WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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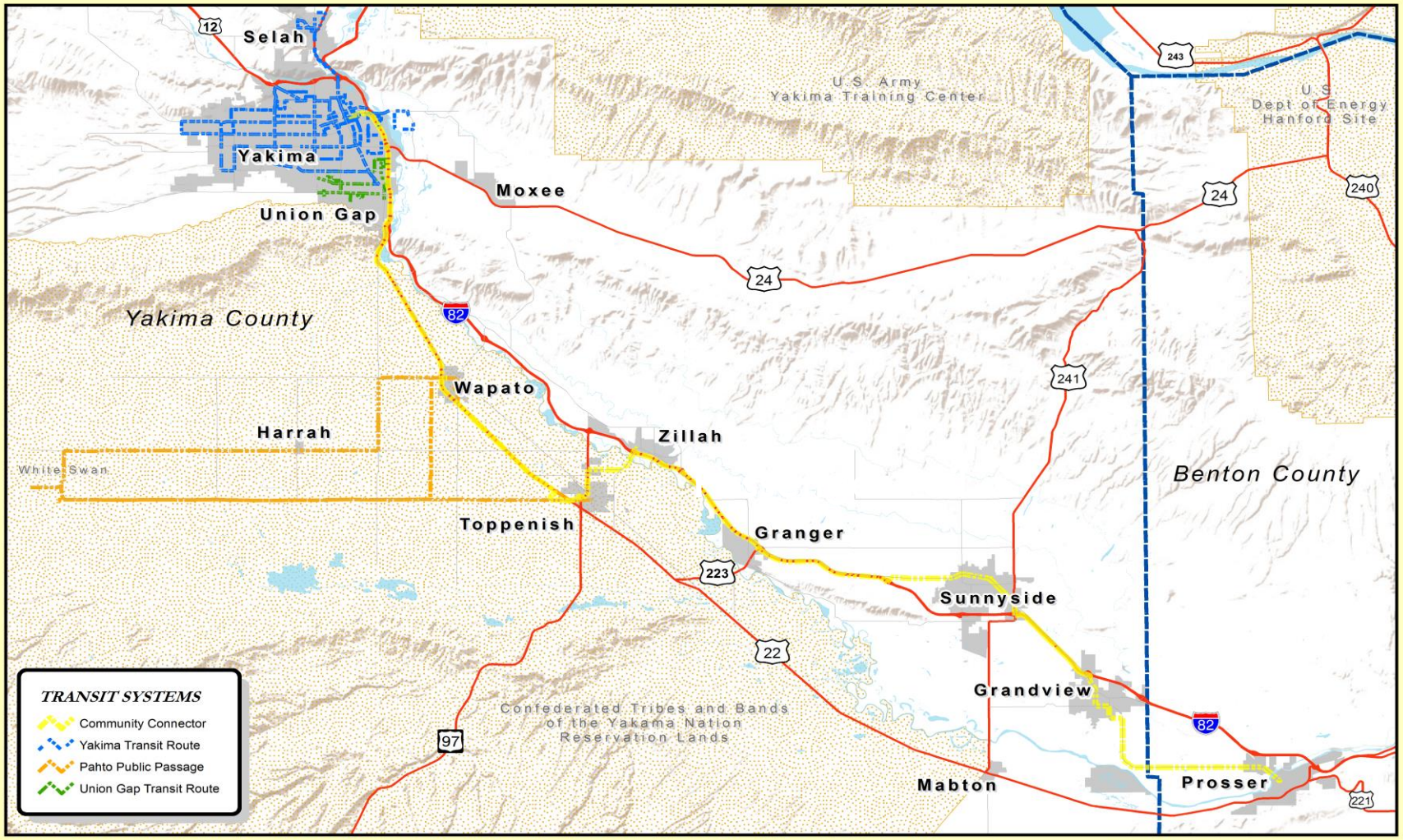
- Transit & Our Valley's Three 'Clusters'
- Passenger Rail

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, CHALLENGES, AND SUCCESSES

THIRTY YEARS OF TRANSIT EXPERIENCE…

Yakima Valley - Transit Systems



Yakima Valley
Conference of Governments

Yakima Transit

Pahto Public PASSAGE

Union Gap, Washington

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE
Providing community services for Central Washington since 1965

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Feet
0 1.25 2.5 5 7.5 10 12.5
Miles

StatePlane Washington South - FIPS 4602 - Feet
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PASSENGER RAIL – PUGET SOUND-YAKIMA VALLEY; SPOKANE; VANCOUVER

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Valley tax base not positioned well to finance regional improvements from within…

- 60% of land mass: Yakama Nation and Federal lands
- **Median Home Value: $155,000 [state: $283,000]**
- Median family income: $49,500 [state: $71,250]
- **Per capita income: $19,730 [state: $30,500]**
- **Families in poverty: 16% [state: 8%]**

Yet the need is there…

- **Did not graduate high school: 17% [state: 4%]**
- Unemployment: 6.5% [state: 5.4%]

THE OUTLOOK - REGIONAL TRANSIT CHALLENGES

- Roads & bridges: Over 20 states respond individually due to Congressional inaction
- Intergenerational obligation to maintain & improve what we have
- Public Works Trust Fund 'De-Funding:' Increases infrastructure costs, pulling municipal funds away from transportation

WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE… NATIONAL & STATE ISSUES