



# Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition

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Several transportation projects have been implemented through the PCCTC over the years. Highlighted below are the current projects.

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## **Mobility Coordinator**

This position convenes the PCCTC meetings, generates interest in and recruits partners for the PCCTC, coordinates the implementation of the PCCTC projects, develops and maintains the website, provides information to community members about the PCCTC activities and services, and keeps elected officials informed about transportation needs in Pierce County.

## **Beyond the Borders**

Pierce County Community Services utilizes the Medicaid broker (Paratransit) to schedule and coordinate rides for residents of rural east and southeast Pierce County. Beyond the Borders serves locations outside of the Pierce Transit benefit area with few or no other transportation services. It provides access to employment and critical services for people with special transportation needs, and connection to Pierce Transit.

## **Road to Independence**

Puget Sound Educational Service District addresses the transportation needs of WorkFirst participants by recruiting individuals to complete a driver training program that may lead to unsubsidized employment. While in training, the student drivers provide rides for other WorkFirst participants to employment and other approved activities.

## **211 - Transportation**

Pierce County United Way administers the local 211 – Human Services Information and Referral line which includes transportation services. United Way developed a database with information about all of the transportation resources in Pierce County.

## **Volunteer Coordinator/Bus Buddy**

Catholic Community Services Volunteer Chore Service recruits individuals for the volunteer driver program, with a satellite office at the Mustard Seed project on the Key Peninsula. The scheduling and dispatching is handled by volunteer coordinator. The volunteer coordinator also recruits volunteers, who are experienced bus riders, for the “Bus Buddy” program and matches them with people who lack the confidence to ride the fixed route bus system.

## **Travel Ambassador**

Catholic Community Services organizes “Travel Options” workshops with the PCCTC partners at Pierce Transit and in the Community. Case Managers and others learn about all the transportation services in Pierce County, and receive the “Around the Sound” manual developed by Sound Transit. Case managers are “Travel Ambassadors” who can share information about transportation choices in the county with co-workers and clients.