

It's a Bargain – Try Pierce Transit!

It's Safe

Passenger safety is our number one concern

It's Convenient and On Time

Most buses operate every 15 to 30 minutes during commute hours

It's Comfortable and Clean

Modern buses washed and vacuumed nightly

It's Easy and Friendly

Trip planning from Customer Services

It's a Bargain

Unlimited ride monthly passes plus youth and discounted fares



Pierce Transit is Committed to Safety, Reliability, and Convenience

Passenger safety is our top priority. Pierce Transit's nearly 1,000 employees have a well-deserved reputation for going above and beyond the call of duty to meet customer expectations.



Pierce Transit is Washington's only public transportation agency with a commissioned police department.

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The **Pierce Transit** Story

Pierce Transit Headquarters

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Hablamos Español.

Hable al 253.581.8000.
Habrà un representante y servicio de traducción en español disponible para atenderlo.

Customer Services

253.581.8000
1.800.562.8109 Toll-free
TDD for the hearing impaired: 711
253.984.8155 Hotline

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Financing

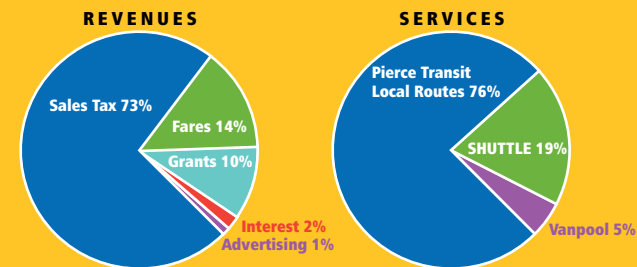
Primary sources of operating and capital revenue:

- 0.6% Local Sales Tax
- Passenger Fares
- Federal Transit Administration
- Sound Transit for regional service

Pierce Transit is a separate municipal corporation, not part of the City of Tacoma, Sound Transit, or Pierce County.

Voter-approved sales tax for Pierce Transit is .06%, which equates to 6¢ on a \$10 purchase

2008 Funding and How it was Spent*



*Audited actuals. Excludes Sound Transit services. PT operates eight express routes for Sound Transit.



Founded in 1979, Pierce Transit is a nationally recognized leader in the transportation industry, serving Pierce County's 767,000 residents in a 414 square mile area. As Washington's second largest transit agency, Pierce Transit provides more than 50,000 trips a day to jobs, schools, doctors' offices, and every place in between.

In our 30-year history, Pierce Transit has grown dramatically. In the coming months we will be asking you, our community members, to envision what the Pierce Transit system should be in the future. Look for more details later this year!

A Board Guides Our Actions

A nine-member Board of Commissioners oversees the Agency. The Board is made up of elected officials representing Pierce County, Tacoma, Lakewood, Puyallup, University Place, and the small cities and towns of our service area.

Our Mission is to Serve

We deliver outstanding transportation services that match our customers' needs. Pierce Transit's goal is to be a resource for our community, providing safe, affordable, and reliable transportation for all our citizens.

Four Transportation Services Meet a Variety of Needs

Local and Express Bus Service

52 Pierce Transit routes, 8 Sound Transit routes

SHUTTLE

Specialized transportation for customers who are unable to use the fixed route bus system due to their disabilities.

Vanpool & Rideshare

Ridesharing services include vanpools, Park & Ride lots, and efficient commute programs for more than 130 employers. Visit PierceTrips.com for commute options.

Regional Connections

PT serves as a vital link in our regional transportation system by connecting with:

- Intercity Transit in Pierce & Thurston Counties
- King County Metro
- Pierce County Ferries at Steilacoom
- Washington State Ferries at Pt. Defiance
- Amtrak in Downtown Tacoma
- Greyhound, Sound Transit express buses, Tacoma Link light rail & Sounder trains from the Tacoma Dome Station

More Riders than Ever Before are Using Pierce Transit Services

2008 Ridership Data

Bus (PT local routes)

- 15 million boardings
- Nearly 50,000 average rides per weekday
- 8.7 million service miles

Vanpool & Rideshare

- 851,991 vanpool trips
- Partnerships with 130 Pierce County employers; supports 72 Flex Pass accounts
- 14,000 customers in regional ridematch database, RideshareOnline.com

SHUTTLE

- 451,686 trips
- 7,968 eligible users

Sound Transit Routes (operated by PT)

- 2.4 million boardings
- Nearly 9,000 rides per weekday
- 4.8 million service miles per year

In 2008, PT provided over 160,000 special event rides to the Sound to Narrows 12K Run, Pt. Defiance Flower & Garden Show, Freedom Fair, Taste of Tacoma, and Puyallup Fair

Pierce Transit Saves You Money

Pierce County residents who utilize Pierce Transit's fixed route, express, or vanpool services at least three days a week can save more than \$1,000 annually by leaving their cars at home (based on the American Public Transportation Association's *Transit Savings Report*).

Pierce Transit Contributes to Economic Growth

Giving workers more transportation choices reduces congestion, attracts and retains businesses, and better manages growth, helping to keep Pierce County competitive in the global economy.

Pierce Transit is Helping the Environment

Pierce Transit's compressed natural gas (CNG) buses produce 20% less greenhouse gas emissions than diesel buses. And each day you leave your car at home, you keep 20 pounds of CO2 out of the atmosphere.



Delivering outstanding transportation services that match our customers' needs.

