

Pierce County
Coordinated Transportation
Coalition

Final Report
as Advisory Committee to ACCT

Cost Per Passenger Comparison

- Pierce Transit SHUTTLE (May 2009) **\$38.70 per trip**
- Paratransit Services (May 2009) **\$33.99 per trip**
- Pilot Project – Pierce County **\$28.51 per trip**
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- Estimated cost - Thurston County - **\$58.59 per trip**
- Pilot Project - Thurston County - **\$34.76 per trip**

Not Apples to Apples!!!

- Both Pierce Transit SHUTTLE and Paratransit Services have a “many to many” service model
- Transportation providers must schedule several pick-up points of origin, as well as several drop-off destinations.
- ADHE service model was a “many origin to one destination/ one origin to many destinations” service.

Medicaid Trips in Pierce County

2008	Number of Trips	% of Total Trips
Pierce Transit bus	246,253	43%
Pierce Transit - ADA	102,746	18%
Sub-total	(348,999)	(61%)
Paratransit Services	221,287	39%
Total	570,286	100%

Medicaid Trips in Pierce County 2010

2010	Number of Trips	% of Total Trips
Pierce Transit bus	354,689	56%
Pierce Transit	104,520 (+ 63,103 ADH trips)	17%
Subtotal	459,209	73%
Paratransit Services	168,935	27%
Total	628,144	100%

Cost Shifting

- Medicaid data shows that over 167,000 paratransit trips to Pierce Transit SHUTTLE.
- If a trip costs about \$38.70, this amounts to over \$6 million shifted to Pierce Transit in 2010 alone.

Reduction in Public Transit

- The Pierce Transit service area has been reduced.
- Rural areas now have no public transportation.
- Devastating to older adults, people with disabilities, and people with low income.

PCCTC strives to improve

- **Key Peninsula Schoolbus Connections**
- **Key Peninsula (KP) Schoolbus Connections**
- **"Tuesday Trips to Town"**
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- Partnership between:
 - Puget Sound Educational Service District,
 - Peninsula School District and
 - The Mustard Seed Project.
- Residents of the Key Peninsula are able to ride an off-duty schoolbus, connect with Pierce County Transit at the Purdy Park & Ride and local stops on the K.P.
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Volunteer Driver Program

- **Catholic Community Services** of Western Washington provides service in Pierce County
- Most cost effective transportation service
- Challenged by new Medicaid restrictions
- Need opportunity to comment on state Medicaid policies before they are implemented.
- Need opportunity to provide feedback on policies.

One Call/One Click

- Follows Federal “United We Ride” Initiative
- Simplifies customer access to information and transportation services.
- This has been part of our local coordinated transportation plan for many years.

VTCLI Award

- Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI)
- Building a big container for all of the transportation information in the county.
- Working with Veterans and Military Families groups.

The End

- The Pierce County Coalition will continue
 - - to identify transportation needs
 - - to work with partners
 - - to develop new strategies
- Thank you for all of your help over the years.
- We need your ongoing work and support – now more than ever!