



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, September 9, 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 **Regular Board Meeting** on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

AND,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Public Hearing** on **Wednesday, September 9, 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 proposed service changes to Routes 31, 32, 33, 45, 57 and 433. The proposed change will be published on RiverCities Transit's website for public comment at www.rctransit.org, on Facebook, and in paper copy at the Longview Transit Center, and in the City Info Weekly.

Agendas are made available the Friday before the meeting at www.mylongview.com under "Agendas & Minutes."

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89844443333>

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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 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2026**

26-00786 2026 08 12 CTA Regular Meeting Minutes

6. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2026

26-00787 2026 08 12 CTA Special Meeting Minutes

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

26-00774 2026 July CTA Treasurer's Report

26-00775 Invoice #2026-10 - City of Longview \$512,043.37

26-00788 Invoice #E69B1C00-0014 The Daily News \$451.08

26-00789 Invoice #594-CWCOG-Mobility Match-\$3,125.00

26-00790 Invoice #598-CWCOG-MPO Match-Q4-\$4,072.56

8. REPORTS

26-00776 2026 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

26-00777 2026 August Daily Fixed Route Ridership

26-00778 2026 August Fixed Route Ridership by Hour

26-00779 2026 August Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip

26-00780 2026 August LIFT Monthly Ridership

26-00781 Five Year Ridership Graph

26-00782 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2026 vs. 2025

9. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FIXED ROUTE AND LIFT SERVICE CHANGES**26-00785 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. Staff's proposal for modifications to Routes 31, 32, 33, 45, 57, and 433 meets this criterion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hold public hearing regarding the service proposal.

THEN:

Motion to approve the service change proposal effective October 12, 2026.

10. **RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

26-00784 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 2026-2027 school year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Chair to execute the 2026-2027 Ridership Agreement with Lower Columbia College.

11. **ESTABLISH BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORM TRANSIT CUSTOMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

26-00783 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.

12. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

13. **MISCELLANEOUS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Wednesday, August 12, 2026

4:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Longview Council Chambers
1525 Broadway St, Longview

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,

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Next meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Ferrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Steven Ferrell; ATU Representative Warren Doell; Member Michael Claxton; Member Jackie Collins;

Absent: Chair Lisa Alexander; Member Erik Halvorson; Member Keenan Harvey (Alternate); Member Richard Dahl (Alternate); Chris Bryant (Alternate)

Staff Present: 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; Bill Fashing, CWCOC; Robert Stevens, CWCOC (On-Line)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: JULY 8, 2026

A motion was made by Member Claxton, seconded by Member Collins to approve the July 8, 2026 Cowlitz Transit Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00683 2026 07 08 CTA Board Meeting Minutes

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Transit Manager Seeks reported on Route 511 Ridership having a record July, ridership during the Cowlitz County Fair, and financial fund balances.

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

A motion was made by Member Claxton, seconded by Member Collins to establish a public hearing to be held at the September 9, 2026, CTA Board Meeting to receive comments on the proposed service changes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Member Claxton, seconded by Member Collins to approve Resolution #2026-03 in support of the City of Longview 2027-2031 WSDOT Consolidated Grant applications. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Member Claxton, seconded by Member Collins to approve Resolution #2026-04 for matching funds for the 2027-2029 WSDOT Bus and Bus Facilities Grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Member Collins, seconded by Member Claxton to approve Resolution #2026-05 for matching funds for 2026 FTA Bus and Bus Facility Grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

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 MANAGEMENT GRANT PROJECT

A motion was made by Member Claxton, seconded by Member Collins to approve matching funds not to exceed \$26,671 over four years for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments Regional Mobility Management Program grant. The motion carried unanimously.

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 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

13. ESTABLISH BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORM TRANSIT CUSTOMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Member Collins, seconded by Member Claxton to table item 13 to the September 9, 2026 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Transit Manager Seeks reported on the 2026 Wall of Fame Honorees.

Mobility Supervisor Daggett reported on upcoming events of Youth and Family Link Resource Fair and Extreme Machines.

Paratransit Manager Bird reported ridership increases over last year and the need for a new on-call driver.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Ferrell adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Lisa Alexander, Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board



MINUTES

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Special Meeting Agenda

Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Composition Review

*Lisa Alexander (Chair), Steven Ferrell (Co-Chair), Erik Halvorson,
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3:45 PM

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The purpose of the hearing is to review the composition of the governing board of the PTBA in accordance with RCW 36.54A.055 and RCW 36.75A.050. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

3. SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD COMPOSITION

Transit Manager Seeks reported on the board composition review.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:

In accordance with RCW 36.57A.050 and RCW 36.57A.055, public transportation benefit areas are required to conduct a review of the composition of PTBA boards every four years. The last review of the Board composition was performed at a public hearing on July 13, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review RCW 36.57A.050 and RCW 36.57A.055.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD COMPOSITION REVIEW

Vice-Chair Ferrell opened the public hearing at 3:48 pm called for comment and closed the meeting at 3:49 pm. A motion was made by Member Collins, seconded by Member Claxton, to maintain the existing Cowlitz Public Transportation Benefit Area board composition as it currently stands. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hold a public hearing to receive citizen input on the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Composition Review;

THEN:

Motion to maintain the existing Cowlitz Public Transportation Benefit Area board composition as it currently stands.

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, at 4:00 p.m..

5. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Ferrell adjourned the meeting at 3:52 pm.

Steve Ferrell, Vice-Chair

Tara Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

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Account Information	BARS Information	Beg Balance	Debits	Credits	Change	End Balance
1111000 CASH		546,095.87	515,959.77	- 534,137.96	- 18,178.19	527,917.68
1180000 INVESTMENTS		6,657,381.90	21,718.26	0.00	21,718.26	6,679,100.16
2131020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - AP MODULE		0.00	512,419.70	- 512,419.70	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	- 2,835,721.64	0.00	- 493,454.08	- 493,454.08	- 3,329,175.72
3611000 INVESTMENT EARNINGS	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 110,727.78	0.00	- 21,718.26	- 21,718.26	- 132,446.04
3614000 OTHER INTEREST	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	- 4,161.13	0.00	- 787.43	- 787.43	- 4,948.56
5492000 OTHER	8900000 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	3,073,120.42	512,419.70	0.00	512,419.70	3,585,540.12
Total		0.00	1,562,517.43	- 1,562,517.43	0.00	0.00

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Publisher Longview Daily News
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Date due Sep 16, 2026
Amount due \$451.08

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08/27/2026: General Legal Notice	1	229.79	229.79
09/03/2026: General Legal Notice	1	201.29	201.29
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INVOICE

BILL TO
Cowlitz Transit
Authority/RiverCities Transit
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Longview, WA 98632

INVOICE # 594
DATE 08/26/2026
DUE DATE 10/10/2026
TERMS Net 45

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Mobility Management Match – Jul-Dec 26	1	3,125.00	3,125.00
BALANCE DUE			\$3,125.00

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Longview, WA 98632

INVOICE # 598
DATE 08/26/2026
DUE DATE 10/10/2026
TERMS Net 45

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
MPO Match Q4 (Apr-Jun 26) – Labor	1	2,239.97	2,239.97
MPO Match Q4 (Apr-Jun 26) - Direct Program Costs	1	460.55	460.55
MPO Match Q4 (Apr-Jun 26) - Indirect Program Costs	1	1,372.04	1,372.04

MPO Match is previously invoiced as LKRATS Q1-Q3

BALANCE DUE

\$4,072.56

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	1,203					9,348
	31	3,314	3,224	3,298	3,687	3,393	3,379	3,135	3,398					26,828
	32	2,721	2,580	2,853	2,893	2,655	2,825	2,868	2,804					22,199
	33	3,141	2,995	3,181	3,464	3,246	3,294	2,987	3,182					25,490
	44	1,893	1,818	1,980	2,095	1,929	1,994	2,186	2,115					16,010
	45	6,377	6,268	6,841	6,905	5,972	6,459	6,065	6,562					51,449
	46	468	444	575	640	446	452	408	442					3,875
	57	3,277	3,313	3,530	3,685	3,343	2,928	2,405	2,721					25,202
	411	463	394	453	548	453	467	501	609					3,888
	433	41	44	38	68	38	72	80	64					445
	511	979	1,079	1,043	1,178	1,356	1,663	2,006	2,012					11,316
TOTAL		23,777	23,202	24,962	26,322	23,996	24,749	23,930	25,112	0	0	0	0	196,050

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

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									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

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
	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

Aug-26

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 S		144	86	125		144			75				574
2													
3	64	148	153	152	132	202	102	21	128	26	4	110	1242
4	45	128	94	123	91	169	100	34	88	28	5	96	1001
5	71	143	95	117	80	187	81	30	101	23	2	96	1026
6	64	134	96	137	90	199	164	21	126	34	5	111	1181
7	55	134	56	122	95	156	87	21	148	19	2	61	956
8 S		100	84	102		103			56				445
9													
10	64	156	113	104	82	186	92	19	124	31	2	95	1068
11	51	121	106	121	117	272	116	25	98	23	3	89	1142
12	55	124	95	96	93	157	104	25	78	32	6	137	1002
13	62	121	176	134	114	160	102	16	104	27	1	92	1109
14	58	125	155	113	98	189	92	17	90	20	2	97	1056
15 S		112	72	100		117			64				465
16													
17	72	159	101	134	99	203	90	19	91	27	9	100	1104
18	49	150	122	140	105	162	113	16	121	26	1	96	1101
19	62	112	98	97	92	177	96	11	120	41	0	74	980
20	55	138	110	130	127	170	76	23	86	32	0	88	1035
21	35	157	112	115	101	146	81	19	103	33	2	78	982
22 S		91	84	101		129			59				464
23													
24	62	144	121	163	92	167	121	17	103	33	6	95	1124
25	67	128	114	140	95	243	85	32	114	36	0	114	1168
26	45	124	109	107	97	153	78	12	100	38	4	88	955
27	52	113	134	125	108	183	126	17	158	23	2	105	1146
28	54	130	113	135	110	155	96	21	160	22	4	106	1106
29 S		125	85	118		115			70				513
30													
31	61	137	120	131	97	188	128	26	156	35	4	84	1167
TOTAL (26)	1203	3398	2804	3182	2115	4432	2130	442	2721	609	64	2012	25112
WEEKDAY TOTAL (21)	1203	2826	2393	2636	2115	3824	2130	442	2397	609	64	2012	22651
SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY TOTAL (5)		572	411	546		608			324				2461
DAILY AVERAGE	57	131	108	122	101	170	101	21	105	29	3	96	966
WEEKDAY AVERAGE	57	135	114	126	101	182	101	21	114	29	3	96	1079
SATURDAY/REDUCED DAY AVERAGE		114	82	109		122			65				492

Ridership by Hour
8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

Weekday - Passengers by Hour

Route	630	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	TOTAL
31	28	153	232	262	313	257	261	277	239	267	180	234	123	2,826
32	17	67	134	253	185	223	240	227	290	295	212	144	106	2,393
33	7	118	205	207	249	189	263	246	277	279	253	197	146	2,636
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820	
44	53	101	158	222	205	185	218	226	203	146	178	139	81	2,115
57	63	162	118	166	131	217	240	256	286	227	224	208	99	2,397
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630			
30					148	189	181	215	201	151	118			1,203
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550				
46					69	80	92	87	70	44				442
Route	630	700	730	800		not shown for brevity				1700	1720	1800	1830	
45	76	86	132	255						203	152	99	68	5,954
Route	630	700	800	900		1100	1200		1400	1500	1600	1700		
411	29	17	55	81		74	66		89	46	48	104		609
Route			815			1115			1415		1615			
433			15			27			10		12			64
Route	630	740			900	1000	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630	1730		
511	228	166			152	166	234	159	143	279	258	227		2,012

Saturday - Passengers by Hour

Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700		
31	29	66	58	70	73	72	43	60	62	39	572	
32	18	35	32	50	51	30	52	49	55	39	411	
33	19	46	60	61	64	97	64	53	48	34	546	
Route	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720		
57	24	27	34	31	40	42	42	25	29	30	324	
Route	800	830	900	930	not shown for brevity			1600	1630	1700	1730	
45	25	32	34	21				35	28	24	14	608

Total Fixed Route

25,112

Average Passengers per Trip
8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

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	7.3	11.0	12.5	14.9	12.2	12.4	13.2	11.4	12.7	8.6	11.1	5.9	11.0	135
32	0.8	3.2	6.4	12.0	8.8	10.6	11.4	10.8	13.8	14.0	10.1	6.9	5.0	9.3	114
33	0.3	5.6	9.8	9.9	11.9	9.0	12.5	11.7	13.2	13.3	12.0	9.4	7.0	10.3	126
Route	630	720	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820		
44	2.5	4.8	7.5	10.6	9.8	8.8	10.4	10.8	9.7	7.0	8.5	6.6	3.9	8.1	101
57	3.0	7.7	5.6	7.9	6.2	10.3	11.4	12.2	13.6	10.8	10.7	9.9	4.7	9.2	114
Route					1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630				
30					7.0	9.0	8.6	10.2	9.6	7.2	5.6			8.4	57
Route					1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550					
46					3.3	3.8	4.4	4.1	3.3	2.1				3.6	21
Route	630	700	730	800	not shown for brevity					1700	1720	1800	1830		
45	3.6	4.1	6.3	12.1						9.7	7.2	4.7	3.2	14.2	284
Route	630	700	800	900		1100	1200		1400	1500	1600	1700			
411	1.4	0.8	2.6	3.9		3.5	3.1		4.2	2.2	2.3	5.0		3.5	29
Route			815			1115			1415		1615				
433			0.7			1.3			0.5		0.6			1.4	3
Route	630	740			900	1000	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630	1730			
511	10.9	7.9			7.2	7.9	11.1	7.6	6.8	13.3	12.3	10.8		9.5	96

Saturday

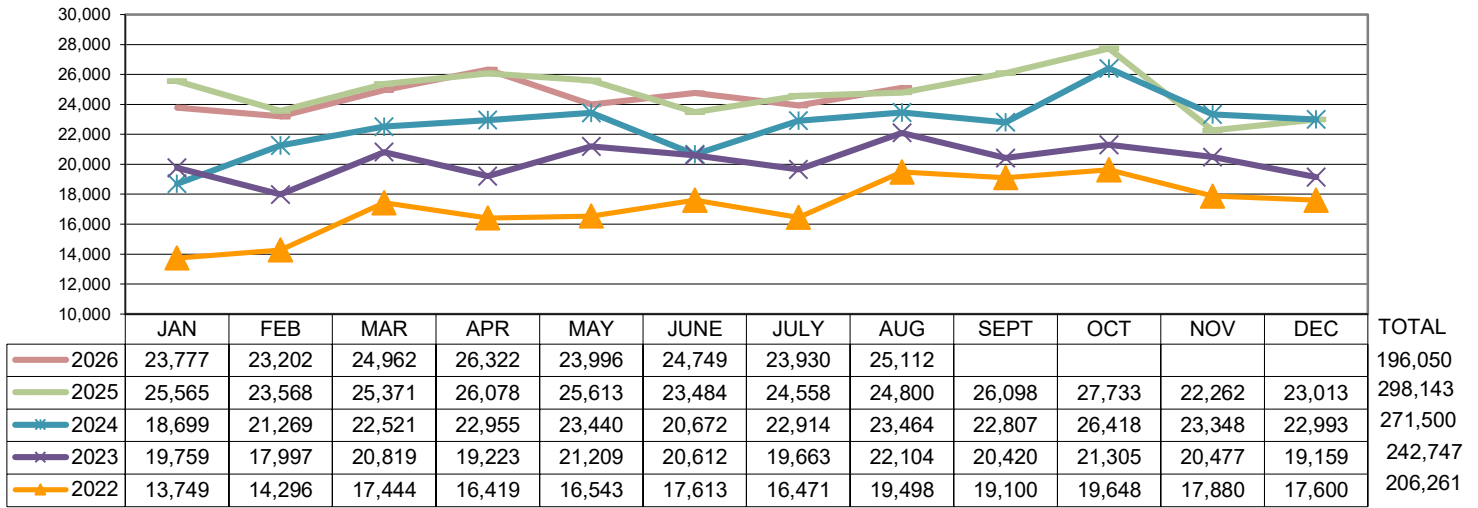
											Passengers per Revenue Service Hr	Avg daily boardings
Route	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700		
31	5.8	13.2	11.6	14.0	14.6	14.4	8.6	12.0	12.4	7.8	11.7	114
32	3.6	7.0	6.4	10.0	10.2	6.0	10.4	9.8	11.0	7.8	8.4	82
33	3.8	9.2	12.0	12.2	12.8	19.4	12.8	10.6	9.6	6.8	11.2	109
Route	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720		
57	4.8	5.4	6.8	6.2	8.0	8.4	8.4	5.0	5.8	6.0	6.7	65
Route	800	830	900	not shown for brevity			1600	1630	1700	1730		
45	5.0	6.4	6.8				7.0	5.6	4.8	2.8	12.3	122

System Productivity

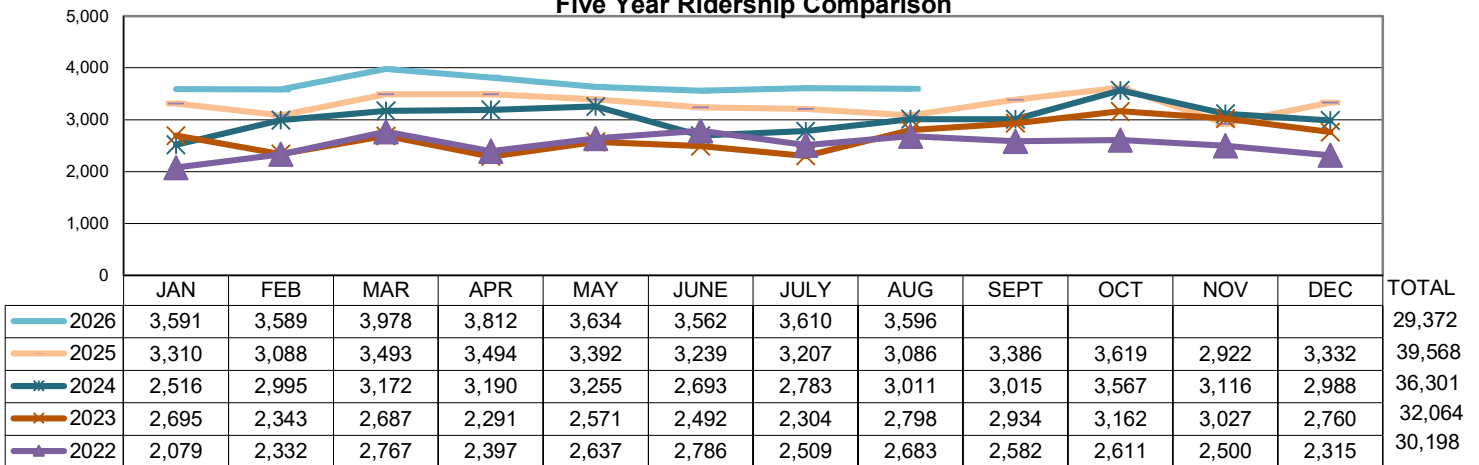
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Date	Total Psgrs	Demand Response Client Trips	Number of Attends	Number of Guests	Delivered AMB Psgrs	Delivered W/C Psgrs	% W/C Psgrs Delivered	Psgrs Rev Hour	CXLS	No Shows
8/1/2026	95	73	22	0	58	15	20.55%	2.52	11	2
8/3/2026	148	110	32	6	73	37	33.64%	2.94	8	3
8/4/2026	160	121	37	2	94	27	22.31%	2.58	18	3
8/5/2026	161	137	24	0	91	46	33.58%	2.52	9	3
8/6/2026	131	103	28	0	80	23	22.33%	2.69	10	5
8/7/2026	139	112	27	0	84	28	25.00%	2.27	11	3
8/8/2026	109	78	29	2	56	22	28.21%	2.65	12	2
8/10/2026	145	118	25	2	86	32	27.12%	2.72	12	0
8/11/2026	152	122	28	2	97	25	20.49%	2.44	17	8
8/12/2026	166	141	25	0	93	48	34.04%	2.49	8	4
8/13/2026	176	142	32	2	111	31	21.83%	2.58	6	4
8/14/2026	151	117	34	0	86	31	26.50%	2.40	6	4
8/15/2026	108	84	24	0	57	27	32.14%	2.61	9	6
8/17/2026	128	107	21	0	80	27	25.23%	2.43	10	1
8/18/2026	162	127	33	2	94	33	25.98%	2.79	12	5
8/19/2026	144	121	23	0	83	38	31.40%	2.35	11	2
8/20/2026	159	129	30	0	93	36	27.91%	2.55	3	6
8/21/2026	165	125	32	8	91	34	27.20%	2.47	19	5
8/22/2026	100	80	20	0	61	19	23.75%	3.05	5	4
8/24/2026	110	87	23	0	70	17	19.54%	2.34	17	5
8/25/2026	153	118	31	4	90	28	23.73%	2.58	10	2
8/26/2026	133	117	15	1	87	30	25.64%	2.11	12	5
8/27/2026	147	116	30	1	88	28	24.14%	2.47	10	1
8/28/2026	133	109	24	0	80	29	26.61%	2.23	3	3
8/29/2026	108	85	23	0	57	28	32.94%	2.99	17	3
8/31/2026	113	95	18	0	63	32	33.68%	2.26	12	3
	3596	2874	690	32	2103	771	26.83%	2.52	278	92

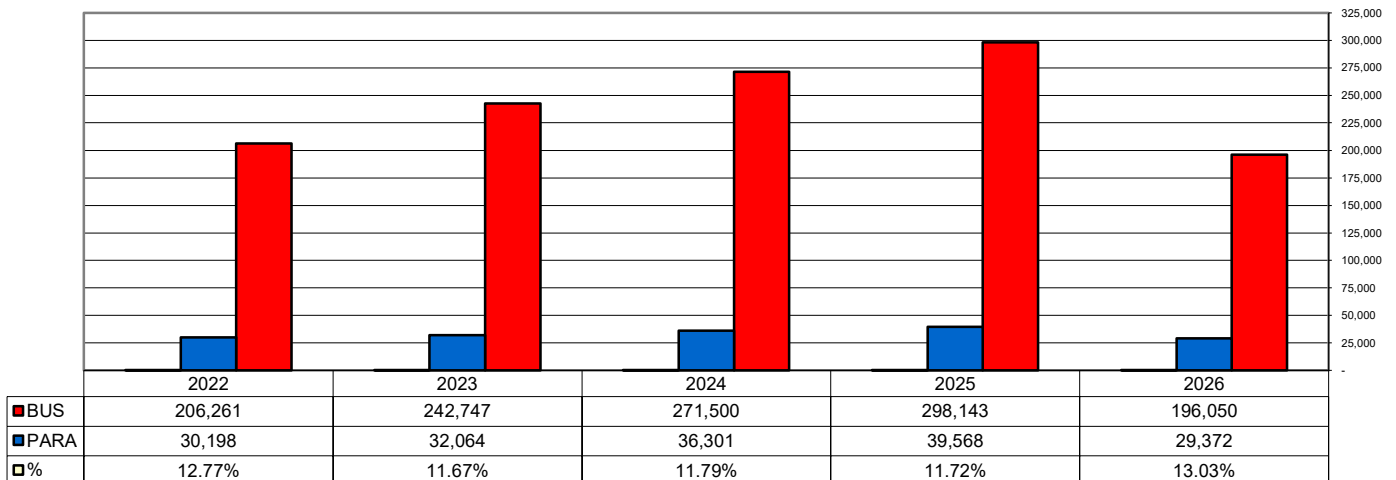
RiverCities Transit Fixed Route Five Year Ridership Comparison



RiverCities Transit Paratransit Five Year Ridership Comparison



Comparison of Ridership Bus and Paratransit Ridership







Cowlitz Transit Authority

Agenda Summary

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026 PROPOSED FIXED ROUTE SERVICE CHANGE

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) bylaws, Section 5.3, state that the Authority shall hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on any change in transit service routes that amounts to a change in excess of 20% of the total distance of any one route. Staff's proposed changes to Routes 31, 32, 33, 45, 57, and 433 meet this criterion.

On July 1, 2025, with the approval of the CTA Board and the support of the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG), RiverCities Transit (RCT) began operating Route 433 as a four-year pilot commuter bus project between the Longview Transit Center and two stops in Rainier, OR.

This first year of the pilot project was funded 50% by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds transferred from Oregon Department of Transportation to City of Longview, 39.67% by the CTA, and 10.33% by the City of Rainier. Ridership did not develop as expected despite radio advertising and in-person marketing efforts. To help increase ridership, a third Rainier stop was added in April 2026.

However, in June 2026, the City of Rainier declined to help fund the remaining years of the project. With Route 433 ridership remaining at less than one (1) rider per trip and with the loss of one of the project partners, staff evaluated whether the remaining years of federal and CTA funding could be better used for local service rather than on continuing Route 433.

Based on customer comments and surveys, later evening service was identified as the most frequent service request. The available FTA and CTA funding could allow for five (5) local routes to be extended an additional 30 to 60 minutes beyond the current weekday end-of-service times. The five routes with the greatest number of early evening riders are Routes 31, 32, 33, 45 and 57. This new pilot project would run through June 2029. Both FTA and CWCOG have approved of this proposal.

With the extension of fixed route service, RiverCities LIFT would also extend its weekday service time to match.

The attached service change proposal includes specific details of the proposed discontinuation of Route 433 and redirection of its funding toward extending local service on the other five routes.

Notices of the public hearing were posted social media, on the RCT website and in the Daily News. The proposed changes were also posted on the RCT website and Facebook page.

BUDGET:

The FTA funding, although allocated to City of Longview, must be applied for annually and requires a 50:50 federal-to-local match. For July 2026 through June 2027, the FTA funding is \$48,522. The required local match is included in the current budget. The 2027-2028 and 2028-2029, FTA funding allocated at \$69,114 and \$70,021 respectively. Given the current and historical demand pattern, the extra expense of potential LIFT service requests is expected to be very minimal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hold public hearing for the proposed 2026 service change.

THEN:

Motion to approve the 2026 Fixed Route Service Change as proposed.

Attachments:

Proposed 2026 RiverCities Transit Service Changes

Proposed 2026 RiverCities Transit Service Changes

Effective October 12, 2026; revised August 17, 2026

Summary

Due to low ridership on Route 433 between Longview and Rainier, Oregon, RiverCities Transit staff proposes discontinuing Route 433 and using the associated funding to add additional weekday evening service on five local routes.

The proposed changes are as follows:

Route 31: Add an additional 7:00 p.m. departure from the Longview Transit Center via Walmart and the Highlands to Ocean Beach Highway. The return trip will end at Beech Street and 15th Avenue.

Route 32: Add an additional 7:00 p.m. departure from the Longview Transit Center via Lower Columbia College and the St. Helen's neighborhood to Ocean Beach Highway. The return trip will end at the St. John Medical Center main entrance.

Route 33: Add an additional 7:00 p.m. departure from the Longview Transit Center via Lower Columbia College and 38th Avenue to Heron Point. The return trip will end at 15th Avenue and Hemlock Street (Safeway).

Route 45: Adjust the timetable to improve transfer connections at the Longview Transit Center. Add an additional 7:00 p.m. departure from the Longview Transit Center via Kelso Safeway and the Kelso Amtrak Depot, with the return trip ending at the Longview Transit Center.

Route 57: Add an additional 7:20 p.m. departure from the Kelso Amtrak Depot via South and North Kelso, with the return trip ending at Washington Way and 9th Avenue.

Route 433: Discontinue commuter bus service due to low ridership, effective at the end of service on Friday, October 9, 2026.

RiverCities Transit LIFT: ADA paratransit service provided by LIFT will extend its hours to match fixed route service.

A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held during the Cowlitz Transit Authority Meeting at 4:00 p.m., September 9, 2026, at Longview City Hall. Public comments may also be submitted to CustomerService@RCTransit.org or 360-442-5663.

Public Comments Received

Proposed 2026 RiverCities Transit Service Changes

Comment Cards

6/29/2026: Comment card attached

Social Media/Emails

8/25/2026: Facebook – “Extra trip at 7 pm is good idea!”

Other

none

COURTESY CARD



Your safety is our top priority. The law requires that all accidents be reported. Please fill out this card, front and back, and return it to our driver. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Passenger Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Kalama / Washington / 98625

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

INCIDENT/ACCIDENT INFORMATION

Bus and Route Number: _____ Time of Day: _____

What Happened? Please describe: _____

Commentary Card: I don't want Route 433 to be canceled because my girlfriend lives in Rainier and I live in Kalama. Neither of us have a car so Route 433 is the only way I can go see her on my own. Also, I've really gotten to know and love Rainier! I like taking the bus there and walking around the Park, or sitting by the River. I've met lots of people there.

Did you see the incident? Please circle: Yes No

Please continue on other side.

RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Parties: Cowlitz Transit Authority
d/b/a RiverCities Transit
1135 12th Ave / PO Box 128
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 five hundred twenty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$3,525.67) 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, 2026, and end on August 31, 2027. The parties agree to renegotiate this contract every year on May 1st.
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 9th day of September 2026.

Date Signed: _____

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

Date Signed: _____

Lower Columbia College
1600 Maple St.
Longview, WA 98632



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 2026-2027 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 fifteen thousand one hundred ten (15,110) trips during the 2025-2026 school year. The term of this agreement is for one year, starting September 1, 2026, continuing through August 31, 2027, and subject to annual renewal.

BUDGET:

This agreement will generate \$3,525.67 in fare revenue.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Chair to execute the 2026-2027 Ridership Agreement with Lower Columbia College



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.