

Since 1978, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has prepared an annual report that summarizes the status of public transportation in Washington State. This report provides data to public transportation providers, Legislative Transportation committees, and local and regional governments.¹

There are currently 31 local public transit authorities in Washington State—20 of which are Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA), five City Authorities, three County Authorities, two Unincorporated Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA), and one Regional District Authority. A map showing the location and service areas of these systems is provided at the end of this introduction. It is important to note that Whitman County UTBA did not provide any measureable transportation services for the 2010 calendar year and does not have any operating or financial data to include in this report.

This report also includes sections on Community and Tribal transportation providers, Medicaid Brokerage service providers, the Rural Intercity Bus network, Ferries in Washington State, and the Seattle monorail.

Organization of the Summary

This year's summary is organized into eight main sections and includes three appendices, with the bulk of the report devoted to profiles of each transit system's operating characteristics and services for 2010.

The Transit System profiles are sectioned according to the size of the system and are organized alphabetically. For the purposes of this summary, transit systems are referred to as "Urban" (serving a population greater than 200,000), "Small Urban" (serving a population between 50,000 and 200,000) and "Rural" (serving populations less than 50,000). Urbanized Areas (UZAs) are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau and include one or more incorporated cities (villages or towns) central city (or more than one) and are based on population and population density. UZAs do not conform to political boundaries such as a congressional or legislative districts. Current UZA definitions are based on the census figures for April 1, 2000, and took effect October 1, 2002. As a result of the 2010 U.S. Census, the current UZA definitions may change before the publishing of the next Summary of Public Transportation.

The Community and Tribal, Medicaid brokers, and Intercity Bus sections are organized alphabetically. Sections on ferry operations in Washington State and the Seattle Center Monorail are also included and precede the appendices.

Statewide Operations Overview

This section provides statewide totals on revenue, expenditures, level of service, and performance measures for public transportation systems in Washington State.

¹The annual Summary of Public Transportation is required by [RCW 35.58.2796](#). House Bill 1967 was signed into law on May 16, 2011 amending [RCW 35.58.2795](#) and [35.58.2796](#) as well as adding a new section to [Chapter 43.19 RCW](#).

Transit Systems

Serving Urban Areas

This section includes the operating and financial data as well as service characteristics for the 2008, 2009, and 2010 calendar years for the seven Urban transit systems:

- [C-TRAN](#)
- [Community Transit](#)
- [Everett Transit](#)
- [King County Metro](#)
- [Pierce Transit](#)
- [Sound Transit](#) (Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)
- [Spokane Transit Authority](#)

Serving Small Urban Areas

This section includes the operating and financial data as well as service characteristics for the 2008, 2009, and 2010 calendar years for the 11 Small Urban transit systems:

- [Asotin County PTBA](#)
- [Ben Franklin Transit](#)
- [Cowlitz Transit Authority](#) (dba CUBS)
- [Intercity Transit](#)
- [Kitsap Transit](#)
- [Link Transit](#)
- [City of Selah Transportation Service](#)
- [Skagit Transit](#)
- [Union Gap Transit](#)
- [Whatcom Transportation Authority](#)
- [Yakima Transit](#)

Serving Rural Areas

This section includes the operating and financial data as well as service characteristics for the 2008, 2009, and 2010 calendar years for the 12 Rural transit systems:

- [Clallam Transit System](#)
- [Columbia County Public Transportation](#)
- [Garfield County Public Transportation](#)
- [Grant Transit Authority](#)
- [Grays Harbor Transportation Authority](#)
- [Island Transit](#)
- [Jefferson Transit Authority](#)
- [Mason County Transportation Authority](#)
- [Pacific Transit](#)
- [Pullman Transit](#)
- [Twin Transit](#)
- [Valley Transit](#)

Community Transportation Providers

This section describes the available features and operating characteristics for the community transportation providers that received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5311 funding through WSDOT grants process during the 2010 calendar year.

The following is a list of the Community Transportation Providers included in this report.

- [HopeSource](#)
- [Klickitat County Senior Services](#)
- [L.E.W.I.S. Mountain Highway Transit](#)
- [Lower Columbia Community Action Council](#)
- [Makah Public Transit \(Makah Tribal Council\)](#)
- [Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition](#)
- [People For People – Moses Lake](#)
- [People For People – Yakima](#)
- [Rural Resources Community Action](#)
- [Skamania County Senior Services](#)
- [Special Mobility Services, Inc.](#)
- [Spokane Tribe of Indians](#)
- [Squaxin Island Tribe](#)
- [Thurston Regional Planning Council](#)

Medicaid Brokers

This section describes the available features and operating characteristics for Medicaid brokerage services provided in Washington State. Information for the Medicaid transportation brokers was provided by the Washington State Health Care Authority.

The following is a list of the Medicaid Brokers that provided transportation brokerage services during the 2010 calendar year.

- [COAST](#)
- [Hopelink](#)
- [Human Services Council](#)
- [Northwest Regional Council](#)
- [Paratransit Services](#)
- [People For People](#)
- [Special Mobility Services, Inc.](#)
- [Trancare](#)

Travel Washington – Rural Intercity Bus Program

This section describes the available features and characteristics for the Rural Intercity Bus Program in Washington State. The data elements are directly from the data that the Intercity Bus providers submitted to WSDOT as part of their FTA required National Transit Database (NTD) reporting for the 2010 calendar year.

The following is a list of the Intercity Bus Providers that received FTA §5311 Funding through WSDOT.

- [Apple Line](#) (Northwestern Trailways)
- [Dungeness Line](#) (Olympic Bus Lines)
- [Grape Line](#) (Central Washington Airporter)
- [Gold Line](#) (Central Washington Airporter)

Ferry Systems in Washington State

This section describes the available features and characteristics for Ferry Systems in Washington State, including the Washington State Ferries, which operates 22 ferry vessels, as well as data and information from 4 additional ferry systems

The following is a list of the Ferry Systems in Washington State that are included in this report.

- [King County Ferry District](#)
- [Kitsap Transit Foot Ferry](#)
- [Lummi Island Ferry](#)
- [Pierce County Ferry System](#)
- [Washington State Ferries](#)

Seattle Center Monorail

This section describes the available features and characteristics for the Seattle Monorail.

Summary of Statewide Statistics

This section includes operational and financial information for the 30 transit systems operating in Washington State.

Appendices

The appendices include a glossary of terms related to public transportation, information about the Public Transportation Grants Competitive Awards and notes on the data collection for the 2010 Summary of Public Transportation.

- [Appendix 1 – Glossary](#)
- [Appendix 2 – Public Transportation Consolidated Grants 2009–2011](#)
- [Appendix 3 – Summary of Public Transportation Notes](#)

Washington State's Public Transit Authorities



