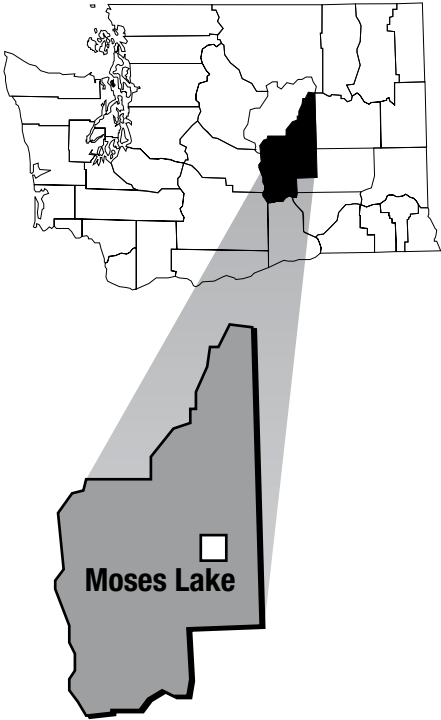




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**System Snapshot**

- Operating Name: Grant Transit Authority (GTA)
- Service Area: Countywide, Grant County
- Congressional District: 4
- Legislative Districts: 12 and 13
- Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area
- Governing Body: Nine member board of directors comprised of one county commissioner; one councilmember each from Moses Lake, Ephrata, Warden, Soap Lake, and Coulee City; a councilmember representing Electric City and Grand Coulee; a councilmember representing George, Mattawa, Royal City, and Quincy; and a councilmember representing Marlin, Hartline, and Wilson Creek.
- Tax Authorized: 0.2 percent sales and use tax approved in November 1996.
- Types of Service: one express route, 16 deviated routes, two vanpools, paratransit service for persons with disabilities who cannot use deviated route service, and special needs transportation for those who qualify under the state grant criteria.

**Performance Measures for 2006 Operations**

	Deviated Route Services		Demand Response Services	
	Grant Transit Authority	Rural Averages	Grant Transit Authority	Rural Averages
Fares/Operating Cost	3.11%	3.87%	1.0%	3.28%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$12.09	\$10.08	\$29.24	\$22.73
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$2.41	\$3.92	\$2.74	\$4.80
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$61.87	\$74.98	\$53.67	\$62.88
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$60.71	\$64.34	\$52.26	\$58.20
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	98.12%	87.56%	97.36%	93.71%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	1,547	1,000	2,155	1,280
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	25.64	21.01	19.60	14.20
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	5.1	8.5	1.8	2.9
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.20	0.49	0.09	0.22

- Days of Service: Weekdays, generally between 6:20 a.m. and 9:10 p.m; service to Quincy and Warden food production plants on weekends.
- Base Fare: \$0.50 per boarding, deviated routes; \$0.25 per ride, paratransit.

### **Current Operations**

GTA operates deviated routes, Monday through Friday, as follows:

- Nine rural intercity routes.
- Soap Lake to Wilson Creek.
- Ephrata to George, Desert Aire, Quincy, and Mattawa.
- Moses Lake to Ephrata/Soap Lake, Warden, Royal City, and George.
- Four rural local routes (Moses Lake).
- Two rural commuter routes (Moses Lake).

GTA operates two express routes between Moses Lake, Warden and Quincy seven days a week.

GTA operates one deviated route between Soap Lake and Coulee Dam Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

GTA provides paratransit services to persons with disabilities and provides demand response services to those qualified as special needs.

### **Revenue Service Vehicles**

Deviated Route – 17 total, all ADA accessible; model years ranging from 1992 to 2007.

Paratransit – Five total, three provided by contractor, all wheelchair accessible; model years ranging from 1985 to 1993.

### **Facilities**

GTA rents administrative offices on Basin Street in Ephrata. GTA has no other facilities. The contractor has a maintenance and operations facility on Broadway Avenue in Moses Lake.

### **Intermodal Connections**

GTA serves the Ephrata Intermodal Center, with intercity connections to Greyhound Lines, Amtrak, and the Grant County International Airport. Greyhound Lines and Northwest Trailways provide intercity stops in Moses Lake; Northwest Trailways also stops in George.

GTA provides service to most of the public elementary, middle, and high schools and state parks in its service area, as well as Big Bend Community College.

### **2006 Achievements**

- Expanded service in Moses Lake.
- Increased ridership system wide by 64 percent.

- Implemented express routes to the Warden production facilities.
- Identified an operations facility building site for purchase.
- Purchased two vans and started a vanpool program.
- Purchased cameras for the fixed route buses.

### **2007 Objectives**

- Purchase two 30-foot low floor buses.
- Purchase four 35-foot low floor buses.
- Purchase a facility site.
- Support the Microsoft and Yahoo build-out in Quincy area.
- Support major construction in the Moses Lake area.

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

- Build an operation and maintenance center.
- Identify successes of the 2004-2005 vanpool program and implement new programs.
- Continue to replace the aging Bluebird fleet with longer use buses.
- Grow the paratransit fleet to at least five buses.

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Operating Information</b>								
Service Area Population	78,300	79,100	<b>80,600</b>	1.90%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Deviated Route Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	22,492	28,943	<b>38,673</b>	33.62%	39,000	39,000	41,000	41,000
Total Vehicle Hours	23,167	29,838	<b>39,412</b>	32.09%	40,000	40,000	42,000	42,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	550,532	691,687	<b>991,500</b>	43.35%	992,000	992,000	994,000	995,000
Total Vehicle Miles	567,048	712,873	<b>1,001,790</b>	40.53%	1,102,000	1,015,000	1,025,000	1,030,000
Passenger Trips	100,636	117,926	<b>197,924</b>	67.84%	200,000	205,000	210,000	220,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	63,005	73,527	<b>126,969</b>	72.68%	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	24.0	24.0	<b>25.0</b>	4.17%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,402,248	\$1,964,508	<b>\$2,392,616</b>	21.79%	\$2,511,000	\$2,636,000	\$2,715,000	\$2,967,000
Farebox Revenues	\$41,452	\$45,079	<b>\$74,297</b>	64.82%	\$77,000	\$81,000	\$85,000	\$100,000
<b>Demand Response Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	10,777	8,468	<b>11,850</b>	39.94%	11,000	11,000	11,000	12,000
Total Vehicle Hours	11,100	8,730	<b>12,171</b>	39.42%	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	192,091	154,086	<b>232,240</b>	50.72%	234,000	234,000	234,000	234,000
Total Vehicle Miles	197,723	158,853	<b>238,315</b>	50.02%	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Passenger Trips	17,207	15,915	<b>21,748</b>	36.65%	23,000	23,000	23,000	25,000
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	16,003	17,797	<b>25,401</b>	42.73%	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	5.5	5.5	<b>5.5</b>	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$663,786	\$387,252	<b>\$636,012</b>	64.24%	\$668,000	\$701,000	\$722,000	\$789,000
Farebox Revenues	\$4,100	\$4,217	<b>\$6,350</b>	50.58%	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$9,000

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	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
<b>Annual Revenues</b>								
Sales Tax	\$1,694,480	\$1,866,057	<b>\$2,258,220</b>	21.02%	\$2,370,000	\$2,488,000	\$2,612,000	\$2,855,000
Farebox Revenues	\$45,552	\$49,296	<b>\$80,647</b>	63.60%	\$84,000	\$88,000	\$92,000	\$109,000
Federal Section 5311 Operating	\$0	\$9,474	<b>\$110,714</b>	1068.61%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Rural Mobility Grants	\$107,693	\$111,267	<b>\$139,647</b>	25.51%	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
State Special Needs Grants	\$200,002	\$181,197	<b>\$259,395</b>	43.16%	\$150,000	\$191,000	\$185,000	\$205,000
Other	\$0	\$202,481	<b>\$285,533</b>	41.02%	\$187,000	\$208,000	\$218,000	\$0
Total	\$2,047,727	\$2,419,772	<b>\$3,134,156</b>	29.52%	\$2,941,000	\$3,125,000	\$3,257,000	\$3,319,000
<b>Annual Operating Expenses</b>								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$2,066,034	\$2,351,760	<b>\$3,028,628</b>	28.78%	\$3,179,000	\$3,337,000	\$3,437,000	\$3,756,000
Total	\$2,066,034	\$2,351,760	<b>\$3,028,628</b>	28.78%	\$3,179,000	\$3,337,000	\$3,437,000	\$3,756,000
<b>Annual Capital Purchase Obligations</b>								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$424,900	\$0	<b>\$251,661</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0
State Vanpool Grants	\$0	\$0	<b>\$47,890</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund	\$0	\$0	<b>\$117,169</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$424,900	\$0	<b>\$416,720</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>								
General Fund	\$3,800,451	\$3,859,686	<b>\$3,896,198</b>	0.95%	\$3,458,000	\$3,246,000	\$3,866,000	\$1,946,000
Working Capital	\$800,000	\$800,000	<b>\$800,000</b>	0.00%	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
Total	\$4,600,451	\$4,659,686	<b>\$4,696,198</b>	0.78%	\$4,258,000	\$4,046,000	\$4,666,000	\$2,746,000