



Agenda

Cowlitz Transit Authority

*Lisa Alexander (Chair), Steven Ferrell (Co-Chair), Erik Halvorson,
Jackie Collins, Michael Claxton, Warren Doell (Nonvoting),
Kennan Harvey (Alternate), Chris Bryant (Alternate), Richard Dahl (Alternate)*

Wednesday, August 12, 2026	4:00 PM	Hybrid Meeting Longview Council Chambers 1525 Broadway St, Longview
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Special Board Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 3:45 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive any comments concerning the review of the composition of the governing board of the Cowlitz transit Authority in accordance with RCW 36.57A.055.

AND,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Regular Hearing** on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

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Next meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER**2. FLAG SALUTE****3. ROLL CALL****4. PUBLIC COMMENTS****5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: JULY 8, 2026**

26-00683 2026 07 08 CTA Board Meeting Minutes

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

26-00684 2026 June CTA Treasurer's Report

26-00685 Invoice #2026-09 - City of Longview \$512,043.37

26-00704 Invoice #30314858 Office of Minority & Women's Business \$325.43

26-00706 Invoice #E69B1C00-0013-The Daily News-\$443.60

7. REPORTS

26-00686 2026 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

26-00687 2026 July Daily Fixed Route Ridership

26-00688 2026 July Fixed Route Ridership by Hour

26-00689 2026 July Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip

26-00690 2026 July LIFT Monthly Ridership

26-00691 Five Year Ridership Graph

26-00692 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2026 vs. 2025

8. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FIXED ROUTE SERVICE CHANGES**26-00693 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) 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. Staff's proposal regarding current service to Rainier, Oregon and extending local evening service meets this criterion.

The proposed service changes will be published for comment on August 21, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Establish a public hearing to be held at the September 9, 2026 CTA Board Meeting to receive comments on the proposed service changes.

9. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2026-03 IN SUPPORT OF WSDOT CONSOLIDATED GRANT**26-00700 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is submitting two applications supporting operations to the 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grant program.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the projects is \$10,566,641 over four years. The estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$7,610,513. The local funds portion of the match is expected to be reduced by FTA formula operating grants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-03 in support of the City of Longview 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grant applications

10. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2026-04 IN SUPPORT OF WSDOT BUS & BUS FACILITIES GRANT**26-00707 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is applying for \$569,400 from the 2027-2029 Washington State Department of Transportation Bus and Bus Facilities Grant program to procure three (3) replacement propane ADA cutaways that have exceeded their useful lives.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the propane ADA cutaways is \$711,750. The grant requires an 80:20 state to local match; therefore, the estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$142,350.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-04 for matching funds for 2027-2029 WSDOT Bus and Bus Facilities grant application.

11. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-05 IN SUPPORT OF FTA COMPETITIVE BUS & BUS FACILITIES APPLICATION**26-00705 SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is applying for the FY2026 Federal Transit Administration Competitive Bus and Bus Facilities Grant for \$1,367,796 to replace two (2) 35-foot transit coaches that have exceeded their useful lives.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the buses is \$1,709,746. The grant requires an 80:20 federal to local match; therefore, the estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$341,950.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-05 for matching funds for 2026 FTA Bus and Bus Facilities grant application.

12. LOCAL MATCH FOR CWCOG'S REGIONAL MOBILITY MANAGMENT GRANT PROJECT**26-00708 SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

RiverCities Transit received a request for grant matching funds to help support the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) in their Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Transit Grant application to maintain the Regional Mobility Management Program. The request for a total of \$26,671 over four (4) years fulfills a portion of the total match that will be shared with neighboring jurisdictions.

BUDGET:

There are local sales tax funds available to be included in the 2027 through 2031 CTA Budgets to support this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve matching funds not to exceed \$26,671 over four years for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Government's Regional Mobility Management Program grant.

Attachments:

CWCOG Mobility Management Memo for Cowlitz Transit Authority – RiverCities Transit

13. ESTABLISH BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORM TRANSIT CUSTOMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**26-00694 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:**

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) bylaws Section 7.2 states that the Chair may appoint Authority members to special intra- and inter-agency committees and councils as appropriate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authority Chair names two (2) Authority members to a special subcommittee with the purpose of forming a Transit Riders Advisory Group, including which member will chair the subcommittee.

THEN:

Motion to approve the selection of the Transit Riders Advisory Group Subcommittee and Chair.

14. MANAGER'S REPORT**15. MISCELLANEOUS****16. ADJOURNMENT**



Minutes

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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, July 08, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive any comments concerning the adoption of the Transit Development Plan 2026-2031 and 2025 Annual Report for RiverCities Transit.

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Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. – Board Meeting @ Longview City Hall

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 Steven Ferrell; Member Erik Halvorson; ATU Representative Warren Doell; Member Michael Claxton; Member Jackie Collins;

Absent: Member Keenan Harvey (Alternate); Member Richard Dahl (Alternate); Chris Bryant (Alternate)

Staff Present: Steve Hansen, Asst. Public Works Director; Jim Seeks, Transit Manager; Doreen Daggett, Transit Supervisor; Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

Others Present: Betsy DeSpain, Paratransit Regional Manager; Teri Bird, Paratransit Manager

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: JUNE 10, 2026

Corrections to minutes were read by Chair Alexander. A motion was made by Member Halvorson, seconded by Member Ferrell to approve the June 8, 2026 Cowlitz Transit Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00544 2026 06 10 CTA Board Minutes

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

26-00545 2026 May CTA Treasurer's Report

26-00546 Invoice #2026-08 - City of Longview \$512,043.37

26-00547 Invoice #E69B1C00-0012 - The Daily News \$376.33

7. REPORTS

Transit Manager Seeks reported on the ridership.

26-00548 2026 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

26-00549 2026 June Daily Fixed Route Ridership

26-00550 2026 June Fixed Route Ridership by Hour

26-00551 2026 June Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip

26-00552 2026 June LIFT Monthly Ridership

26-00553 Five Year Ridership Graph**26-00554 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2026 vs. 2025****8. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2031 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

Transit Manager Seeks presented the proposed 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan and 2025 Annual Report.

Chair Alexander opened the public hearing at 4:05 pm and called for public comment, hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 4:06 pm.

A motion was made by Member Ferrell, seconded by Member Collins, to approve the RiverCities Transit 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan and 2025 Annual Report.

26-00555 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) is drafted by RiverCities Staff and approved by the Cowlitz Transit Authority annually. It serves to fulfill both RCW's 35.58.2795 and 35.58.2796 which requires the creation of a Public Transportation System Six-Year Transit Plan and Annual Report, respectively.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hold public hearing to review the 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan and 2025 Annual Report.

THEN:

Motion to approve the RiverCities Transit 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan and 2025 Annual Report.

9. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOARD COMPOSITION REVIEW

A motion was made by Member Halvorson, seconded by Member Ferrell to establish a Special Meeting for August 12, 2026, at 3:45 p.m., where an elected representative of Cowlitz County and each city within the boundaries of the Public Transportation Benefit Area will be present to review and change the composition of the Cowlitz Transit Authority if a change is deemed appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00556 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:

In accordance with RCW 36.57A.055, public transportation benefit areas are required to conduct a review of the composition of the PTBA boards every four years. The last review of the Board composition was performed at a Special Meeting on July 13, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review RCW 36.57A.055 included in the Summary Statement;

THEN:

Motion to establish a Special Meeting for Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 3:45 p.m., where an elected representative of Cowlitz County and each city within the boundaries of the Public Transportation Benefit Area will be present to review and change the composition of the Cowlitz Transit Authority if a change is deemed appropriate.

NOTE:

Should a quorum not be present, the Special Meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened during a recess of the regularly scheduled Cowlitz Transit Authority Board meeting on August 12, 2026.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Transit Manager Seeks reported on a head-on collision last week; interviewing for one open transit operator position; and that staff was working on an audit.

Mobility Supervisor Daggett reported on recent training and outreach activities with Kelso High School, Barnes Elementary, STEPS and Pathfinders.

Paratransit Manager Bird reported a 9.97% increase in ridership over this time last year, a new driver, and LIFT's cooperation with CWCOC on the "How to Ride" videos.

11. **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Lisa Alexander, Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

69701 TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Account Information	BARS Information	Beg Balance	Debits	Credits	Change	End Balance
1111000 CASH		589,968.90	488,407.09	- 532,280.12	- 43,873.03	546,095.87
1180000 INVESTMENTS		6,635,145.15	22,236.75	0.00	22,236.75	6,657,381.90
2131020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - AP MODULE		0.00	510,043.37	- 510,043.37	0.00	0.00
2880000 UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE		- 7,325,987.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	- 7,325,987.64
3132100 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 2,370,380.01	0.00	- 465,341.63	- 465,341.63	- 2,835,721.64
3611000 INVESTMENT EARNINGS	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 88,491.03	0.00	- 22,236.75	- 22,236.75	- 110,727.78
3614000 OTHER INTEREST	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 3,332.42	0.00	- 828.71	- 828.71	- 4,161.13
5492000 OTHER	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	2,563,077.05	510,043.37	0.00	510,043.37	3,073,120.42
Total		0.00	1,530,730.58	- 1,530,730.58	0.00	0.00

Date: 08/12/2026
Invoice # 2026-09

BILL TO Cowlitz Transit Authority
207 North 4th Avenue
Kelso WA 98626

DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
Public Transit Services for September, 2026		\$512,043.37	
		AMOUNT DUE	
		\$512,043.37	
	REMITTANCE		
	Statement #		2026-09
	Date		08/12/2026
	Amount Due		\$512,043.37
	Amount Enclosed		

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Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises

Invoice No.: 30314858
Invoice Date: 12/8/2025
Customer - Account Number: 91310 - 001
Due Date: 1/7/2026
For Period of: 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2027
Reference Number:
PO Number:

Bill To: ACCOUNTING/ FINANCE DEPT.
COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PO BOX 128
LONGVIEW WA 98632-708

Remit To: Office of Minority & Women's Business
c/o DES-SAFS Agencies
PO Box 24281
Seattle WA 98124-0281

See below for agency payment information

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email: stacey.millsap@des.wa.gov

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	Item Code	Item Description	Reference Number	Quantity	Unit Of Measure	Unit Price	Total
1		Political Subdivision Fee; 07/01/2025-06/30/2027		1.00	EACH	\$325.4300	\$325.43
						Total:	\$325.43

Please make payment to agency 1470 and funds:		
Fund: 453	SWV0006747-00	\$325.43
Grand Total:		\$325.43

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RIVER CITIES TRANSIT

Invoice number E69B1C00-0013
Notice ID kbzqPSv8RWpASsgeV9o4
Publisher Longview Daily News
Date of issue Jul 23, 2026
Date due Aug 23, 2026
Amount due \$443.60

Description	Qty	Unit price	Amount
07/30/2026: General Legal Notice	1	225.80	225.80
08/06/2026: General Legal Notice	1	197.80	197.80
Publish Fee	1	20.00	20.00

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Order Number: COL-WA-101890

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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
2026	30	1,103	1,043	1,170	1,159	1,165	1,216	1,289						8,145
	31	3,314	3,224	3,298	3,687	3,393	3,379	3,135						23,430
	32	2,721	2,580	2,853	2,893	2,655	2,825	2,868						19,395
	33	3,141	2,995	3,181	3,464	3,246	3,294	2,987						22,308
	44	1,893	1,818	1,980	2,095	1,929	1,994	2,186						13,895
	45	6,377	6,268	6,841	6,905	5,972	6,459	6,065						44,887
	46	468	444	575	640	446	452	408						3,433
	57	3,277	3,313	3,530	3,685	3,343	2,928	2,405						22,481
	411	463	394	453	548	453	467	501						3,279
	433	41	44	38	68	38	72	80						381
	511	979	1,079	1,043	1,178	1,356	1,663	2,006						9,304
	TOTAL	23,777	23,202	24,962	26,322	23,996	24,749	23,930	0	0	0	0	0	170,938

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	1,313	1,413	1,092	1,100	15,502
	31	3,924	3,615	3,872	3,898	3,972	3,665	3,608	3,583	1,254	3,479	3,215	3,408	41,493
	32	2,950	2,785	2,713	3,074	2,803	2,483	2,832	2,746	3,240	3,348	2,827	2,632	34,433
	33	3,182	2,922	3,490	3,382	3,489	3,328	3,066	3,244	3,494	3,930	3,249	3,088	39,864
	44	1,991	1,813	2,037	2,147	2,119	2,191	2,337	2,073	1,952	2,132	1,471	1,727	23,990
	45	7,443	6,975	7,224	7,317	7,343	6,728	6,720	7,056	6,849	7,154	6,014	6,476	83,299
	46	735	677	701	780	762	651	679	747	603	723	378	452	7,888
	57	3,482	3,049	3,423	3,479	3,355	2,838	2,233	2,289	3,236	3,798	2,804	2,790	36,776
	411	446	484	632	645	425	422	524	447	427	426	270	379	5,527
	433							45	44	57	54	24	20	244
	511							1,085	1,235	1,254	1,270	918	941	6,703
	TOTAL	25,566	23,568	25,371	26,078	25,613	23,484	24,558	24,800	23,679	27,727	22,262	23,013	295,719

YEAR	ROUTE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
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
	TOTAL	18,699	21,269	22,521	22,955	23,440	20,672	22,914	23,464	22,807	26,418	23,348	23,003	271,510

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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									310
	TOTAL	19,759	17,997	20,819	19,223	21,209	20,612	19,663	22,104	20,420	21,305	20,477	19,159	242,747

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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
	TOTAL	13,749	14,296	17,444	16,419	16,543	17,613	16,471	19,498	19,100	19,648	17,880	17,600	206,261

RIVERCITIES TRANSIT DAILY RIDERSHIP REPORT

Jul-26

DATE	ROUTE 30	ROUTE 31	ROUTE 32	ROUTE 33	ROUTE 44	ROUTE 45 A	ROUTE 45 B	ROUTE 46	ROUTE 57	ROUTE 411	ROUTE 433	ROUTE 511	TOTAL
1	77	137	117	126	93	171	120	37	129	16	2	81	1106
2	65	153	143	127	93	138	105	28	109	19	3	64	1047
3	60	127	102	120	89	141	84	17	94	17	0	81	932
4 S&H													
5													
6	61	150	100	126	73	184	114	11	92	17	8	104	1040
7	50	119	108	106	132	174	110	20	138	17	0	78	1052
8	67	131	109	101	74	159	99	39	109	36	5	110	1039
9	56	108	165	144	92	131	97	15	88	18	3	74	991
10	43	111	98	68	112	170	97	10	74	25	10	89	907
11 S		80	57	79		103			56				375
12													
13	61	121	76	132	102	188	84	18	101	19	4	102	1008
14	47	127	102	101	94	167	65	24	87	17	2	100	933
15	47	131	104	94	80	144	87	5	105	22	2	78	899
16	43	111	141	126	90	154	66	18	80	24	3	74	930
17	54	119	101	107	73	131	91	12	80	17	3	75	863
18 S		77	77	76		89			54				373
19													
20	52	112	76	124	92	155	86	27	135	29	3	99	990
21	48	116	105	150	99	116	86	15	93	14	4	90	936
22	50	121	97	98	91	133	99	15	123	27	3	82	939
23	59	126	182	124	92	177	76	10	109	19	5	91	1070
24	52	128	130	123	73	170	91	10	50	19	3	76	925
25 S		70	109	106		85			64				434
26													
27	55	147	108	135	112	161	85	16	93	34	3	93	1042
28	44	120	105	123	111	145	74	8	76	23	3	105	937
29	81	128	110	119	112	157	118	8	102	23	2	64	1024
30	51	119	131	123	133	220	110	24	84	30	1	99	1125
31	66	146	115	129	74	156	102	21	80	19	8	97	1013
TOTAL (26)	1289	3135	2868	2987	2186	3919	2146	408	2405	501	80	2006	23930
WEEKDAY TOTAL (23)	1289	2908	2625	2726	2186	3642	2146	408	2231	501	80	2006	22748
SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY TOTAL (3)		227	243	261		277			174				1182
DAILY AVERAGE	56	121	110	115	95	151	93	18	93	22	3	87	920
WEEKDAY AVERAGE	56	126	114	119	95	158	93	18	97	22	3	87	989
SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY AVERAGE		76	81	87		92			58				394

Ridership by Hour
7/1/2026 - 7/31/2026

Weekday - Passengers by Hour

Route	630	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	TOTAL
31	31	126	228	246	331	301	260	263	305	299	206	186	126	2,908
32	24	102	145	284	225	246	287	291	252	266	243	163	97	2,625
33	9	127	184	215	286	253	256	284	267	276	270	186	113	2,726
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820	
44	59	93	173	213	225	186	223	217	228	160	157	147	105	2,186
57	46	147	134	234	138	184	188	220	187	242	218	209	84	2,231
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630			
30					147	250	170	186	207	171	158			1,289
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550				
46					59	75	83	72	70	49				408
Route	630	700	730	800		not shown for brevity				1700	1720	1800	1830	
45	101	102	134	229						175	104	94	61	5,788
Route	630	700	800	900		1100	1200		1400	1500	1600	1700		
411	34	17	39	72		75	60		49	30	43	82		501
Route			815			1115			1415		1615			
433			24			30			13		13			80
Route	630	740			900	1000	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630	1730		
511	199	170			172	165	241	193	162	282	224	198		2,006

Saturday - Passengers by Hour

Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700		
31	17	23	23	9	22	32	37	30	18	16	227	
32	11	16	18	32	36	32	23	32	27	16	243	
33	4	25	26	35	29	21	37	26	35	23	261	
Route	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720		
57	14	16	17	15	18	20	23	24	12	15	174	
Route	800	830	900	930	not shown for brevity			1600	1630	1700	1730	
45	10	9	9	14				14	17	9	4	277

Total Fixed Route

23,930

Average Passengers per Trip
7/1/2026 - 7/31/2026

Weekday

Route	630	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	Passengers per Revenue Service Hr	Avg daily boardings
31	1.3	5.5	9.9	10.7	14.4	13.1	11.3	11.4	13.3	13.0	9.0	8.1	5.5	10.4	126
32	1.0	4.4	6.3	12.3	9.8	10.7	12.5	12.7	11.0	11.6	10.6	7.1	4.2	9.3	114
33	0.4	5.5	8.0	9.3	12.4	11.0	11.1	12.3	11.6	12.0	11.7	8.1	4.9	9.7	119
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820		
44	2.6	4.0	7.5	9.3	9.8	8.1	9.7	9.4	9.9	7.0	6.8	6.4	4.6	7.7	95
57	2.0	6.4	5.8	10.2	6.0	8.0	8.2	9.6	8.1	10.5	9.5	9.1	3.7	7.8	97
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630				
30					6.4	10.9	7.4	8.1	9.0	7.4	6.9			8.3	56
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550					
46					2.6	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.1				3.0	18
Route	630	700	730	800	not shown for brevity					1700	1720	1800	1830		
45	4.4	4.4	5.8	10.0						7.6	4.5	4.1	2.7	12.6	252
Route	630	700	800	900		1100	1200		1400	1500	1600	1700			
411	1.5	0.7	1.7	3.1		3.3	2.6		2.1	1.3	1.9	3.6		2.6	22
Route			815			1115			1415		1615				
433			1.0			1.3			0.6		0.6			1.6	3
Route	630	740			900	1000	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630	1730			
511	8.7	7.4			7.5	7.2	10.5	8.4	7.0	12.3	9.7	8.6		8.6	87

Saturday

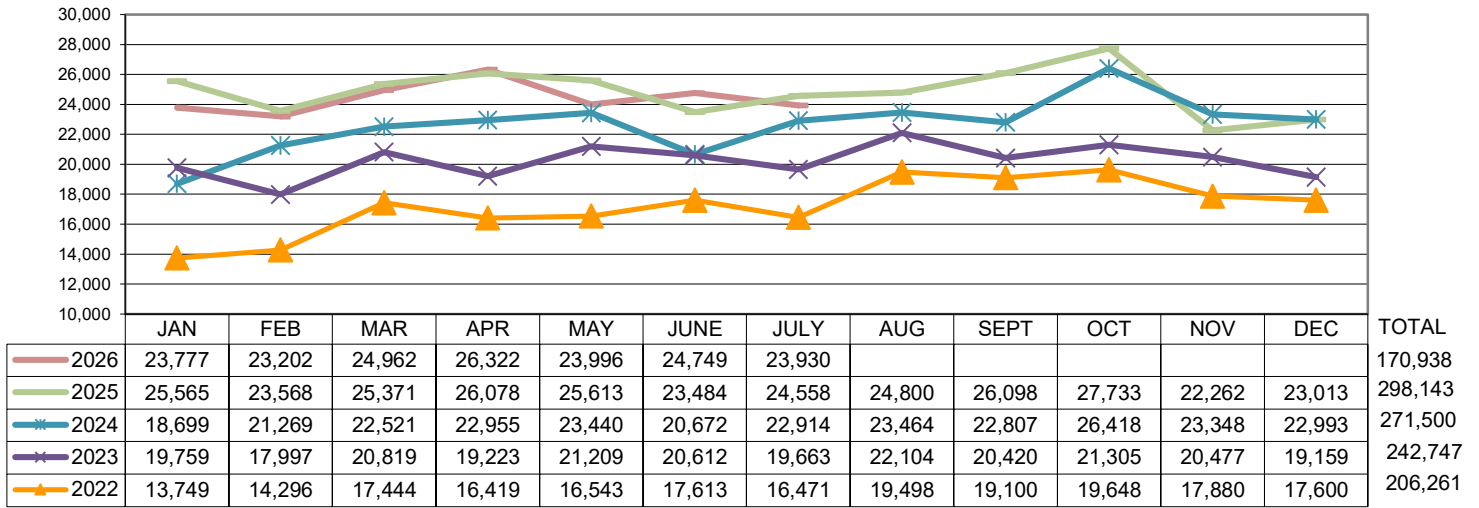
											Passengers per Revenue Service Hr	Avg daily boardings
Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700		
31	5.7	7.7	7.7	3.0	7.3	10.7	12.3	10.0	6.0	5.3	7.8	76
32	3.7	5.3	6.0	10.7	12.0	10.7	7.7	10.7	9.0	5.3	8.3	81
33	1.3	8.3	8.7	11.7	9.7	7.0	12.3	8.7	11.7	7.7	8.9	87
Route	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720		
57	4.7	5.3	5.7	5.0	6.0	6.7	7.7	8.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	58
Route	800	830	900	not shown for brevity			1600	1630	1700	1730		
45	3.3	3.0	3.0				4.7	5.7	3.0	1.3	9.3	92

System Productivity

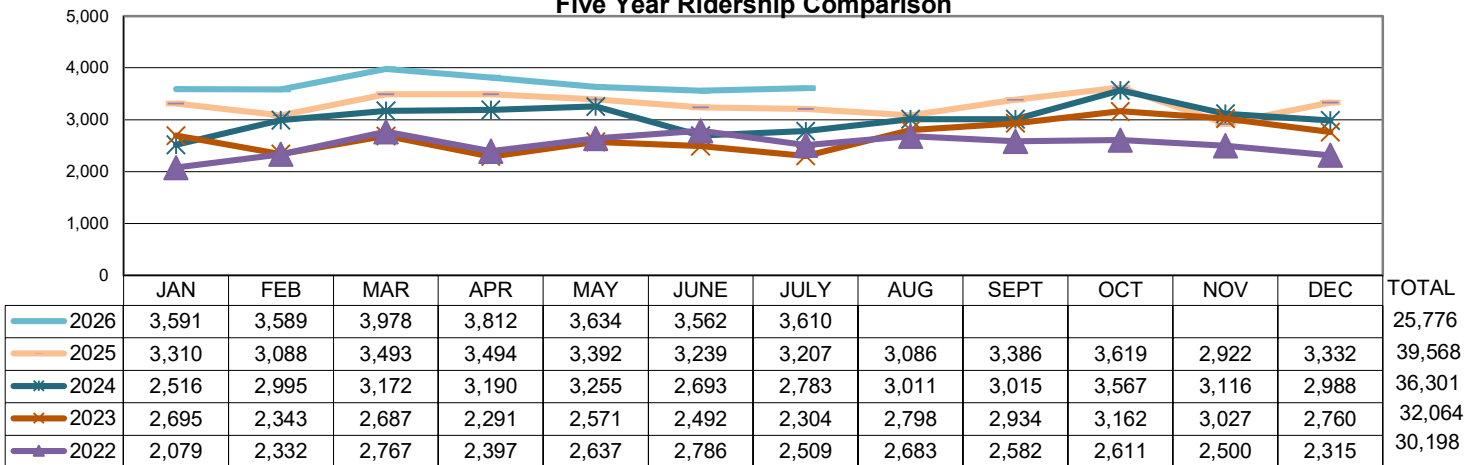
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Date	Total Psgrs	Demand Response Client Trips	Number of Attendrs	Number of Guests	Delivered AMB Psgrs	Delivered W/C Psgrs	% W/C Psgrs Delivered	Psgs Rev Hour	CXLS	No Shows
7/1/2026	128	107	21	0	81	26	24.30%	2.07	14	4
7/2/2026	161	127	32	2	89	38	29.92%	2.62	6	4
7/3/2026	137	106	31	0	69	37	34.91%	2.59	5	2
7/6/2026	115	95	20	0	65	30	31.58%	2.17	17	11
7/7/2026	176	142	34	0	108	34	23.94%	2.71	13	3
7/8/2026	141	117	24	0	90	27	23.08%	2.33	16	6
7/9/2026	165	126	31	8	92	34	26.98%	2.53	9	3
7/10/2026	157	115	36	6	79	36	31.30%	2.63	8	1
7/11/2026	99	74	25	0	47	27	36.49%	2.76	8	2
7/13/2026	121	96	22	3	69	27	28.13%	2.71	5	0
7/14/2026	154	121	31	2	88	33	27.27%	2.42	8	5
7/15/2026	143	120	15	8	89	31	25.83%	2.21	10	1
7/16/2026	150	116	34	0	88	28	24.14%	2.30	10	6
7/17/2026	125	99	16	10	67	32	32.32%	2.50	8	1
7/18/2026	96	70	26	0	54	16	22.86%	2.62	7	2
7/20/2026	116	95	21	0	64	31	32.63%	2.47	2	2
7/21/2026	178	139	28	11	102	37	26.62%	3.32	10	2
7/22/2026	128	116	12	0	83	33	28.45%	2.12	7	3
7/23/2026	160	135	25	0	110	25	18.52%	2.46	13	3
7/24/2026	147	123	22	2	95	28	22.76%	2.51	9	1
7/25/2026	88	66	22	0	43	23	34.85%	2.60	11	2
7/27/2026	125	97	27	1	74	23	23.71%	2.47	4	1
7/28/2026	159	130	29	0	105	25	19.23%	2.60	16	2
7/29/2026	166	139	27	0	104	35	25.18%	2.44	14	6
7/30/2026	130	108	20	2	80	28	25.93%	2.04	15	1
7/31/2026	145	122	23	0	81	41	33.61%	2.29	7	5
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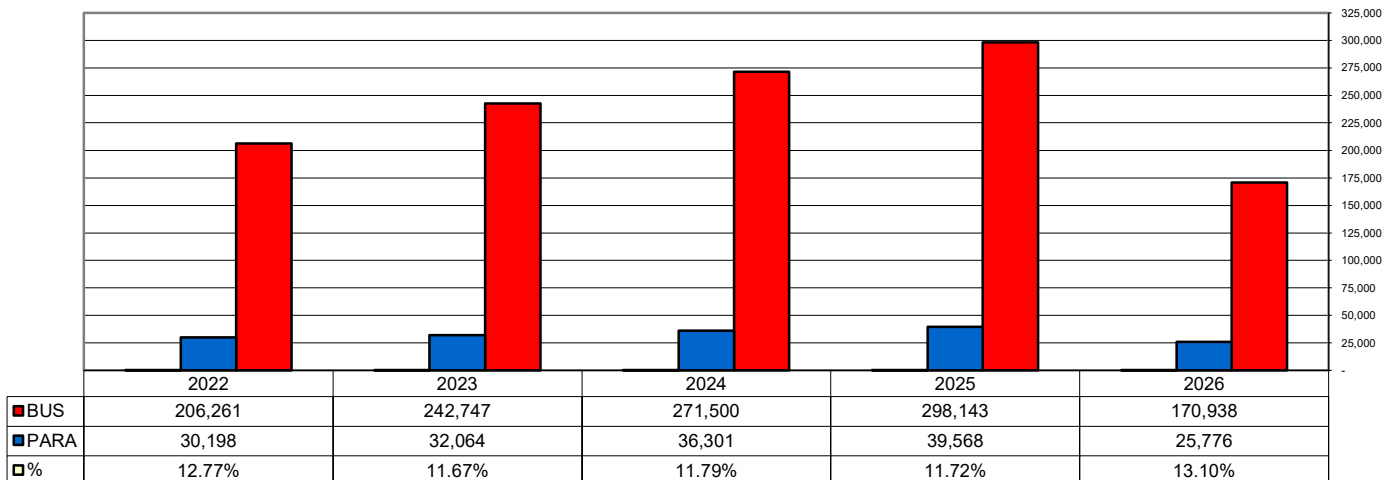
RiverCities Transit Fixed Route Five Year Ridership Comparison



RiverCities Transit Paratransit Five Year Ridership Comparison



Comparison of Ridership Bus and Paratransit Ridership







Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FIXED ROUTE SERVICE CHANGES

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) 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. Staff's proposal regarding current service to Rainier, Oregon and extending local evening service meets this criterion.

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 changes will be published for comment on August 21, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Establish a public hearing to be held at the September 9, 2026 CTA Board Meeting to receive comments on the proposed service changes.



Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-03 - LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR 2027-2029 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATED GRANTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is submitting two applications supporting operations to the 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grant program.

The first operations project sustains RiverCities Transit LIFT, our ADA paratransit service. This application will request \$2,237,192 in WSDOT funding matched 25:75 with local and federal Section 5307 formula grant funds. For purposes of the grant application, the local match is \$6,981,577.

The second operations project sustains our I-5 Corridor commuter bus service, Route 511. This application will request \$628,936 in WSDOT funding matched 50:50 with local funds over the four years.

This project supports the goals of the Transit Enhancement Plan and is supported in the regional long range transportation plan. To demonstrate local support for the project, the application requires documentation of local financial commitment and support.

Staff is requesting the CTA approve authorization of the CTA Board to adopt a resolution allocating local matching funds for the grant applications. The sustaining projects will continue from July 2027 through June 2031.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the projects is \$10,566,641 over four years. The estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$7,610,513. The local funds portion of the match is expected to be reduced by FTA formula operating grants.

These projects are included in the 2026 Transit Development Plan and there are adequate funds available in the Cowlitz Transit Authority reserves, projected future sales tax revenue, and projected FTA formula operating grants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-03 in support of the City of Longview 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grant applications.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 2027-2031 WSDOT CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE OPERATION OF ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICE AND OPERATION OF I-5 CORRIDOR SERVICE BETWEEN LONGVIEW AND VANCOUVER

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview; in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, intends to apply for \$2,327,192 from the 2027-2031 Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Grant program to sustain ADA paratransit operations within the Kelso-Longview area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview; in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, intends to apply for \$628,936 from the 2027-2031 Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Grant program to sustain I-5 Corridor commuter bus service between Longview and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, the award for the Consolidated Grant sustaining ADA paratransit operations has an estimated local matching funds requirement of \$6,981,577; and

WHEREAS, the award for the Consolidated Grant sustaining I-5 Corridor commuter bus service has an estimated local matching funds requirement of \$628,936; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states “[t]he City of Longview shall provide public transportation services within the area of the Cowlitz Transit Authority including, but not with limitation, the providing of vehicles, vehicle maintenance, vehicle operation, public liability and property damage insurance, supervision, and all labor and services in connection therewith, all in accordance with said Comprehensive Transit Plan and in accordance with public transportation schedules as determined by the Cowlitz Transit Authority”; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states in part “The Cowlitz Transit Authority shall pay to the City of Longview all costs and expenses incurred by it, in consideration for all of the services to be provided by the City of Longview pursuant to this agreement ...”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority that it authorizes expenditure of an estimated \$7,610,513 to match the 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grants, if awarded, to be used by the City of Longview to sustain ADA paratransit operations and sustain I-5 Corridor commuter bus service.

PASSED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority in regular session and approved this 12th day of August, 2026.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Lisa Alexander, Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board



Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-04 - LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR 2027-2029 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is applying for \$569,400 from the 2027-2029 Washington State Department of Transportation Bus and Bus Facilities Grant program to procure three (3) replacement propane ADA cutaways that have exceeded their useful lives.

This project supports the goals of the Transit Enhancement Plan and is supported in the regional long range transportation plan. To demonstrate local support for the project, the application requires documentation of local financial commitment and support.

Staff is requesting the CTA adopt a resolution allocating local matching funds for the grant. Staff anticipate these vehicles will be delivered and paid for in late 2027 or early 2028, if the grant application is successful.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the propane ADA cutaways is \$711,750. The grant requires an 80:20 state to local match; therefore, the estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$142,350.

This project is included in the 2026 Transit Development Plan and there are adequate funds available in the Cowlitz Transit Authority reserves.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-04 for matching funds for 2027-2029 WSDOT Bus and Bus Facilities grant application.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 2027-2029 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE REPLACEMENT PROPANE ADA CUTAWAYS

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview; in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, intends to apply for \$569,400 from the 2027-2029 Washington State Department of Transportation Bus and Bus Facilities Grant program to procure three (3) replacement propane ADA cutaways; and

WHEREAS, the award for the Bus and Bus Facilities Grant has an estimated local matching funds requirement of \$142,350; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states “[t]he City of Longview shall provide public transportation services within the area of the Cowlitz Transit Authority including, but not with limitation, the providing of vehicles, vehicle maintenance, vehicle operation, public liability and property damage insurance, supervision, and all labor and services in connection therewith, all in accordance with said Comprehensive Transit Plan and in accordance with public transportation schedules as determined by the Cowlitz Transit Authority”; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states in part “The Cowlitz Transit Authority shall pay to the City of Longview all costs and expenses incurred by it, in consideration for all of the services to be provided by the City of Longview pursuant to this agreement ...”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority that it authorizes expenditure of an estimated \$142,350 to match the 2027-2029 Washington State Department of Transportation Bus and Bus Facilities Grant, if awarded, to be used by the City of Longview to procure three (3) replacement propane ADA cutaways.

PASSED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority in regular session and approved this 12th day of August, 2026.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Lisa Alexander, Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board



Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-05 - LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR 2026 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION COMPETITIVE BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds. The City of Longview, in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, is applying for the FY2026 Federal Transit Administration Competitive Bus and Bus Facilities Grant for \$1,367,796 to replace two (2) 35-foot transit coaches that have exceeded their useful lives.

This project replaces two of the five transit coaches that have been in service since 2013. Of the other three buses, one has undergone rebuilding, including a new engine and transmission, by the Fleet Maintenance team earlier this year. Rebuilding of one additional bus is scheduled to begin later this year and the third is scheduled for next year. The rebuild projects are grant supported and have helped reduce capital costs of replacing all five buses at one time.

This project supports the goals of the Transit Enhancement Plan and is supported in the regional long range transportation plan. To demonstrate local support for the project, the application requires documentation of local financial commitment and support.

Staff is requesting the CTA adopt a resolution allocating local matching funds for the grant. Staff anticipates that these vehicles will be delivered and paid for in late 2027 or early 2028, if the grant application is successful.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated total cost of the buses is \$1,709,746. The grant requires an 80:20 federal to local match; therefore, the estimated match funds requested of the CTA is \$341,950.

This project is included in the 2026 Transit Development Plan and there are adequate funds available in the Cowlitz Transit Authority reserves.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-05 for matching funds for 2026 FTA Bus and Bus Facilities grant application.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE FY2026 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT HEAVY-DUTY TRANSIT COACHES

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is the Designated Federal Recipient of public transit funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview; in cooperation with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, intends to apply for \$1,367,796 from the 2026 Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Grant program to procure two (2) replacement heavy-duty transit coaches; and

WHEREAS, the award for the Bus and Bus Facilities Grant has an estimated local matching funds requirement of \$341,950; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states “[t]he City of Longview shall provide public transportation services within the area of the Cowlitz Transit Authority including, but not with limitation, the providing of vehicles, vehicle maintenance, vehicle operation, public liability and property damage insurance, supervision, and all labor and services in connection therewith, all in accordance with said Comprehensive Transit Plan and in accordance with public transportation schedules as determined by the Cowlitz Transit Authority”; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states in part “The Cowlitz Transit Authority shall pay to the City of Longview all costs and expenses incurred by it, in consideration for all of the services to be provided by the City of Longview pursuant to this agreement ...”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority that it authorizes expenditure of an estimated \$341,950 to match the FY2026 Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Grant, if awarded, to be used by the City of Longview to procure two (2) replacement, heavy-duty transit coaches.

PASSED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority in regular session and approved this 12th day of August, 2026.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Lisa Alexander, Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

Cowlitz Transit Authority



Agenda Summary

REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE COWLITZ WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT GRANT

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

RiverCities Transit received a request for grant matching funds to help support the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) in their Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Transit Grant application to maintain the Regional Mobility Management Program. The request for a total of \$26,671 over four (4) years fulfills a portion of the total match that will be shared with neighboring jurisdictions.

CWCOG's Mobility Management Program has greatly benefited RiverCities Transit by providing additional coordination with local transit providers, in-person assistance in marketing our services to current and potential riders, and the creation and distribution of tools that benefit RCT and our customers. The latter includes production of RCT's eight (8) How to Ride videos, the online Trip Assistant regional travel planning tool, and additional marketing materials. Both the prior and the current Mobility Management Coordinator, Megan Wirz, have teamed up very effectively with our Transit Mobility Supervisor.

Attached is a memorandum supporting CWCOG's grant application for the Washington State Department of Transportation's 2027-2031 Consolidated Grant Program and CTA's matching pledge. If successful, the CWCOG will bill the CTA for matching funds quarterly.

BUDGET:

There are local sales tax funds available to be included in the 2027 through 2031 CTA Budgets to support this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve matching funds not to exceed \$26,671 over four years for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Government's Regional Mobility Management Program grant and approval of the CTA Board Chair to sign the agreement of match support for the project.

Attachments:

CWCOG Mobility Management Memo for Cowlitz Transit Authority – RiverCities Transit



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July 29, 2026

To: Cowlitz Transit Authority Board

From: Bill Fashing, Executive Director *BF*

RE: Local Match for the CWCOG Regional Mobility Management Grant Project

This memo is regarding a request for assistance in retaining the Regional Mobility Management Program of the CWCOG. The program coordinator, in conjunction with Community in Motion, will continue to address gaps in travel training, education, coordination of services, marketing, and other needs as expressed by stakeholders and in the Coordinated Public Transportation – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP). Over the past six years the Regional Mobility Management Program has had success. We value your support, partnership, and contribution to this programs success. The Program is responsible for planning and coordinating resources to improve the availability and accessibility of transportation services for persons with disabilities, youth, aging adults, rural population, and individuals of lower income. This Program coordinates with transportation service providers and human service providers in the five county RTPO (Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum) including connections to adjacent counties.

Mobility Management Strategies may include:

- Provide safe and efficient travel option for our most vulnerable populations;
- Move people instead of vehicles;
- The entire trip, not just that portion of the trip on one mode or another;
- Make visible improvements to the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of the travel services being delivered;
- Offer a full range of travel options to the single-occupant auto option;
- A focus on innovation, changing usual business practices – remove the burden of navigating transportation systems from the user;
- Cultivate partnerships and multi-agency activities;
- Connect community services and programs to improve coordination of transportation;
- Offer a single point of access for customers to multiple travel modes; and,
- Overcome transportation barriers and support through a coordinated region-wide transportation service network.

CWCOG is applying for Consolidated Grant funds to retain the Regional Mobility Management Program. Mobility Management Grants under the Consolidated Grant Program require a 20 percent local match. As this program has been requested by your organization and others in the region we are asking for your financial support once again to meet the match requirements to provide this program. The application is for a 4-year grant for this project with an average estimated budget of \$208,000 per year. The total local match is estimated to be \$46,000 per year for years one and two and \$49,000 per year for years three and four.

We are asking for your continued support for this project and for Cowlitz Transit Authority - River Cities Transit to provide \$6,375 for year one, \$6,566 for year two, \$6,763 for year three, and \$6,966 for year four. This results in a total of \$26,671 over four years in match for the grant. If funded, this project would begin in July of 2027 and end in June of 2031. The CWCOCG would bill based on expenses on a quarterly basis.

Your signature signifies your agency's agreement to provide matching dollars in the amount of \$6,375 for year one, \$6,566 for year two, \$6,763 for year three, and \$6,966 for year four for a grand total of \$26,671 over four years as local match for the Regional Mobility Management Consolidated Grant Project. Please execute this agreement and return it to the CWCOCG at bfashing@cwccog.org.

Agreed to by:

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Name	Title
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Signature	Date

Agency	



Cowlitz Transit Authority Agenda Summary

ESTABLISH BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORM A TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY GROUP

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) bylaws Section 7.2 states that the Chair may appoint Authority members to special intra- and interagency committees and councils as appropriate.

RiverCities Transit staff proposes to the CTA that the Board Chair appoints two (2) Authority members to a special subcommittee to form a transit riders advisory group. The subcommittee Chair and member are subject to confirmation by a quorum of the Authority. The special subcommittee and the subsequent advisory group will be staffed by the Transit Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authority Chair names two (2) Authority members to a special subcommittee with the purpose of forming a Transit Riders Advisory Group, including which member will chair the subcommittee.

THEN:

Motion to approve the selection of the Transit Riders Advisory Group Subcommittee and Chair.