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System Snapshot

- **Service Area:** Whatcom County
- **Congressional District:** 2
- **Legislative District:** 40 and 42
- **Type of Government:** PTBA
- **Governing Body:** Board of Directors (local elected officials)
- **Tax Authorized:** 0.6 percent total sales tax—0.3 percent approved in 1983 and an additional 0.3 percent approved in 2002.
- **Fares:** \$1.00 per boarding (Fixed Route and Paratransit).
- **Intermodal Connections:** WTA provides service throughout Whatcom County and between Bellingham and Mt Vernon. Service is provided to Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, and Bellingham Technical College as well as most public schools in Bellingham. Connections to Amtrak, Greyhound, and the Alaska State Ferry are provided at the Fairhaven Transportation Center. Connections to the Lummi Island ferry are provided at Gooseberry Point.
- **Transit Development Plan:** [Whatcom Transportation Authority TDP](#)

Annual Operating Information

	2008	2009	2010	% Change
Fixed Route Services (Direct Operated)				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	139,100	140,217	135,071	-3.67
Total Vehicle Hours	145,200	148,693	143,783	-3.30
Revenue Vehicle Miles	1,902,962	1,915,082	1,853,845	-3.20
Total Vehicle Miles	2,083,704	2,085,352	2,015,689	-3.34
Passenger Trips	4,945,900	5,623,158	4,886,748	-13.10
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	415,892	429,899	413,162	-3.89
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	11,460	-	-	-
Employees - FTEs	162.2	172.0	119.0	-30.81
Operating Expenses	\$15,397,926	\$15,161,260	\$14,812,684	-2.30
Farebox Revenues	\$1,273,068	\$1,384,476	\$2,308,795	66.76
Demand Response Services (Direct Operated)				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	56,400	57,393	55,801	-2.77
Total Vehicle Hours	62,000	62,850	61,440	-2.24
Revenue Vehicle Miles	776,200	788,852	762,520	-3.34
Total Vehicle Miles	868,700	877,899	849,188	-3.27
Passenger Trips	184,200	186,330	173,891	-6.68
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	127,737	133,963	126,701	-5.42
Employees - FTEs	66.5	68.0	48.0	-29.41
Operating Expenses	\$5,851,304	\$6,254,583	\$6,082,945	-2.74
Farebox Revenues	\$144,926	\$159,458	\$14,247	-91.07
Vanpooling Services (Direct Operated)				
Revenue Vehicle Hours	11,194	9,729	12,834	31.91
Total Vehicle Hours	11,267	9,784	12,834	31.17
Revenue Vehicle Miles	571,889	509,074	664,762	30.58
Total Vehicle Miles	575,656	511,877	664,762	29.87
Passenger Trips	93,882	99,290	99,217	-0.07
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	31,038	38,600	43,762	13.37
Employees - FTEs	0.7	1.3	0.5	-61.54
Operating Expenses	\$298,707	\$227,751	\$226,925	-0.36
Vanpool Revenue	\$163,135	\$186,338	\$225,128	20.82

Revenues				
	2008	2009	2010	% Change
Operating Related Revenues				
Sales Tax	\$19,565,285	\$17,844,828	\$17,911,874	0.38
Farebox Revenues	\$1,417,994	\$1,543,934	\$2,323,042	50.46
Vanpooling Revenue	\$163,135	\$186,338	\$225,128	20.82
State Special Needs Grants	\$460,864	\$542,069	\$331,787	-38.79
Other State Operating Grants	\$194,063	\$183,426	\$212,660	15.94
Other Operating Sub-Total	\$1,735,494	\$1,047,489	\$211,638	-79.80
Other-Advertising	\$75,057	\$55,012	\$54,849	-0.30
Other-Interest	\$1,095,511	\$554,003	\$275,394	-50.29
Other-Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	\$12,097	-\$151,781	-\$128,683	-15.22
Other-MISC	\$552,829	\$590,255	\$10,078	-98.29
Total (Excludes Capital Revenues)	\$23,536,835	\$21,348,084	\$21,216,129	-0.62
Federal Capital Grant Revenues				
Federal Section §5307 Capital Grants	\$575,448	\$4,832,386	\$1,655,804	-65.74
Federal Section §5309 Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$1,859,670	-
Federal Section §5310 Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$617,463	-
Total Federal Capital	\$575,448	\$4,832,386	\$4,132,937	-14.47
State Capital Grant Revenues				
State Vanpool Grants	\$0	\$156,000	\$0	-100.00
Total State Capital	\$0	\$156,000	\$0	-100.00
Expenditures				
Local Capital Expenditures				
Local Funds	\$1,371,110	\$2,096,405	\$1,178,404	-43.79
Total Local Capital	\$1,371,110	\$2,096,405	\$1,178,404	-43.79
Other Expenditures				
Depreciation (Not included in Total Expenditures)	\$2,986,476	\$3,558,566	\$3,502,174	-1.58
Ending Balances, December 31				
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$14,071,997	\$11,836,111	\$8,229,773	-30.47
Operating Reserve	\$4,331,407	\$6,000,497	\$6,076,480	1.27
Capital Reserve Funds	\$5,934,013	\$4,501,758	\$4,574,469	1.62
Insurance Funds	\$1,083,754	\$637,090	\$2,479,677	289.22
Total	\$25,421,170	\$22,975,456	\$21,360,399	-7.03

Total Funds by Source				
	2008	2009	2010	% of Total
Operating				
Total Local Investment	\$22,881,908	\$20,622,589	\$20,671,682	97.43
Total State Investment	\$654,927	\$725,495	\$544,447	2.57
Total Federal Investment	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
Total Operating	\$23,536,835	\$21,348,084	\$21,216,129	100.00
Capital				
Total Local Investment	\$1,371,110	\$2,096,405	\$1,178,404	22.19
Total State Investment	\$0	\$156,000	\$0	0.00
Total Federal Investment	\$575,448	\$4,832,386	\$4,132,937	77.81
Total Capital	\$1,946,558	\$7,084,791	\$5,311,341	100.00