



Welcome Transportation Commission

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Mission Statement



- ▶ Jefferson Transit's mission is to provide reliable, safe, comfortable public transportation service in Jefferson County which is cost effective, reduces energy consumption and contributes to the cultural and economic betterment of the residents of Jefferson County.

History



- ▶ Established in 1980
- ▶ Voter Approved 0.3% Sales Tax
- ▶ Service along Pacific Ocean Coast in 1995
- ▶ Voter Approved Increase of 0.3% in 2000
- ▶ Voter Approved Increase of 0.3% in 2011
- ▶ Jefferson County Residents Continue to Support Public Transportation

Port Townsend Routes



Challenges



- ▶ Unserved/Underserved Geographical Areas
- ▶ Lack of transportation = Barriers
 - To employment,
 - To health care access,
 - To community resources for rural communities
- ▶ Large Geographical Service Area/Limited Funding
- ▶ Heavy Reliance on Local Sales Tax
- ▶ Significant Revenue Shortfalls

Challenges

- ▶ Unstable/Declining Transit Sales Tax Revenue
- ▶ High Cost of Mandated Paratransit Service
- ▶ Rising Operating Costs



Challenges



Successes



- ▶ Mobility Coordinator
- ▶ Connect the Olympic Peninsula, Communities and Economic Centers
- ▶ Inter-local agreements
- ▶ Promote Multi-Modal Travel
- ▶ Regional Collaboration
- ▶ Provide Seamless Connections
- ▶ Support Economic Stability and Growth
- ▶ Increase capacity for roads, thus extending state investments

Needs



- ▶ Reliable, stable, and flexible state investment for public transportation
- ▶ Increase funding to enable expanded service and increase frequency of existing service
- ▶ Maintain current state transit programs and funding

Thank You



- ▶ Thank you for investing your time to better understand the role rural transit agencies play in our economy and our statewide transportation systems.

