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**System Snapshot**

- Operating Name: Skagit Transit
- Service Area: Urban and Rural areas in Skagit County as well as connector service to Bellingham and express commuter service to Everett.
- Congressional District: 2
- Legislative Districts: 10, 39, and 40
- Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area
- Governing Body: Nine member Board of Directors comprised of the three Skagit County Commissioners, the Mayor and a Council Member each from Burlington and Mount Vernon, and the Mayors of the cities of Anacortes and Sedro-Woolley.
- Tax Authorized: 0.2 percent sales and use tax approved in November 1992.
- Types of Service: General public fixed-route service (11 routes); demand response general public and dial a ride paratransit service (12 routes); vanpool commuter service (30 vans).

**Performance Measures for 2007 Operations**

	<u>Fixed-Route Services</u>		<u>Demand-Response Services</u>	
	<u>Skagit Transit</u>	<u>Small Urban Averages</u>	<u>Skagit Transit</u>	<u>Small Urban Averages</u>
Fares/Operating Cost	6.58%	8.39%	.43%	2.77%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$7.91	\$5.01	\$40.42	\$25.80
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$5.08	\$6.49	\$6.97	\$5.56
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$95.85	\$100.48	\$102.07	\$78.26
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$89.45	\$93.78	\$85.68	\$71.09
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	93.32%	94.09%	83.94%	91.65%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	1,503	1,008	1,451	1,175
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	18.88	15.68	14.65	14.30
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	12.1	21.5	2.5	3.2
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.64	1.42	0.17	0.23

- Days of Service: Weekdays between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. for fixed route and dial a ride; and Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for dial a ride service only.
- Base Fare: Fixed route – \$0.75 local and Bellingham routes, or \$2.00 express service to Everett. Demand response and paratransit – fare free with donations accepted on the bus.

### Current Operations

Fixed-route service during the week from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. as follows:

- Five local urban routes within and between Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro Woolley.
- One rural route in Anacortes.
- One rural route between Mount Vernon and Anacortes.
- One rural route between Mount Vernon and La Conner.
- One rural route between Burlington and Concrete.
- One urban County Connector route between Mount Vernon and Bellingham (as a joint operation with Whatcom Transit and a partnership grant with Island Transit).

- One urban Express Commuter route between Mount Vernon and Everett (Partnership Grant Project with Island Transit).

Fixed-route service on Saturday and limited holidays (no Sunday service) from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. as follows:

- Four local urban routes within and between Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro Woolley.
- One rural route in Anacortes.
- One urban County Connector route between Mount Vernon and Bellingham (as a joint operation with Whatcom Transit and a partnership grant with Island Transit).



Demand-response service as follows:

- Two pocket service routes weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that serves regions outside the regular service area. Service to each of five areas is two days per week. General public passengers are transported to the nearest fixed-route access point and paratransit passengers are brought to their destination. Areas served include: LaConner and South Fidalgo Island; Alger, Bow, and Edison; Concrete, Lyman, and Hamilton, and Rockport and Marblemount on Fridays only.
- One flex route weekdays, two round trips per day, serving between Sedro Woolley and Concrete with limited service to Marblemount.
- Paratransit Service (dial a ride) service during the week from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays, limited holidays, and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until 6:15 p.m.

## Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route — 21 total, all ADA accessible and equipped with bicycle racks; model years ranging from 1990 to 2007.

Paratransit — 17 total, all ADA accessible; model years ranging from 1998 to 2004.

Vanpools — 40 total; model years ranging from 2001 to 2007.

## Facilities

Skagit Transit operates out of a 16,500 square foot building in Burlington that houses the administration, maintenance, and operation functions. The facility was constructed in 1998.

There are 505 bus stops served by Skagit Transit buses (some served by more than one bus route). Currently, there are 36 shelters installed at key bus stops. Benches are installed at 42 stops.

The Skagit Station Multimodal Center is operated in downtown Mount Vernon. This facility is a main transfer point for the local routes as well as county connector services with Whatcom and Island Transit. This facility includes a 20 stall park and

ride (80 stalls for station use), Greyhound bus ticket counter and loading point, Amtrak train arrivals and departures, Chamber of Commerce public information office, community meeting room, and Skagit Transit customer service office.

Skagit Transit maintains and operates two improved park and ride lots: George Hopper in Burlington (88 stalls) and March's Point in Anacortes (144 stalls). Several small, unimproved lots are used throughout the county for an additional 198 stalls.

## Intermodal Connections

Skagit Transit provides bus service directly to the Washington State Ferries' terminal at Anacortes and the Skagit County Guemes Island Ferry Terminal in Anacortes.

Connections to Amtrak, Greyhound, Whatcom Transit, and Island Transit can be accessed at Skagit Station. Express commuter bus service to Everett Station in Everett brings connections to Sounder Trains, Sound Transit, Community Transit, and Everett Transit buses.

Following is a summary of connections:

- Skagit Transit provides services to the following public transportation facilities:
  - Skagit Station, Mount Vernon.
  - Washington State Ferries and Guemes Island Ferry Terminal, Anacortes.
  - March's Point Park and Ride, Anacortes.
  - George Hopper Park and Ride, Burlington.
  - Lincoln Creek Park and Ride, Bellingham.
  - Bellingham Station, Bellingham.
  - Everett Station, Everett.



- Skagit Transit provides connections to the following public transportation providers:
  - Amtrak Trains, Skagit Station.
  - Greyhound Bus, Skagit Station.
  - Washington State Ferries, Anacortes.
  - Island Transit, Skagit Station and March’s Point Park and Ride Anacortes.
  - Whatcom Transportation Authority, Skagit Station and Bellingham Station.
  - Everett Transit, Everett Station.
  - Community Transit, Everett Station.
  - Sound Transit and Sounder Train/Bus, Everett Station.

### **2007 Achievements**

- Preservation of existing routes.
- Expansion of services (grant funded).
- Continuation of expansion to vanpool program, purchase of 5 vans.
- Purchase of medium duty buses for preservation and expansion of pocket dial-a-ride service.
- Acquisition of land for Chuckanut Park and Ride, began design and engineering phase of project.

- Completion of Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan.
- Increased ridership, 12 percent for fixed route; 13 percent for dial a ride; vanpool increased by 10 percent.
- Board approval to bring a ballot measure before the voters to increase sales tax by .02 percent to benefit transit.
- Continuation of public outreach.

### **2008 Objectives**

- Place measure on ballot for increased sales tax to benefit transit.
- Replacement of vehicles that have met and exceeded useful life.
- Continuation of services, adjust routes for no or low cost efficiencies which will translate into improved services.
- Continue phase II of Chuckanut Park and Ride, complete design and engineering, advertisement of bid, award of contract.
- Secure funding and purchase land for park and ride in the southern portion of PTBA.
- Continue public outreach.

### **Long-Range Plans (2009–2013)**

- Limited expansion or enhancement of fixed-route and paratransit services.
- Adjust routes for no or low cost efficiencies which will translate into improved service.
- Continue to expand vanpool program.
- Restore fixed-route Sunday service.
- Complete park and ride in southern portion of PTBA.
- Improve Alger park and ride.
- Continue public outreach.
- Remodel Maintenance Operations and Administration building.
- Replace vehicles which have met or exceeded their useful life.

	2005	2006	2007	% Change	2008	2009	2010	2013
<b>Annual Operating Information</b>								
Service Area Population	96,779	98,280	<b>100,720</b>	2.48%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Fixed-Route Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	25,191	32,284	<b>34,835</b>	7.90%	34,974	40,885	46,568	50,984
Total Vehicle Hours	28,046	35,479	<b>37,330</b>	5.22%	37,247	43,542	49,594	54,298
Revenue Vehicle Miles	418,015	573,026	<b>657,845</b>	14.80%	661,677	773,500	881,017	964,580
Total Vehicle Miles	444,752	619,976	<b>709,208</b>	14.39%	714,432	823,481	937,945	1,026,908
Passenger Trips	271,499	372,486	<b>422,258</b>	13.36%	530,000	619,570	705,690	772,624
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	71,396	97,850	<b>117,875</b>	20.46%	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	11	7	<b>4</b>	-42.86%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	7	4	<b>6</b>	50.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	18.7	21.0	<b>23.2</b>	10.48%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$2,197,718	\$2,717,678	<b>\$3,338,987</b>	22.86%	\$3,794,785	\$4,619,858	\$5,044,363	\$9,283,172
Farebox Revenues	\$94,623	\$116,544	<b>\$219,576</b>	88.41%	\$248,328	\$253,295	\$278,625	\$544,189
<b>Demand-Response Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	19,415	20,313	<b>21,797</b>	7.31%	23,519	25,377	29,184	30,961
Total Vehicle Hours	22,816	23,940	<b>25,966</b>	8.46%	28,017	30,231	34,765	36,882
Revenue Vehicle Miles	278,651	297,857	<b>319,303</b>	7.20%	N.A.	396,207	408,093	420,336
Total Vehicle Miles	278,651	297,857	<b>316,661</b>	6.31%	341,677	3,668,670	423,970	449,790
Passenger Trips	46,641	48,753	<b>55,046</b>	12.91%	60,474	65,251	75,039	79,609
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	30,222	31,168	<b>33,544</b>	7.62%	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	14	5	<b>6</b>	20.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	10	11	<b>6</b>	-45.45%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	13.6	13.4	<b>15.0</b>	11.94%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,878,404	\$2,145,748	<b>\$2,224,718</b>	3.68%	\$2,281,046	\$2,557,477	\$2,894,201	\$3,435,860
Farebox Revenues	\$15,110	\$5,656	<b>\$9,610</b>	69.91%	\$9,802	\$9,998	\$10,998	\$17,184

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	2005	2006	2007	% Change	2008	2009	2010	2013
<b>Vanpooling Services</b>								
Revenue Vehicle Miles	245,088	302,729	<b>624,789</b>	106.39%	703,252	773,577	812,256	1,031,971
Total Vehicle Miles	245,088	302,729	<b>628,428</b>	107.59%	706,982	777,680	816,564	1,037,444
Passenger Trips	38,285	74,299	<b>82,796</b>	11.44%	95,772	110,511	116,037	147,424
Vanpool Fleet Size	24	40	<b>39</b>	-2.50%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Vans in Operation	20	26	<b>36</b>	38.46%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	17,054	31,572	<b>42,736</b>	35.36%	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	2	4	<b>1</b>	-75.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	.5	.5	<b>.5</b>	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$196,931	\$241,909	<b>\$326,190</b>	34.84%	\$355,336	\$403,076	\$453,360	\$620,600
Vanpooling Revenue	\$86,656	\$168,275	<b>\$208,671</b>	24.01%	\$279,922	\$335,906	\$403,087	\$639,699

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<b>Annual Revenues</b>								
Sales Tax	\$4,461,544	\$4,947,803	<b>\$5,074,804</b>	2.57%	\$5,176,300	\$10,559,652	\$10,876,442	\$12,590,841
Farebox Revenues	\$109,733	\$122,200	<b>\$229,186</b>	87.55%	\$258,130	\$263,293	\$289,623	\$561,373
Vanpooling Revenue	\$86,656	\$168,275	<b>\$208,671</b>	24.01%	\$279,922	\$335,906	\$403,087	\$639,699
Federal Section 5307 Operating	\$1,151,500	\$800,000	<b>\$790,127</b>	-1.23%	\$846,570	\$871,967	\$898,126	\$981,403
Federal Section 5311 Operating	\$109,114	\$0	<b>\$27,721</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTA JARC Program	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$260,000	\$69,916	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Operating	\$20,290	\$121,002	<b>\$23,160</b>	-80.86%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Needs Grants	\$53,593	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other State Operating Grants	\$112,758	\$505,486	<b>\$626,503</b>	23.94%	\$505,000	\$200,184	\$0	\$0
Other	\$237,375	\$160,764	<b>\$381,078</b>	137.04%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$6,342,563	\$6,825,530	<b>\$7,361,250</b>	7.85%	\$7,325,922	\$12,300,918	\$12,467,278	\$14,773,316
<b>Annual Operating Expenses</b>								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$4,273,053	\$5,105,335	<b>\$5,889,895</b>	15.37%	\$6,431,167	\$7,580,411	\$8,391,924	\$13,339,632
Total	\$4,273,053	\$5,105,335	<b>\$5,889,895</b>	15.37%	\$6,431,167	\$7,580,411	\$8,391,924	\$13,339,632
<b>Annual Capital Purchase Obligations</b>								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$0	\$420,750	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Section 5311 Capital Grants	\$66,192	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal STP Grants	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$805,090	\$2,297,000	\$297,000	\$0
State Vanpool Grants	\$104,000	\$356,273	<b>\$86,855</b>	N.A.	\$234,000	\$103,000	\$110,332	\$122,060
Other State Capital Grants	\$0	\$385,000	<b>N.A.</b>	N.A.	\$1,651,735	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$1,689,190	<b>\$1,089,148</b>	N.A.	\$2,222,368	\$2,089,770	\$4,360,808	\$1,456,035
Capital Reserve Funds	\$1,319,728	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$10,000	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,499,920	\$2,851,213	<b>\$1,176,003</b>	-58.75%	\$5,043,193	\$5,989,770	\$6,268,140	\$1,578,095
<b>Ending Balances, December 31</b>								
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$4,399,925	\$3,942,155	<b>\$2,771,008</b>	-29.71%	\$2,826,428	\$2,967,750	\$3,027,105	\$3,212,388
Operating Reserve	\$862,432	\$905,027	<b>\$952,980</b>	5.30%	\$1,000,629	\$1,050,660	\$1,103,193	\$1,277,084
Capital Reserve Funds	\$3,136,268	\$3,991,323	<b>\$3,035,717</b>	-23.94%	\$3,187,503	\$3,346,878	\$3,514,222	\$4,068,151
Total	\$8,398,625	\$8,838,505	<b>\$6,759,705</b>	-23.52%	\$7,014,560	\$7,365,288	\$7,644,520	\$8,557,623

