvorson; Member Keenan Harvey; Member Anthony Harris; Member Steven Ferrell

Absent: Member (Alternate) Mike Karnofski; Member (Alternate) Spencer Boudreau; Member (Alternate) Richard Dahl

Staff Present: Chris Collins, Public Works Director; Steve Hanson, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Seeks, Transit Manager; Doreen Daggett, Transit Supervisor; Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

Others Present: Betsy DeSpain, Paratransit Regional Manager; Sheila Harmon, Paratransit Manager; Megan Wirth, CWCOG

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2025**

A motion was made by Member Harvey, seconded by Member Wallis to approve the July 9, 2025 Cowlitz Transit Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**25-00731 2025 07 09 CTA Board Minutes**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Member Halvorson, seconded by Member Wallis to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**25-00732 2025 June CTA Treasurer's Report**

**25-00733 2025 June CTA Fund Balance Report**

**25-00734 Invoice #2025-09 - City of Longview \$521,128.00**

**25-00735 Invoice #444 - CWCOG - Jul-Dec 2025 Match \$3,125.00**

**25-00736 Invoice #448 - CWCOG - LKRATS Q4 - Apr-Jun25 \$2,964.06**

**7. REPORTS**

Transit Manager Seeks reported on the two new routes that started July 1st.

**25-00737 2025 Annual Fixed Route Ridership**

**25-00738 2025 July Daily Fixed Route Ridership**

**25-00739 2025 July Daily Fixed Route Ridership by Hour**

25-00740 2025 July Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip

25-00741 2025 July LIFT Monthly Ridership

25-00742 Five Year Ridership Graph

25-00743 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2025 vs. 2024

8. **AGENDA SUMMARY - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE LEXINGTON-BEACON HILL COMMUNITY**

Transit Manager Seeks reported updates on the route, surveys and the need to have a public hearing to discuss the possibility of continuing, reducing and/or elimination of the route.

Member Halvorson made a motion, seconded by Member Wallis to establish a public hearing to be held at the September 10, 2025, CTA board Meeting to receive comments on the proposed service change.

25-00744 **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

**RiverCities Transit staff will present information to the CTA Board so they may consider continuing, reducing, or eliminating transit service and will promote public comment on the proposal.**

**The proposed service change will be published for comment on August 20, 2025.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Establish a public hearing to be held at the September 10, 2025, CTA Board Meeting to receive comments on the proposed service change.**

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Transit Manager Seeks reported operator retirement, operator hiring, training with CDL timeframe of 6 weeks, ADA RFP and committee decision, and Kelso road closure of Hazel Street for the bridge project.

Mobility Supervisor Daggett reported on bus wrap advertising possibility, youth pass program, and Route 433 commercials, advertising, and open house coordination with CWCOG.

Paratransit Manager Harmon reported a small heat-related decrease this month but overall a steady ridership.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS**

City of Kelso ribbon cutting for the new spray park is Monday, August 18, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Squirrel Fest is this Saturday, August 16, 2025 at the Civic Circle.

Next meeting - SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 @ 4:00 PM @ KELSO CITY HALL, 203 Pacific Ave S, Kelso, Wa.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm.

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Lisa Alexander, Chair

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Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

**69701 TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**930100 TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Account Information	BARS Information	Beg Balance	Debits	Credits	Change	End Balance
1111000 CASH		797,123.41	551,306.63	- 545,431.53	5,875.10	802,998.51
1180000 INVESTMENTS		6,383,845.69	23,927.20	0.00	23,927.20	6,407,772.89
2131020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - AP MODULE		0.00	521,504.33	- 521,504.33	0.00	0.00
2880000 UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE		- 7,285,653.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	- 7,285,653.79
3132100 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 2,880,716.77	0.00	- 525,995.28	- 525,995.28	- 3,406,712.05
3611000 INVESTMENT EARNINGS	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 118,477.34	0.00	- 23,927.20	- 23,927.20	- 142,404.54
3614000 OTHER INTEREST	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 7,435.50	0.00	- 1,384.15	- 1,384.15	- 8,819.65
3619000 FMV INVESTMENT EARNINGS	3007800 INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	37,205.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,205.84
5490010 ELECTION COSTS	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	1,337.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,337.98
5492000 OTHER	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	3,072,770.48	521,504.33	0.00	521,504.33	3,594,274.81
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,618,242.49</b>	<b>- 1,618,242.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY FUND BALANCES**  
**For Period Ending: July 31, 2025**

	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<b>COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>		
Beginning Balance: January 1, 2024	\$	7,615,880.86
<b>CTA Revenue</b>		
Metro Sales Tax	525,995.28	2,967,108.40
Interest Earnings/Investments	23,927.20	119,870.07
Local Sales Interest	1,384.15	7,460.90
LCC Ridership Agreement		-
Other Miscellaneous Revenue		-
Subtotal	\$ 551,306.63	\$ 3,094,439.37
<b>CTA Expenditures</b>		
City of Longview	521,128.00	3,581,938.00
City of Longview - Audit Services	-	864.60
Legal Counsel/Notices	376.33	1,722.09
Transit Center Security Services	-	-
Misc. (election costs, etc)	-	1,337.98
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments Dues		3,786.06
Subtotal	\$ 521,504.33	\$ 3,589,648.73
<b>CTA Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,120,671.50</b>
<b>CITY OF LONGVIEW</b>		
Beginning Balance: January 1, 2024	\$	106,663.45
<b>Longview Revenue</b>		
Federal Grant Competitive- 5339 Replacement Buses	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Grant - CARES ACT 5307 Formula-Operating	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Grant - 5307 Formula- Operating	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Grant Competitive- 5310 Paratransit Operating	\$ -	\$ -
State Grant - Regional Mobility Operating (PTD0105	\$ -	\$ -
WSDOT Transit Support Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Green Transportation Planning - PTD0567	\$ -	\$ -
WSTIP Risk Management Grant (RMG)	\$ -	\$ -
Farebox/Pass Sales	\$ 18,206.40	\$ 91,139.38
Payments from CTA	\$ 521,128.00	\$ 3,071,803.00
State Pool - Interest	\$ -	\$ 18,033.66
Paratransit Office Space Rental	\$ 981.11	\$ 6,867.77
Bank Returns Fees	\$ -	\$ -
Other Misc Revenue	\$ -	\$ (14.00)
Bank One Rebates	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Grant Competitive- 5310 - Replacement Buses	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Adjustments/Settlements/AR	\$ -	\$ -
Due from other Governments	\$ 788,302.00	\$ 1,649,133.00
Cashier Over-Short / NSF	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Fixed Assets Sale Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Recoveries	\$ 151.31	\$ 151.31
Other Recoveries / Guest Rider	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Asset Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 1,328,768.82	\$ 4,837,164.12
<b>Longview Expenditures</b>		
Subtotal	\$495,809.02	\$3,513,502.78
<b>Longview Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,430,324.79</b>
<b>Combined CTA &amp; Longview Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,550,996.29</b>

# INVOICE

Date: 09/10/2025  
Invoice # 2025-10

City of Longview Transit  
PO Box 128  
Longview, WA 98632  
360-442-5663

**BILL TO** Cowlitz Transit Authority  
207 North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kelso WA 98626

Comments

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Public Transit Services for October, 2025	\$521,128.00

AMOUNT DUE
\$521,128.00

REMITTANCE	
Statement #	2025-10
Date	09/10/2025
Amount Due	\$521,128.00
Amount Enclosed	

Please make check payable to City of Longview - Transit

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 Dallas, TX 75320-8098  
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Invoice number E69B1C00-0009  
 Notice ID CTU9umgeiRZwWih1IOx7  
 Publisher Longview Daily News  
 Date of issue Aug 15, 2025  
 Date due Sep 15, 2025  
**Amount due \$451.08**

Bill to  
 RIVER CITIES T RANSIT

Description	Qty	Unit price	Amount
08/28/2025: General Legal Notice	1	229.79	229.79
09/04/2025: General Legal Notice	1	201.29	201.29
Publish Fee	1	20.00	20.00

=== Notes ===

Notice Name: 2025 09 10 Public Hearing  
 Order Number: COL-WA-101135

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Net Subtotal	\$451.08
Tax	0.00
<b>Amount due</b>	<b>\$451.08</b>

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**RIVERCITIES TRANSIT**  
RIDERSHIP BY THE YEAR

YEAR	ROUTE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2025	30	1,413	1,248	1,279	1,356	1,345	1,178	1,429	1,336					10,584
	31	3,924	3,615	3,872	3,898	3,972	3,665	3,608	3,583					30,137
	32	2,950	2,785	2,713	3,074	2,803	2,483	2,832	2,746					22,386
	33	3,182	2,922	3,490	3,382	3,489	3,328	3,066	3,244					26,103
	44	1,991	1,813	2,037	2,147	2,119	2,191	2,337	2,073					16,708
	45	7,443	6,975	7,224	7,317	7,343	6,728	6,720	7,056					56,806
	46	735	677	701	780	762	651	679	747					5,732
	57	3,482	3,049	3,423	3,479	3,355	2,838	2,233	2,289					24,148
	411	446	484	632	645	425	422	524	447					4,025
	433								45	44				89
511							1,085	1,235					2,320	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,566</b>	<b>23,568</b>	<b>25,371</b>	<b>26,078</b>	<b>25,613</b>	<b>23,484</b>	<b>24,558</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>199,038</b>

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2024	30	1,099	1,192	1,351	1,534	1,457	1,186	1,403	1,431	1,358	1,505	1,062	1,196	15,774
	31	3,263	3,617	3,983	3,590	3,929	3,458	3,830	4,017	3,706	4,082	3,347	3,600	44,422
	32	2,435	2,613	2,689	2,927	2,819	2,590	3,014	2,749	2,550	2,984	2,683	2,382	32,435
	33	2,166	2,609	2,785	2,789	2,862	2,677	2,776	2,917	2,849	3,235	2,885	2,810	33,360
	44	1,262	1,421	1,588	1,754	1,879	1,585	1,758	1,924	1,778	2,254	1,919	1,804	20,926
	45	5,221	5,988	6,293	6,254	6,440	5,909	6,545	6,646	6,573	7,409	7,060	6,986	77,324
	46	511	531	570	673	616	555	742	608	707	884	712	773	7,882
	57	2,332	2,859	2,779	2,758	2,850	2,234	2,304	2,648	2,828	3,454	3,194	3,059	33,299
	411	410	439	483	676	588	478	542	524	458	611	486	393	6,088
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,699</b>	<b>21,269</b>	<b>22,521</b>	<b>22,955</b>	<b>23,440</b>	<b>20,672</b>	<b>22,914</b>	<b>23,464</b>	<b>22,807</b>	<b>26,418</b>	<b>23,348</b>	<b>23,003</b>

YEAR	ROUTE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2023	30	1,197	1,140	1,318	1,111	1,374	1,408	1,332	1,408	1,228	1,304	1,168	1,163	15,151
	31	3,422	3,131	3,732	3,313	3,633	3,660	3,527	4,026	3,606	3,501	3,579	3,652	42,782
	32	2,632	2,302	2,525	2,350	2,472	2,484	2,704	2,828	2,538	2,533	2,608	2,539	30,515
	33	2,595	2,495	2,784	2,414	2,663	2,314	2,402	2,477	2,737	2,784	2,350	2,052	30,067
	44	1,482	1,332	1,652	1,287	1,702	1,607	1,418	1,612	1,483	1,679	1,449	1,392	18,095
	45	5,332	4,822	5,762	5,829	6,196	5,822	5,267	6,364	5,494	5,842	5,598	5,300	67,628
	46	299	240	337	356	463	528	458	566	560	533	560	552	5,452
	57	2,543	2,190	2,471	2,252	2,343	2,387	2,167	2,398	2,389	2,692	2,763	2,126	28,721
	411	171	225	166	279	363	402	388	425	385	437	402	383	4,026
	NCC	86	120	72	32									
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19,759</b>	<b>17,997</b>	<b>20,819</b>	<b>19,223</b>	<b>21,209</b>	<b>20,612</b>	<b>19,663</b>	<b>22,104</b>	<b>20,420</b>	<b>21,305</b>	<b>20,477</b>	<b>19,159</b>	<b>242,747</b>

YEAR	ROUTE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2022	30	754	766	954	894	979	1,089	979	1,209	1,194	1,159	1,004	1,024	12,005
	31	2,258	2,303	3,065	2,931	2,888	3,142	3,056	3,460	3,204	3,102	3,269	3,328	36,006
	32	1,861	1,873	2,302	2,128	2,155	2,285	2,528	2,849	2,858	2,943	2,582	2,267	28,631
	33	1,991	1,986	2,292	2,311	2,111	2,134	1,988	2,336	2,382	2,443	2,344	2,279	26,597
	44	986	1,022	1,350	1,110	1,242	1,511	1,161	1,530	1,458	1,453	1,221	1,282	15,326
	45	3,984	4,401	5,169	4,927	4,937	5,142	4,530	5,419	5,359	5,440	4,966	4,948	59,222
	46	399	353	452	357	402	396	332	471	414	371	301	293	4,541
	57	1,516	1,592	1,860	1,761	1,768	1,834	1,825	2,054	2,066	2,485	2,024	2,026	22,811
	411					61	80	72	82	61	92	78	75	601
	NCC								88	104	160	91	78	521
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,749</b>	<b>14,296</b>	<b>17,444</b>	<b>16,419</b>	<b>16,543</b>	<b>17,613</b>	<b>16,471</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>19,648</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>206,261</b>

YEAR	ROUTE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
2021	30		488	936	976	799	891	925	816	815	781	714	704	8,845	
	31	2,687	2,270	2,991	3,047	2,765	2,724	2,931	2,628	2,538	2,516	2,440	2,498	32,035	
	32	1,461	1,424	1,861	1,980	1,747	1,897	2,038	1,688	1,770	1,905	1,772	1,951	21,494	
	33	1,844	1,406	1,940	2,196	2,064	2,289	2,269	2,055	1,973	2,066	2,106	2,021	24,229	
	44		553	1,240	1,265	1,108	1,119	1,237	1,236	1,130	1,201	1,176	1,093	12,358	
	45	3,763	3,278	4,891	4,803	4,599	4,538	4,940	4,621	4,509	4,349	4,142	4,174	52,607	
	46										272	422	369	400	1,463
	57	926	912	1,452	1,538	1,262	1,362	1,378	1,367	1,681	1,625	1,382	1,396	16,281	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,681</b>	<b>10,331</b>	<b>15,311</b>	<b>15,805</b>	<b>14,344</b>	<b>14,820</b>	<b>15,718</b>	<b>14,411</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>14,865</b>	<b>14,101</b>	<b>14,237</b>	<b>169,312</b>	

**RIVERCITIES TRANSIT DAILY RIDERSHIP REPORT**

**Aug-25**

DATE	ROUTE 30	ROUTE 31	ROUTE 32	ROUTE 33	ROUTE 44	ROUTE 45A	ROUTE 45B	ROUTE 46	ROUTE 57	ROUTE 411	ROUTE 433	ROUTE 511	TOTAL
1	65	208	139	182	110	211	141	47	116	19	3	52	1293
2 S		140	94	137		171			62				604
3													
4	96	151	120	146	115	224	105	40	159	23	1	59	1239
5	71	146	114	140	109	211	136	32	118	16	7	49	1149
6	64	132	107	110	100	188	92	42	71	27	1	57	991
7	67	132	99	131	97	166	93	32	85	24	3	50	979
8	52	121	89	90	83	192	100	20	53	22	2	66	890
9 S		119	74	90		130			57				470
10													
11	67	131	92	138	87	165	128	32	81	17	1	46	985
12	65	125	117	107	80	149	158	19	87	17	2	45	971
13	105	115	125	124	106	168	103	41	103	17	0	70	1077
14	51	130	149	117	118	195	134	24	109	10	3	68	1108
15	60	129	76	120	80	158	87	29	55	17	2	47	860
16 S		100	80	95		148			72				495
17													
18	67	166	130	160	91	189	109	37	114	20	2	57	1142
19	72	146	124	99	102	200	130	46	99	19	2	52	1091
20	59	158	91	120	88	174	115	37	103	21	0	68	1034
21	59	154	109	126	101	166	105	26	64	21	5	45	981
22	30	169	77	129	96	178	97	30	71	28	1	63	969
23 S		89	70	122		169			63				513
24													
25	58	132	127	114	92	198	113	57	74	12	1	62	1040
26	57	145	115	128	106	200	96	45	89	23	2	59	1065
27	63	132	109	130	103	195	95	23	85	38	3	82	1058
28	58	116	108	147	107	187	152	48	91	33	1	58	1106
29	50	172	127	126	102	179	102	40	126	23	2	80	1129
30 S		125	84	116		154			82				561
31													
<b>TOTAL (26)</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>3583</b>	<b>2746</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>2073</b>	<b>4665</b>	<b>2391</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>2289</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>24800</b>
<b>WEEKDAY TOTAL (21)</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>3010</b>	<b>2344</b>	<b>2684</b>	<b>2073</b>	<b>3893</b>	<b>2391</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>22157</b>
<b>SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY TOTAL (5)</b>		<b>573</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>560</b>		<b>772</b>			<b>336</b>				<b>2643</b>
<b>DAILY AVERAGE</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>954</b>
<b>WEEKDAY AVERAGE</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1055</b>
<b>SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY AVERAGE</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>112</b>		<b>154</b>			<b>67</b>				<b>529</b>

**Ridership by Hour**  
**8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025**

**Weekday - Passengers by Hour**

Route	630	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	TOTAL
31	21	137	257	286	290	268	276	340	281	286	229	197	142	3,010
32	15	69	116	235	205	256	246	304	230	249	186	136	97	2,344
33	6	93	189	217	220	259	291	276	271	301	308	161	92	2,684
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820	
44	67	75	198	185	159	198	231	219	230	195	140	140	36	2,073
57	26	108	159	170	147	149	171	215	204	186	177	169	72	1,953
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630			
30					146	184	223	226	227	206	124			1,336
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550				
46					89	145	152	134	135	92				747
Route	630	700	730	800	not shown for brevity					1700	1720	1800	1830	
45	77	140	137	200						194	141	103	76	6,284
Route	630	715	815	915	1115		1215	1415		1515	1615	1715		
411	6	18	47	77	69	36		91	25	29	49			447
Route			820	1120		1420		1620		1820				
433			5		8		16		14		1			44
Route	630	730	1000		1047	1200	1300	1400	1447	1630	1730			
511	182	114		110	47	181	103	88	106	164	140			1,235

**Saturday - Passengers by Hour**

Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700				
31	35	56	53	49	54	70	72	71	75	38				573
32	11	25	43	47	61	56	40	44	46	29				402
33	27	51	53	58	71	87	70	54	55	34				560
Route		820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720			
57		27	30	40	38	36	31	42	24	42	26			336
Route	800	830	900	930	not shown for brevity					1600	1630	1700	1730	
45	39	22	45	26						42	24	33	20	772

**Total Fixed Route**

**24,800**

**Average Passengers per Trip**  
**8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025**

**Weekday**

Route	630	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	Passengers per Revenue Service Hr	Avg daily boardings	
31	1.0	6.5	12.2	13.6	13.8	12.8	13.1	16.2	13.4	13.6	10.9	9.4	6.8	11.8	143	
32	0.7	3.3	5.5	11.2	9.8	12.2	11.7	14.5	11.0	11.9	8.9	6.5	4.6	9.1	112	
33	0.3	4.4	9.0	10.3	10.5	12.3	13.9	13.1	12.9	14.3	14.7	7.7	4.4	10.5	128	
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820			
44	3.2	3.6	9.4	8.8	7.6	9.4	11.0	10.4	11.0	9.3	6.7	6.7	1.7	8.0	99	
57	1.2	5.1	7.6	8.1	7.0	7.1	8.1	10.2	9.7	8.9	8.4	8.0	3.4	7.5	93	
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630					
30					7.0	8.8	10.6	10.8	10.8	9.8	5.9			9.4	64	
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550						
46					4.2	6.9	7.2	6.4	6.4	4.4				6.1	36	
Route	630	700	730	800	not shown for brevity						1700	1720	1800	1830		
45	3.7	6.7	6.5	9.5							9.2	6.7	4.9	3.6	15.0	299
Route	630	715	815	915		1115	1215		1415	1515	1615	1715				
411	0.3	0.9	2.2	3.7		3.3	1.7		4.3	1.2	1.4	2.3			2.5	21
Route			820			1120		1420		1620		1820				
433			0.2			0.4		0.8		0.7		0.0			0.9	2
Route	630	730			1000	1047	1200	1300	1400	1447	1630	1730				
511	8.7	5.4			5.2	2.2	8.6	4.9	4.2	5.0	7.8	6.7			6.6	59

**Saturday**

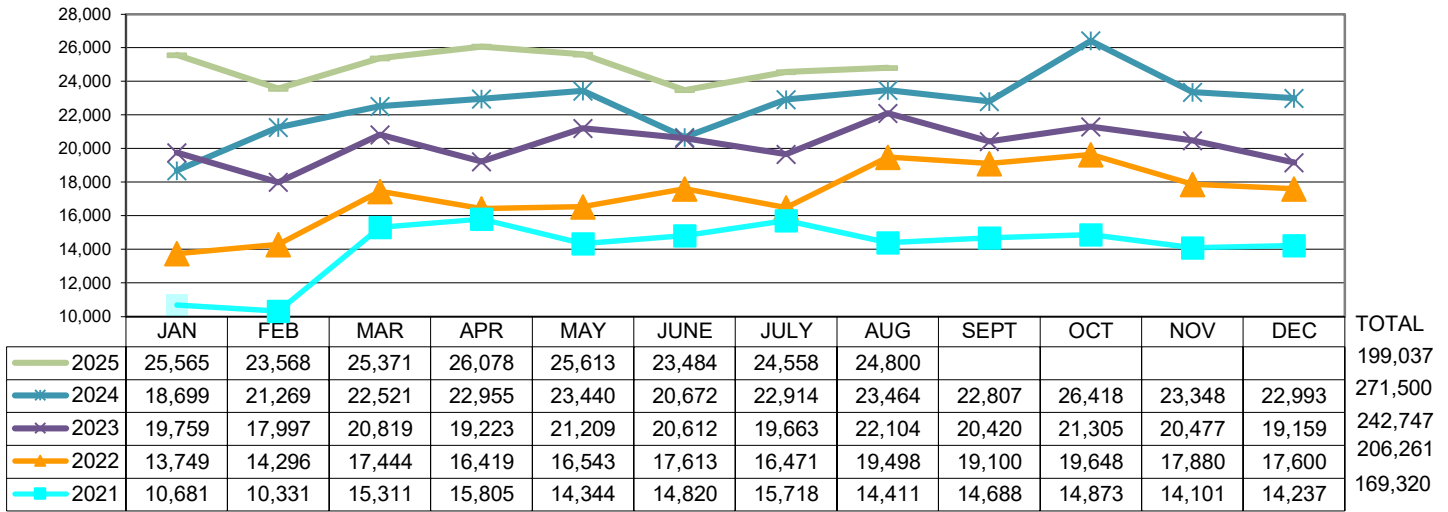
Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	Passengers per Revenue Service Hr	Avg daily boardings	
31	7.0	11.2	10.6	9.8	10.8	14.0	14.4	14.2	15.0	7.6	11.8	115	
32	2.2	5.0	8.6	9.4	12.2	11.2	8.0	8.8	9.2	5.8	8.2	80	
33	5.4	10.2	10.6	11.6	14.2	17.4	14.0	10.8	11.0	6.8	11.5	112	
Route	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720			
57	5.4	6.0	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.2	8.4	4.8	8.4	5.2	6.9	67	
Route	800	830	900	not shown for brevity				1600	1630	1700	1730		
45	7.8	4.4	9.0					8.4	4.8	6.6	4.0	15.6	154

**System Productivity**

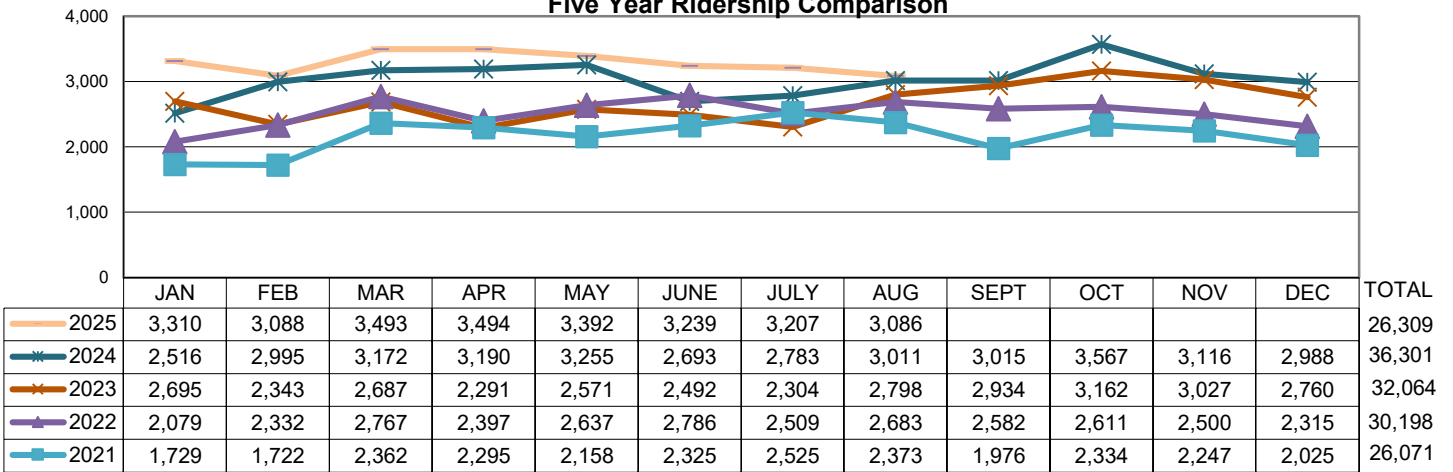
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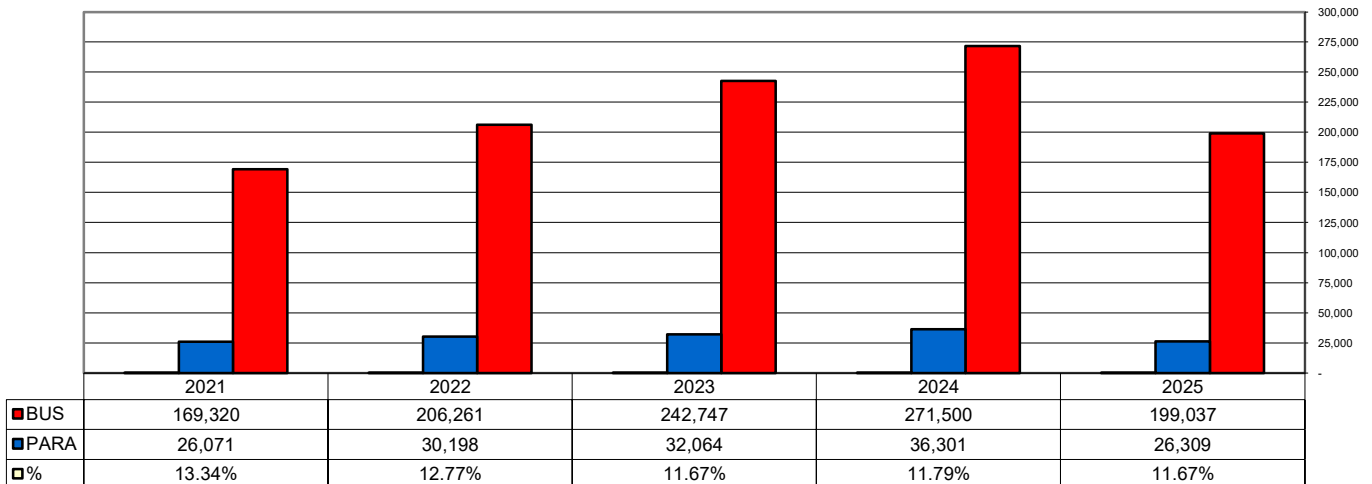
### RiverCities Transit Fixed Route Five Year Ridership Comparison



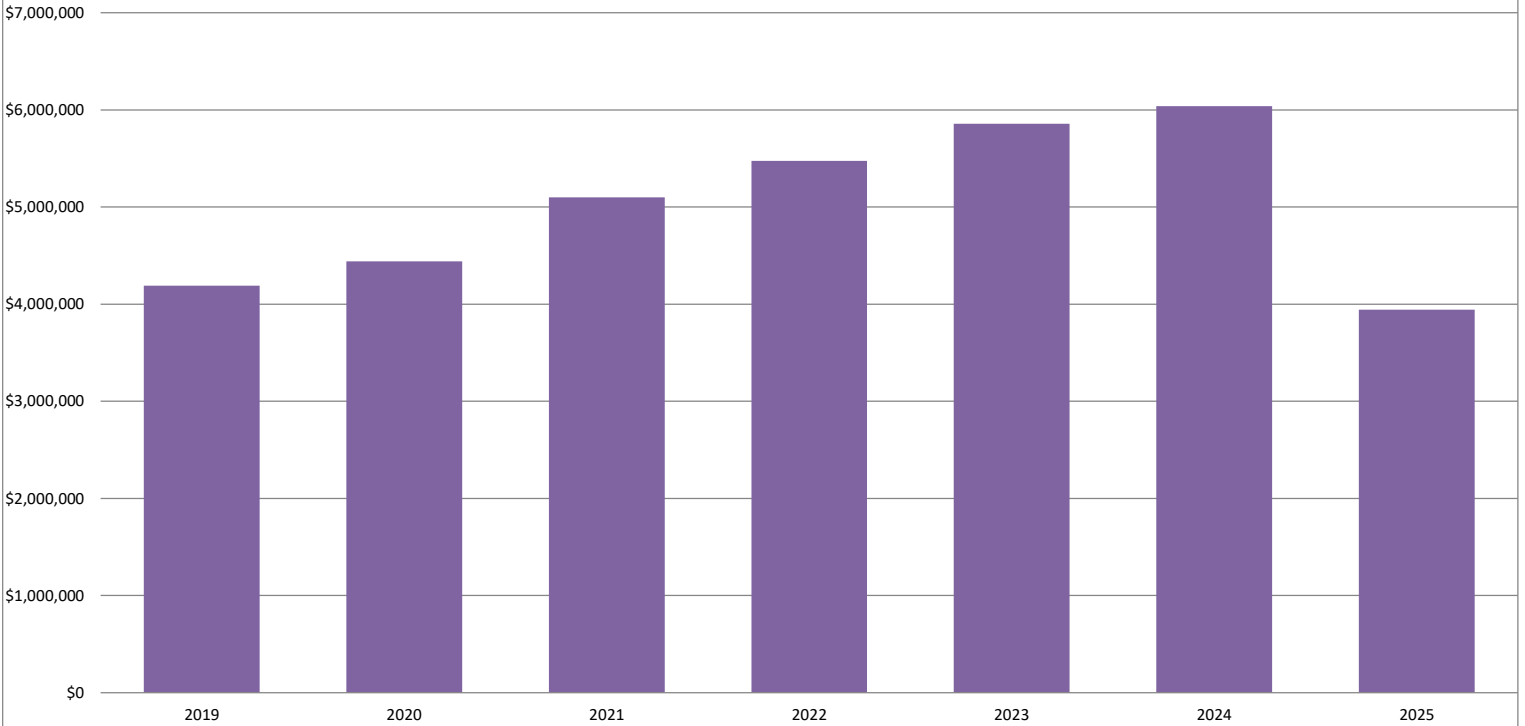
### RiverCities Transit Paratransit Five Year Ridership Comparison



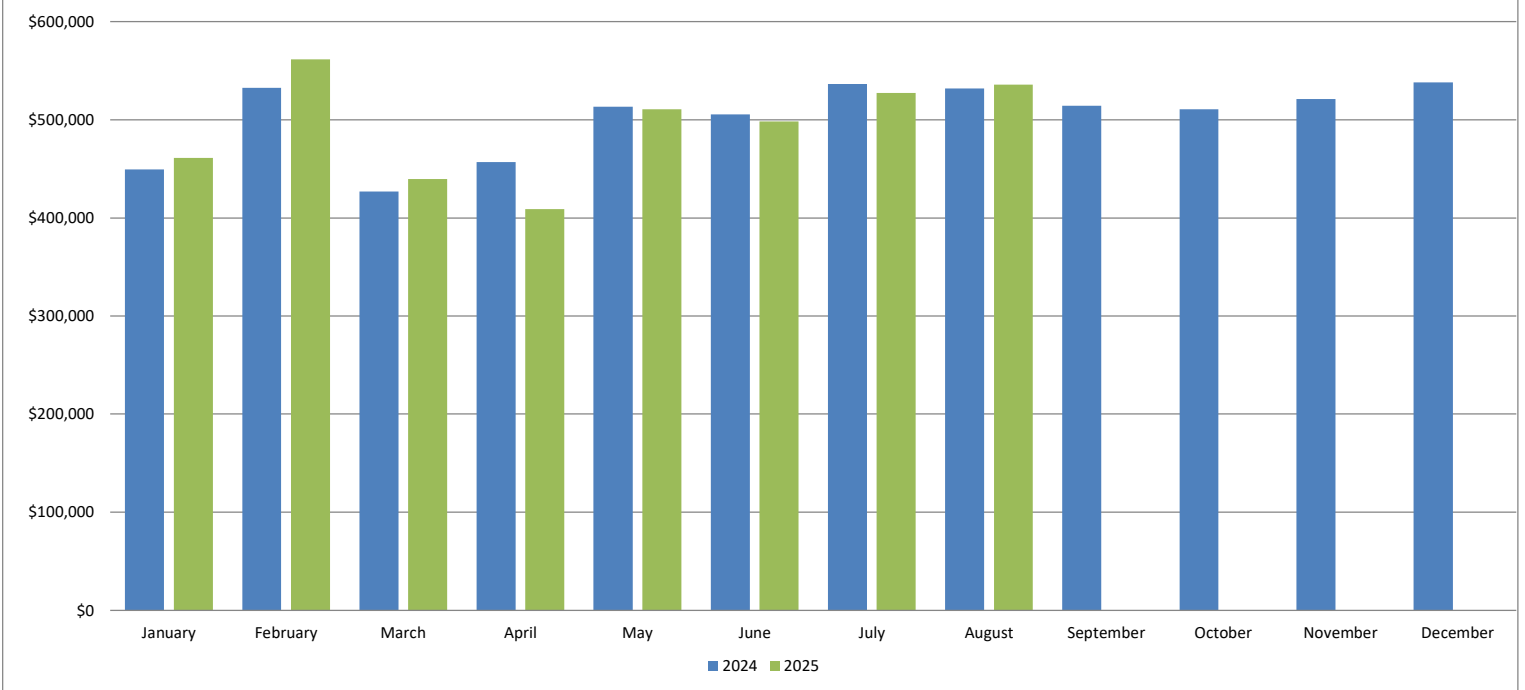
### Comparison of Ridership Bus and Paratransit Ridership



**Cowlitz Public Transit Benefit Area Sales Tax Revenue**



**Cowlitz PTBA Sales Tax Revenue 2025 vs 2024**





# Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

## **RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

RiverCities Transit staff has collaborated with the administration of Lower Columbia College to renew the annual agreement that allows Lower Columbia College students, staff, and faculty access to RiverCities Fixed Route service in exchange for a single lump sum payment based on usage from the prior year. RiverCities staff recommends the renewal agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.

The ridership agreement with Lower Columbia College allows RiverCities Transit Staff on campus to market and perform outreach to students and faculty. RiverCities Transit is obligated to track the ridership of Lower Columbia College students and staff. RiverCities provided Lower Columbia College pass holders fourteen thousand two hundred two (14,202) trips during the 2024-2025 school year. The term of this agreement is for one year, starting September 1, 2025, continuing through August 31, 2026, and subject to annual renewal.

### **BUDGET:**

This agreement will generate \$3,313.80 in fare revenue.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Motion to authorize the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Chair to execute the 2025-2026 Ridership Agreement with Lower Columbia College**

## **RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Effective Date: September 1, 2025

Parties: Cowlitz Transit Authority  
d/b/a RiverCities Transit  
254 Oregon Way  
Longview, WA 98632

and

Lower Columbia College  
1600 Maple St.  
Longview, WA 98632

### **RECITALS:**

A. Whereas Cowlitz Transit Authority (“CTA”) provides public transportation services in the Longview-Kelso area and wishes to expand their ridership as well as conduct on-campus marketing at Lower Columbia College (“LCC”); and

B. Whereas LCC is interested in providing its faculty, staff, employees and student body with the ability to ride public transportation in the Longview-Kelso area free of charge; so

C. THEREFORE, for the consideration and mutual promises described herein, the parties agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT:**

1. CTA will provide LCC faculty, staff, employees, and student body with free fares on RiverCities Fixed Route buses in the Kelso-Longview area. LCC faculty, staff, employees, and students must present valid LCC identification to receive the free fares. LCC faculty, staff, and employees must display their yearly LCC identification cards. LCC students must display their student identification cards with a valid ASB sticker showing they are a current student. Stickers are valid until the first day of class for the following quarter. All LCC faculty, staff, employees, and students must abide by the CTA rules of conduct. CTA can deny ridership to anyone not displaying the proper identification or not abiding by the CTA rules of conduct without being in breach of this agreement.

2. LCC will pay CTA a one-time payment of three thousand three hundred thirteen dollars and eighty cents (\$3,313.80) on the effective date of this agreement.
3. LCC will allow CTA to conduct marketing and outreach on LCC's campus.
4. CTA will track all ridership of LCC staff and students.
5. The term of this agreement, or the period that LCC staff and students may receive free fare, will begin on September 1, 2025, and end on August 31, 2026. The parties agree to renegotiate this contract every year on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Choice of Law. The parties agree that the laws of the State of Washington shall control any interpretation or construction of this Agreement or any claim or cause of action related thereto.
7. Choice of Forum. The parties agree to arbitration any dispute regarding this matter in Longview, Washington.
8. Attorney Fees. In the event of any action to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs from the non-prevailing party.
9. Entire Agreement. The parties agree that this document sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement and that there have been no other promises or inducements, oral or written, given by any party or representative thereof to the other to enter into this Agreement.
10. Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile signature of the parties on separate signature pages, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes.
11. Representation. THE PARTIES WARRANT THAT THEY HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND PROVISIONS, HAVE CONSULTED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSEL OR HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL, AND SIGN THE SAME VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE AND WITH THE INTENT TO BE FULLY AND LEGALLY BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

The parties have executed this Agreement to be effective upon signing by all parties identified forthwith.

Dated this 10th day of September 2025.

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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cowlitz Transit Authority  
d/b/a RiverCities Transit  
254 Oregon Way  
Longview, WA 98632

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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lower Columbia College  
1600 Maple St.  
Longview, WA 98632

# Cowlitz Transit Authority



## Agenda Summary

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 LEXINGTON-BEACON HILL SERVICE PROPOSAL**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Cowlitz Transit Authority bylaws Section 5.3 states that the Authority shall hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on any change in transit service routes amounting to a change in excess of 20% of the total distance of any one route. The Transit Authority Board's decision regarding continuation of Route 411 and LIFT ADA paratransit service to Lexington and Beacon Hill potentially meets this criterion.

During the CTA meeting held on September 11, 2024, the Authority Board received testimony from riders of Route 411 and other interested parties regarding staff's proposal, in light of failure of an annexation ballot measure, to discontinue service.

After board discussion, a motion was made by Member Alexander, amended by Member Harvey, both seconded by Member Wallis to continue Route 411 transit services -- and hence ADA LIFT service -- for one year with reevaluation in September 2025 and to direct staff to investigate and discuss less costly ways of providing the service. The motion passed 4-1.

On February 12, 2025, the CTA Board adopted staff's proposal to trim back unproductive trips on Route 411 effective March 31, 2025, including Saturday service, as a cost-savings measure.

Since April 2025, Route 411 has averaged 493 passengers per month, just slightly less than before the reduction in service (510 passengers). RCT LIFT also provides ADA trips for paratransit-eligible customers in Lexington-Beacon Hill whose origins or destinations cannot be served by Route 411's bus, 333 trips for 15 customers so far in 2025.

Based on the most recent two quarters and an estimated 3.5% annual rate of inflation, staff projects a cost of \$333,445 to operate Route 411 from October 2025 through June 2027. WSDOT recently awarded the City of Longview with Special Needs Transportation and Transit Support grants for the 2025-2027 state biennium, a portion of which can be directed to the Lexington service.

Notices of the public hearing were posted on buses, social media, on the RCT website and in the Daily News. A summary of the proposed changes was available on social media, on the RCT website, and available at the lobby of the Transit Center.

The alternatives are to

1. Continue service as currently scheduled. This is the recommended alternative.
2. Reduce the current scheduled hours of service. While reducing some expenses, staff estimates Route 411 would also see less riders, based on the lower ridership before daily trips were increased in 2023.
3. Discontinue operating the service. There currently are no other transportation options available for Lexington-Beacon Hill residents except what the Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service may be able to provide.

**BUDGET:**

Staff estimates the expense for continuing transit service to Lexington-Beacon Hill through June 30, 2027, to be \$333,445. Funding would be split at 55% (\$183,395) from CTA sales tax revenue collected within the PTBA and 45% (\$150,050) from Special Needs Transportation and Transit Support grants funded by the Climate Commitment Act.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Hold public hearing regarding the service proposal;**

**THEN:**

**Motion to approve continuation of transit service between Lexington-Beacon Hill and Longview (Route 411) through June 30, 2027.**

**Attachments:**

Route 411 Rider Survey Results Aug 2025

Route 411 Survey Comments Aug 2025

Route 411 Customer Comments Aug 2025

**Route 411 Rider Survey Results**  
July - August 2025

I live in:

- 21 Lexington neighborhood
- 1 Beacon Hill neighborhood
- 1 Kelso city limits
- 6 Longview city limits
- 0 Other

I ride Route 411 or LIFT to

- 19 Longview
- 16 Kelso
- 19 Lexington
- 2 Beacon Hill
- 3 Other: n/a
- 15 Round trip
- 1 Travel one way

I ride the Route 411 or LIFT:

- 17 Monday - Friday
- 7 3 - 4 times per week
- 3 1 - 2 times per week
- 2 Less than once a week

I ride Route 411 or LIFT to get to (check all that apply)

17 Work (paid or volunteer)

6 School

18 Medical

16 Essential shopping

14 Visiting family or friends

12 Recreation

7 Other : mall, salon, restaurants, home from work, everywhere, ER,  
car repair

## Route 411 Survey Comments

July – August 2025

I really appreciate your service it gives me my independents at my age. I also appreciate the drivers how helpful and kind they are plus the people who set up the routes.

My life, as well as my elderly mother's lives would be much more difficult without Bus #411

I rely the bus to get to and from work daily. As a blind citizen there are no other transportation options for me. I also utilize the bus to and from doctors offices.

Thank you for all you guys do! Personally I appreciate the Lexington bus being a part of the community so very much! Thanks again. (Jordan Adams, Abbey Road resident) [plus photocopy]

Please consider extending the service hours to include a 6:15 pm route (Nancy Crosby)

I am a disabled rider and I depend on the 411 to take me and my family for everything and I really enjoy the drivers & riders...So please, please, please keep this route going It helps out a lot

My car just broke down. I am so thankful for bus 411 for being here.

This bus to Lexington is very important it's the only safe way to get into town for those without transportation of those who can't drive we need this We have become reliant on this and taking away will hurt so many people Please keep this bus I really appreciate it and it helps me a lot!!!

I appreciate ParaTransit so much. They are my only way to get around!

I have to walk 3/4 mile to my stop. Can't get to town any other way. Sorry bumpy ride.

Please don't stop 411.

I need this!

Without the bus I would not be able to get to the doctor or grocery store

I need this bus it is the only my family can get anywhere we need or have to go. The bus drive's are the best at what they do. They are nice, careing, and vary helpfull. Please don't take the bus away.

This bus (411) is my lifeline. I can't drive so I catch the 411 to my destanation. Please keeit running. PS - I would love the 411 start back up on Saturdays.

Would love to have a bus on Saturday. Some times I need grocery's and have no way in.

Only way to town

This bus is our only form of transportation to town.

I've just started riding with RiverCities Transit, and they have been really friendly and helpful as I'm learning the bus system.

I have no other transportation so this would be a very hardship on me. I enjoy riding the bus and this help out a lot of people who do have any other way to get to different places.

I think route 411 is essential. Being elderly and new to the area I count on it a lot. Also new housing projects and apartments are always going in. I think route 411 is vital and will prove to be a wise investment in the future. Also we have no ubers or taxis to help out.

Comments

huxington has been my home for 34 yrs  
i.e. my entire life. Over those 34 years, trans-  
portation has been a struggle for me for various  
lengths of time, many different times. I can't  
guess the many different times I have walked

Please give your survey form to the driver.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY!

We expect a public hearing on Route 411 will be held on September 10  
at the Kelso City Hall Council Chambers. Be on the look out for more news  
on the RCTransit.org website and on the buses.

to and from my home / Kelso / longview over the  
years. Simply put, having route 411 at our  
service in huxington has been nothing short of a  
blessing! huxington is indeed just as much a  
part of this community as Kelso / longview and,  
IMO, has been neglected to be seen as just. At the  
end of the day, River Cities Tran. is going to decide / do  
what it is they want to do, regardless of my filling out  
this survey. I'm 1 person, 1 voice however, for what's  
it worth, please continue route 411 operating. This bus  
route has opened many ~~opp.~~ opp. for me personally and is a  
much needed convenience to utilize for the huxington comm. Thank  
you.

Comments

We need this bus  
it's the only way for my  
family to get around Please  
don't take it away  
Please and thank you

Please give your survey form to the driver.

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at the Kelso City Hall Council Chambers. Be on the look out for more news  
on the RCTransit.org website and on the buses.

My Husband is disable and the 411  
is the only way to get around. I am  
411 and have bad A health and the  
411 is how i get to Doc and  
shoping. The drivers are the  
best and we need this route

Thank you.

**\*Introduction:\*** The Cowlitz Transit Authority's consideration of reducing or eliminating the Lexington route has sparked concern among community members who rely on this essential service. As a vital lifeline for residents, the Lexington route plays a crucial role in connecting people to employment, education, healthcare, and other vital services. This essay argues that the Lexington route should be preserved due to its significant benefits to the community, economy, and environment.

**\*Importance of the Lexington Route:\*** The Lexington route serves as a critical transportation artery for the community, providing access to:

1. **\*Employment opportunities\*:** Many residents rely on the Lexington route to commute to work, school, or job training programs. Losing this service would severely impact their ability to access employment opportunities.
2. **\*Healthcare and social services\*:** The route connects residents to healthcare facilities, social services, and community centers, which are essential for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, low-income families, and those with disabilities.
3. **\*Education\*:** Students depend on the Lexington route to attend schools, colleges, and universities, making it a vital component of their educational journey.

**\*Economic Benefits:\*** Preserving the Lexington route would have positive economic impacts, including:

1. **\*Supporting local businesses\*:** The route enables customers to access local businesses, promoting economic growth and development in the area.
2. **\*Encouraging tourism\*:** A reliable public transportation system can attract tourists, boosting the local economy and supporting small businesses.

**\*Environmental Benefits:\*** Maintaining the Lexington route would also have environmental advantages, such as:

1. **\*Reducing traffic congestion\*:** By providing a reliable public transportation option, the Lexington route helps reduce the number of private vehicles on the road, decreasing traffic congestion and air pollution.
2. **\*Promoting sustainable transportation\*:** Public transportation encourages a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation, aligning with community goals for sustainability and environmental stewardship.

**\*Conclusion:\*** In conclusion, preserving the Lexington route is essential for the well-being and prosperity of the community. By maintaining this vital service, the Cowlitz Transit Authority can ensure that residents continue to have access to essential services, employment opportunities, and economic growth. It is crucial to prioritize the needs of the community and preserve the Lexington route for the benefit of all.