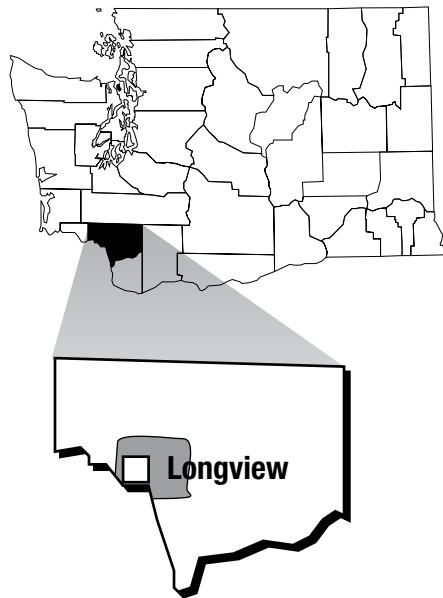


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System Snapshot



- Operating Name: Community Urban Bus Service (CUBS)
- Service Area: Cities of Longview and Kelso
- Congressional District: 3
- Legislative District: 19
- Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area
- Governing Body: Five member board of directors comprised of one county commissioner and two council members each from Longview and Kelso.
- Tax Authorized: 0.1 percent sales and use tax approved in November 1987.
- Types of Service: Five fixed routes and paratransit service for persons with disabilities who cannot use fixed route service.
- Days of Service: Weekdays, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, three fixed routes, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Base Fare: \$0.50 cents per boarding, fixed route; paratransit, \$0.25.

Performance Measures for 2006 Operations

	Fixed Route Services		Demand Response Services	
	Cowlitz Transit Authority	Small Urban Averages	Cowlitz Transit Authority	Small Urban Averages
Fares/Operating Cost	7.12%	7.39%	1.08%	2.47%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$3.99	\$4.86	\$15.45	\$24.46
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$6.12	\$6.09	\$4.55	\$5.35
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$78.46	\$94.10	\$45.76	\$73.37
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$78.42	\$87.56	\$45.01	\$65.37
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	99.95%	93.88%	98.36%	90.21%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	1,199	1,053	1,555	1,135
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	12.82	15.74	10.07	13.68
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	19.7	20.7	3.0	3.1
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	1.53	1.36	0.29	0.23

Current Operations

CUBS operates five fixed routes and complementary paratransit service for persons with disabilities, Monday through Friday. On Saturday, CUBS operates three fixed routes and complementary paratransit service.

The city of Longview, under contract with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, undertakes all administrative, operations, and maintenance functions for CUBS. A private, nonprofit operator under contract with the city of Longview provides paratransit services to persons with disabilities.

Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route – Seven transit coaches, all equipped with wheelchair lifts; model years ranging from 1998 to 2003.

Paratransit – Nine minibuses operated under lease, all ADA accessible; model years ranging from 2000 to 2005.



Facilities

CUBS' administration, operations, and maintenance functions, including two maintenance bays and covered parking for the buses and paratransit vehicles, are located at 254 Oregon Way.

The Transit Transfer Facility is located at 1135 12th Avenue, Longview.

There are 34 bus shelters located along routes in Longview and Kelso.

Intermodal Connections

Two routes serve the Amtrak depot in Kelso hourly. CUBS connects with intercity bus systems at Greyhound Lines' station in Kelso.

CUBS connects with the rural service provided by Lower Columbia Community Action Council at the Transit Transfer Facility.

CUBS has designed routes to serve local elementary and secondary schools, as well as the Lower Columbia Community College.

The Wahkiakum Community Van connects with the CUBS fixed route two days a week.

2006 Achievements

- Increased ridership by 2.4 percent over 2005 figures.
- Continued working with the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments to complete a strategic plan.
- Relocated paratransit operations to main transit office building.
- No reportable accidents in 2006.

2007 Objectives

- Continue the second phase of the Strategic Transit Plan.
- Implement fare increase in July.
- Purchase security equipment for transit coaches.
- Complete Alabama Street bus turnout.
- Investigate West Longview route revision.

Long-range Plans (2008 through 2012)

- Continue to contract with the city of Longview.
- Continue to search for additional funding sources.
- Replace paratransit minibuses as needed.
- Replace transit coaches as needed.
- Search for additional funding to add route to Lexington, Castle Rock or other close communities that are in need of transit service.

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
Annual Operating Information								
Service Area Population	47,140	47,250	47,410	0.34%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fixed Route Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	16,939	16,860	16,791	-0.41%	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Total Vehicle Hours	16,939	16,860	16,800	-0.36%	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	216,429	215,859	215,320	-0.25%	217,000	217,000	217,000	217,000
Total Vehicle Miles	216,429	215,859	215,228	-0.29%	217,000	217,000	217,000	217,000
Passenger Trips	336,517	322,730	330,403	2.38%	340,000	340,000	345,000	350,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	49,470	49,381	50,171	1.60%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	12.0	13.0	14.0	7.69%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,176,407	\$1,236,946	\$1,317,453	6.51%	\$1,400,000	\$1,487,000	\$1,563,000	\$1,810,000
Farebox Revenues	\$95,882	\$93,126	\$93,844	0.77%	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000
Demand Response Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	13,425	13,675	15,548	13.70%	16,000	16,000	17,000	18,000
Total Vehicle Hours	13,770	14,328	15,808	10.33%	16,000	16,000	17,000	18,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	132,595	139,713	156,545	12.05%	160,000	162,000	163,000	170,000
Total Vehicle Miles	133,447	142,350	160,849	13.00%	160,000	162,000	163,000	170,000
Passenger Trips	42,282	43,033	46,044	7.00%	47,000	48,000	49,000	52,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	17,023	17,718	18,846	6.37%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$662,195	\$674,768	\$711,525	5.45%	\$784,000	\$815,000	\$883,000	\$1,126,000
Farebox Revenues	\$5,408	\$5,609	\$7,707	37.40%	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000

Cowlitz Transit Authority

	2004	2005	2006	% Change	2007	2008	2009	2012
Annual Revenues								
Sales Tax	\$857,856	\$952,941	\$1,054,722	10.68%	\$1,098,000	\$1,143,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,342,000
Farebox Revenues	\$101,290	\$98,735	\$101,551	2.85%	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$102,000
Federal Section 5307 Operating	\$612,666	\$700,753	\$589,526	-15.87%	\$625,000	\$496,000	\$636,000	\$651,000
State Special Needs Grants	\$65,153	\$17,204	\$91,931	434.36%	\$85,000	\$33,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Other	\$54,131	\$228,991	\$292,799	27.86%	\$376,000	\$630,000	\$570,000	\$893,000
Total	\$1,691,096	\$1,998,624	\$2,130,529	6.60%	\$2,286,000	\$2,404,000	\$2,548,000	\$3,038,000
Annual Operating Expenses								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$1,838,602	\$1,911,714	\$2,028,978	6.13%	\$2,184,000	\$2,302,000	\$2,446,000	\$2,936,000
Total	\$1,838,602	\$1,911,714	\$2,028,978	6.13%	\$2,184,000	\$2,302,000	\$2,446,000	\$2,936,000
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations								
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$207,174	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Section 5307 Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$264,000	\$309,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Local Funds	\$51,793	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$258,967	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$264,000	\$309,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Ending Balances, December 31								
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$2,918,954	\$2,892,342	\$2,401,777	-16.96%	\$2,275,000	\$1,818,000	\$1,409,100	-\$407,000
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$388,611	N.A.	\$402,000	\$410,000	\$464,000	\$584,000
Total	\$2,918,954	\$2,892,342	\$2,790,388	-3.52%	\$2,677,000	\$2,228,000	\$1,873,100	\$177,000

