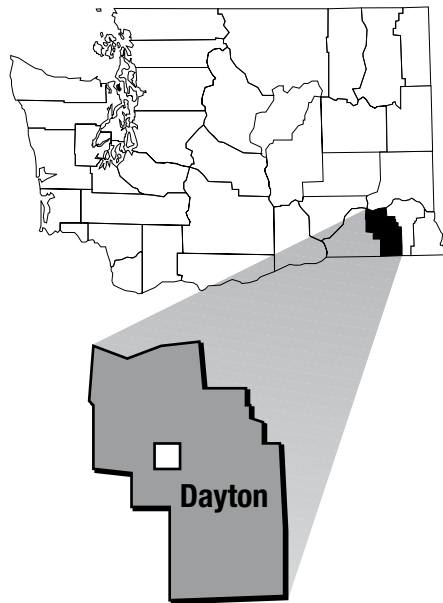


# Columbia County Public Transportation

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## System Snapshot



- Operating Name: Columbia County Public Transportation (CCPT)
- Service Area: Countywide, Columbia County
- Congressional District: 5
- Legislative District: 16
- Type of Government: County Transportation Authority
- Governing Body: Five member board of directors comprised of three county commissioners, the mayor of Dayton, and the mayor of Starbuck.
- Tax Authorized: 0.4 percent sales and use tax approved in November 2005.
- Types of Service: General public dial a ride (paratransit) service and vanpooling.
- Days of Service: Weekdays, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Medicaid transportation 24/7 by appointment; and limited services on weekends during special events in Dayton.
- Base Fare: \$1.50 per boarding, \$1.00 per day for seniors (over 60) and persons with disabilities, and \$7.50 per round trip for Walla Walla trips.

## Performance Measures for 2006 Operations

	Demand Response Services	
	Columbia County Public Transportation	Rural Averages
Fares/Operating Cost	9.16%	3.28%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$11.76	\$22.73
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$2.83	\$4.80
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$55.40	\$62.88
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$54.16	\$58.20
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	97.78%	93.71%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	978	1,280
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	19.58	14.20
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	4.7	2.9
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.24	0.22

## Current Operations

CCPT operates paratransit (dial a ride) service, Monday through Friday, in Dayton and the outlying areas of Columbia County.

CCPT provides Medicaid transportation by appointment.

CCPT provides transportation for Dayton, Waitsburg, and Prescott residents traveling to Walla Walla.

CCPT operates a vanpool program in Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, and Walla Walla Counties.

## Revenue Service Vehicles

Paratransit – Five total, all equipped with wheelchair lifts, model years ranging from 1997 to 2005.

Vanpool – 11 total, all are 2006 model  
15 passenger Ford vans

## Facilities

CCPT leases a building from the Port of Columbia with two offices and an indoor garage that holds six paratransit buses/vans.

CCPT has one bus shelter in Dayton and plans to install another three bus shelters.

Maintenance services are contracted out and the maintenance facilities are housed in another Port of Columbia building in Dayton.

## Intermodal Connections

Upon passenger request, CCPT provides service into Walla Walla. CCPT provides transportation into the regional airport and Valley Transit's downtown transfer center for connections with Valley Transit's intercity system.

CCPT also transports residents from Columbia County, Waitsburg, and Prescott into Walla Walla to connect with regional shuttle service, Greyhound, and Amtrak.

CCPT is the only public transportation available to the residents of Columbia County, as well as to residents of Waitsburg and Prescott in neighboring Walla Walla County. CCPT provides transportation for all students who reside within a mile radius of the school, as the school does not provide this transportation. CCPT also serves all of the medical clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes in Walla Walla, transporting Columbia County and Waitsburg residents to these facilities. In addition, CCPT provides transportation for Dayton, Waitsburg, and Prescott residents into Walla Walla to attend Department of Social and Health Services, Workfirst and Welfare to Work programs. CCPT provides transportation for numerous persons needing rides into Walla Walla to attend the area colleges and alternative schools.

## 2006 Achievements

- Purchased one, 15 passenger paratransit minibus.
- Purchased eleven vanpool vans.
- Entered data and began using new maintenance tracking software.
- Hired an operations manager.
- Developed first transit development plan for Columbia County Transportation Authority.
- Expanded the vanpool program in Columbia County and surrounding areas in Eastern Washington.
- Applied for federal and state operating assistance to maintain the existing services available in Columbia County.

### **2007 Objectives**

- Receive one, 15 passenger paratransit minibus.
- Purchase and implement a scheduling software program.
- Purchase and install three bus shelters.
- Continue developing and training our operations manager.
- Hire and train more part time on-call drivers and train one of our newly hired full time drivers to assist with scheduling, billing duties, and other computer data entry work.
- Start putting money into a working capital reserve account to have when emergencies arise.
- Expand the vanpool program in Columbia County and work with Washington State Penitentiary in developing a Commute Trip Reduction program at their facility to use as a marketing tool for drawing in applicants from the neighboring communities.
- Secure federal and state operating assistance to maintain existing service.

### **Long-range Plans (2008 through 2012)**

- Secure federal and state operating assistance to maintain existing levels of service.
- Replace five paratransit minibuses.
- Continue coordination efforts with Valley Transit and public service agencies in Walla Walla to better serve the transportation needs of residents in Columbia County and the communities of Waitsburg and Prescott located in adjacent Walla Walla County.
- Continue developing the vanpool program in Columbia County and surrounding Eastern Washington counties.

## Columbia County Public Transportation

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Operating Information</b>								
Service Area Population	0	4,100	<b>4,100</b>	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Demand Response Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	0	5,711	<b>6,600</b>	15.57%	6,650	6,700	6,750	6,900
Total Vehicle Hours	0	5,997	<b>6,750</b>	12.56%	6,785	6,820	6,860	6,960
Revenue Vehicle Miles	0	103,576	<b>129,200</b>	24.74%	129,700	130,200	130,700	132,500
Total Vehicle Miles	0	108,755	<b>130,000</b>	19.53%	130,500	131,000	131,500	133,000
Passenger Trips	0	30,884	<b>31,100</b>	0.70%	31,300	31,500	31,700	33,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	0	7,303	<b>7,501</b>	2.71%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	0	2,285	<b>3,333</b>	45.86%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	.0	4.0	<b>6.8</b>	70.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$281,405	<b>\$365,613</b>	29.92%	\$447,398	\$450,500	\$464,000	\$508,000
Farebox Revenues	\$0	\$36,063	<b>\$33,489</b>	-7.14%	\$33,500	\$33,800	\$34,150	\$35,200
<b>Vanpooling Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Miles	0	65,114	<b>108,500</b>	66.63%	115,000	120,000	125,000	140,000
Total Vehicle Miles	0	67,128	<b>111,000</b>	65.36%	117,300	122,400	127,500	142,800
Passenger Trips	0	9,626	<b>20,781</b>	115.88%	22,000	22,700	23,400	24,100
Vanpool Fleet Size	0	7	<b>11</b>	57.14%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Vans in Operation	0	7	<b>7</b>	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	0	4,860	<b>5,123</b>	5.41%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	<b>0</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	.0	.0	<b>.2</b>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$31,369	<b>\$51,938</b>	65.57%	\$62,000	\$64,000	\$66,000	\$72,000
Vanpooling Revenue	\$0	\$36,941	<b>\$67,864</b>	83.71%	\$72,000	\$72,800	\$73,550	\$75,800

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Revenues</b>								
Sales Tax	\$0	\$0	<b>\$99,333</b>	N.A.	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Farebox Revenues	\$0	\$36,063	<b>\$33,489</b>	-7.14%	\$33,500	\$33,800	\$34,150	\$35,200
Vanpooling Revenue	\$0	\$36,941	<b>\$67,864</b>	83.71%	\$72,000	\$72,800	\$73,550	\$75,800
Federal Section 5311 Operating	\$0	\$134,103	<b>\$147,917</b>	10.30%	\$92,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTA JARC Program	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$195,698	\$280,600	\$294,000	\$277,600
State Rural Mobility Grants	\$0	\$23,769	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$81,898	<b>\$131,789</b>	60.92%	\$101,200	\$102,300	\$103,300	\$106,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$312,774</b>	<b>\$480,392</b>	<b>53.59%</b>	<b>\$629,398</b>	<b>\$624,500</b>	<b>\$640,000</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
<b>Annual Operating Expenses</b>								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$0	\$312,774	<b>\$417,551</b>	33.50%	\$509,398	\$514,500	\$530,000	\$580,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$312,774</b>	<b>\$417,551</b>	<b>33.50%</b>	<b>\$509,398</b>	<b>\$514,500</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>	<b>\$580,000</b>
<b>Annual Capital Purchase Obligations</b>								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$0	\$31,029	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$76,800	\$112,000	\$40,000	\$0
State Vanpool Grants	\$0	\$0	<b>\$260,000</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	<b>\$20,435</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$7,757	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,786</b>	<b>\$280,435</b>	<b>623.03%</b>	<b>\$76,800</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>								
Working Capital	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$14,444	<b>\$60,000</b>	315.40%	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,444</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>315.40%</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

